

Members of the EAPN EU Inclusion Strategy Group CONTACT BOOK (July 2018)

Name: Martina Brandstätter

Network: EAPN Austria

Languages: German, English.

Organization and Position: German Austria Students Union on voluntary basis, alt-

hough I was in the same paid role until last month.

Key areas: Social policy

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I was told that the EUISG is a group that works with a long term perspective. I'm interested in long term perspectives. I don't know what to expect right now, so I suppose this time I'm going to get to know the group and the goals and content of the EU ISG.





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Name: Aleksandra Zivkovic

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Languages:

Organization and Position: Reasons for joining EU ISG:

Hobbies:









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Languages: Czech, English, Polish,

Slovak, Russian

Organization and Position: Silesian Diaconate -

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Key areas: Homeless People

Reasons for joining EU ISG: Alternate for the previous



Hobbies: American cars

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Name: Per K. Larsen

Network: EAPN Denmark

Languages: English, Danish, German

Organization and Position: I am national secretary for EAPN DK (head of secretariat = me, working voluntary most of the

time)

Key areas: I have 30 years experience as head in the social

ministry, social NGO's and private enterprises

Reasons for joining EU ISG: Social and labor market questions are still to be decided at the national level, but EU's institutions

have a growing influence. EAPN – Europe/EUISG is important as lobbyist in Brussels and gives necessary support to the national strives by information's, debates and projects.

Hobbies: Singing, petanque, badminton

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Hobbies: sport, military

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Organization and Position: North Tallinn City District Administration, social welfare department. Full time work

Key areas: social work in municipality level

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I'm a substitute member

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Name: **Jiri Sironen** Network: EAPN Finland

Languages: Finnish, English, Swedish

Organization and Position: I am Chairman in EAPN-Fin. I also work full time in EHYT - Finnish Association for Substance Abuse Prevention as a Head of Department, responsible for NGO, voluntary and area-work.

Key areas: I am the editor of EAPN-Fin's own "Explainer about poverty" (2014, 2017). I have studied and practiced social policy, political activism and alcohol & drug policy. I have participated in many projects and campaigns to fight poverty.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I want to connect European and national levels of activities. I also want to share information between the European and national level.

Hobbies: Not much at the moment (since I have 2 and 4 year old kids), but before that: activism, music, culture, social media, cycling.



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Organization and Position: Nationale Armutskonferenz

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Key areas: Homeless people, people in poverty and interna-

tional cooperation.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: to improve my English and learn

about new topics.

Hobbies: Sports and getting to know new people



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Languages: French, Italian, English (written) Organization and Position: EAPN France

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Key areas: Social Policies, Fight against Poverty Supply member

Reasons for joining EU ISG: Supply member

Hobbies: Sport, Cinema





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Name: Johanna László

Network: EAPN Hungary

Languages: English, Hungarian. German

Organization and Position: HAPN

Key areas: poverty and guaranteed minimum income, com-

munity organizing and coalition building, social work

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I wanted to learn more about

social justice in the EU context.

Hobbies: reading, yoga

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PEP Iceland, 2nd national coordinator Key areas: Single parents, media, gender

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I was chosen as a repre-

sentative by the network

Hobbies: Dance, music and arts





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Name: **Paul Ginnell**Network: EAPN Ireland
Languages: English



Organization and Position: EAPN Ireland, Director

Key areas: All policy related to poverty and social exclusion. I was a member of EAPN Structural Funds Working Group before becoming a member of the EUISG.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To represent EAPN Ireland and to ensure EAPN has as strong an impact as possible

in getting the EU and national governments to address poverty and social exclusion and their causes.

Hobbies: Reading and running.

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Name: Letizia Cesarini Sforza

Network: EAPN Italy

Languages: Italian, English, French, Spanish

Organization and Position: I retired two years ago. I am

now a volunteer for EAPN ITALIA

Key areas: Poverty and social exclusion at national and European level with a focus on women and people with mental health problems; Coordination of European social projects; European policies and politics



Reasons for joining EU ISG: I believe my expertise, acquired in 25 years of social work and studies may be useful to EAPN, and that the expertise of other EU ISG members can be useful to mine and the Italian network national work Hobbies: Travel, to learn more about people; Reading, mostly novels or history. I'm very interested in European politics and I am engaged in the European Federalist Movement (at national level).

