

Draft
EAPN Action Plan on migration and poverty
Addressed by the Migration Task force to the EUISG

A. Aims

As part of our work to end poverty in the EU and to promote more inclusive societies.

EAPN commits to:

- advocating policies which uphold the political, economic and social rights of migrants and their inclusion in society;
- resisting racism and xenophobia
- ensuring that the voices and interests of migrants are integrated in our policies and our work at all levels;
- promoting understanding of issues in migration at all levels in our network; and
- working in solidarity with other civil society and public organisations to promote these aims

B. Principal areas of work at National Level

Each National Network will be encouraged to consider how it can best integrate the voices and concerns of migrants into its work. This will depend on the national situation in relation to migration and poverty, the capacity of the network and the current engagement with migrants and migrants' issues.

We propose that national networks should be encouraged and supported to:

- Consider/map out and reflect on the ways in which the National Network currently engages with migrants and their issues and whether this needs to be strengthened
- Translate and disseminate the briefing paper, position paper and action plan (using the EAPN national networks' translation grant as necessary) and use it as the basis for internal and external discussion
- Organise formal or informal discussion with migrants, their organizations and/or organisations working with them about common issues, how to work together and, if appropriate, develop common positions and campaigns

C. Principal areas of work at European level

Priorities for 2018, to be discussed by the EUISG, are:

1. Confirming responsibilities and working methods:

- We propose that the EUISG should take responsibility for the implementation of and follow up to this Action Plan
- The EUISG should elect a small group of 'champions' to lead on this work within the Group. This could include two representatives of national networks and one of a European Organisation

2. Promoting the appointment of national contacts, to support the EUISG member in the roll-out of this plan at national level and to develop a 'cluster' across the EAPN. This cluster can help share information and discuss strategy in a structured way. As resources allow, training and briefing will be delivered for this network.

3. **Mapping the current situation** in the networks

- What is the extent of participation of migrants in national networks?
- How do national networks work with migrant led organisations and organisations which prioritise migrants' issues?
- What policy or practical work do national networks undertake in relation to migrants' issues?

This and may require the support of an intern in the Secretariat

4. **Disseminating the three papers** produced by the Migration Task Force for translation, discussion and other use at national level. The Briefing paper, the Position Paper and this Action Plan will be translated and used in different ways by different networks depending on their national situation, resources and priorities
5. **Circulating a short (1 page) advice sheet** on the delivery of this Action Plan
6. **Ensuring that issues of** relevance to migrants are included in the regular information work of the EAPN, including the *Flash Newsletter* and the EAPN website. This would include developments in migration policy and understanding of the issues facing migrants and the communities where they live. This could be supported by, for example, workshops at General Assembly or policy conferences
7. **Reviewing this action plan** and assessing key challenges, with a possible webinar, at the end of the year and developing proposals and identifying priorities for the following years
8. **Exploring the possibility of joint Europe-wide policy and advocacy initiatives** with allies. We propose that priority consideration should be given to:
 - Mobilising support from EAPN National Networks for *the European Citizens Initiative on Migration*¹
 - Support for the campaign to ensure that the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) guarantees universal access and non-discrimination in delivery of services

Other issues which EAPN might consider engaging with, in cooperation with allied organisations, include:

- The EU Migration Agenda beyond the current mid-term review.
- The Social Platform campaign on legal migration

9. **Organising a capacity building workshop** for the contacts in national networks and European Organisations as resources allow

Priorities for 2019-2020,

in addition to continuing to roll out the above, might include, as resources allow:

10. **Developing a mainstreaming checklist** for National Networks on integrating the voice and concerns of migrants in our work
11. **Developing this checklist into a toolkit** on engaging with migrants and migrants' organisations and issues.
12. **Organising exchanges and mutual learning on good** practice involving national and European Organisations, with a webinar and inter-country visits as resources allow

"We, the citizens of Europe, want to work with our governments to offer a dignified reception and legal channels for refugees and migrant workers. The EU must provide the legal rules and structures and our governments must trust us, empower us and work together across Europe."

Objective: Mobilize 1 million citizens' to pressure the European Commission to reform its migration and asylum agenda, generating sufficient media and political pressure to change the direction of the debate and policy development at EU level and in selected Member States.

Description of the ECI's demands: We as citizens want clear rules and structures to be able to:

1. Sponsor refugees for resettlement. For each one we sponsor, the state sponsors another and the EU funds their integration.
2. Offer humanitarian help to new arrivals without fear of prosecution. Support legal immigration channels for migrant workers in order to stop their exploitation.
3. Entrust the new EU Border and Coast Guard to evolve to manage all EU borders and border guards and to rapidly respond to uphold **EU** common rules and human rights.