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Languages: English, Russian

Organization and Position: Full-time project coordinator at

EAPN Lithuania

Key areas: Social assistance, social services, social security, poverty and social exclusion, social policy, welfare state Reasons for joining EU ISG: To participate in mutual learning and sharing experiences; to represent Lithuanian Anti-

Poverty NGOs and bring back good practices

Hobbies: Hiking, traveling, music, cinema, reading

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Name: Robert Urbé

Network: EAPN Luxembourg

Languages: English, Luxembourgish, French, German,

Spanish

Organization and Position: Member of the socio-political surveillance team and Social Almanac editor at Caritas

Luxembourg

Key areas: Poverty, inequalities, exclusion, migration, in-

ternational cooperation

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To get the necessary infor-

mation in order to engage on a national level with the European Semester.

Hobbies: Pétanque (game of bowles)

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Name: Maja Staleska

Network: EAPN Republic of Macedonia

Languages: English, Serbian, German,

Spanish

Organization and Position: Member of working team at Macedonian anti-poverty platform, President at Youth center for equal opportunities Skopje.

Key areas: Social inclusion, unemployment, gender equality, vouth empowerment and environment awareness

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To be a part of a great network that works hard to reduce poverty and to contribute in the process of EU integration of my country.

Hobbies: Yoga, astrology

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Name: Joe Inguanez

Network: Anti-Poverty Forum (APF) Malta

Languages: Maltese, English, Italian

Organization and Position: Executive Director

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Key areas: Labour issues, Poverty and International Devel-

opment, Malti-nationals, Planning

Reasons for joining EU ISG: Because of my interest in analysis and Planning of Strategies. I hold a PhD (Lond) in Sociol-

ogy.

Hobbies: Reading about Current Affairs, Politics, Economics and swimming

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Languages: English, Dutch, German

Organization and Position: Netherlands Member of the Local Social Advisory Council to advice the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the municipality. Experience expert for people far removed from the labor market and to give people the opportunity to participate in society again

Key areas: Client participation, poverty and social exclusion, social support, social employment

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To give the people experiencing poverty and social exclusion a voice and (hope of) a life in dignity

Hobbies: creative, helping people

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Organization and Position: Velferdsalliansen, EAPN Nor-

way, Finance

Key areas: I was part of Structural Funds Task Farce as well as Employment TF in 2007, 2008 and early 2009.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: On the request of my manag-

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Hobbies: Writing, reading and coaching activities

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Name: **Ryszard Szarfenberg** Network: EAPN Poland

Languages: Polish, English

Organization and Position: Member of ATD Poland

Key areas: Social assistance, social work, labour market

policy, social security

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I was a member of Employment Group of the previous EAPN structure and then a member of EU ISG group. I am a representative of

EAPN Poland in Official Polish body responsible for Europe 2020 strategy. I hope my participation in EU ISG could be useful for other members and for EAPN Poland in advocacy work.

Hobbies: Modern progressive music and film

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Name: Paula Cruz

Network: EAPN Portugal

Languages: English, Italian, Spanish, French Organization and Position: EAPN Portugal

Key areas: Poverty and social exclusion; networking; third sector; ageing; homeless and other vulnerable groups; design of national and transnational project applications on poverty and social exclusion; implementation and monitoring of national and transnational projects in the field of poverty and social exclusion.



Reasons for joining EU ISG: I was assigned by the Board of Directors of EAPN Portugal to represent the Organization in this group. For me it's also a continuity of the work that I already developed on monitoring social policies and also in the work developed by EAPN Europe. In EAPN Portugal we have an internal group on European Issues and by taking part in this group I was already participating in the work of EAPN Europe.

Hobbies: Reading, walking, cooking

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Name: Stefan Constantinescu

Network: EAPN Romania

Languages: Romanian, English, French (poor)

Organization and Position: Independent expert, social re-

search, social policy Social assistance, social economy

Key areas: Social assistance, social economy

Reasons for joining EU ISG: It fits my professional interests,

great empathy with the topic of MIS

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Name: **Marija Babovic** Network: EAPN Serbia Languages: English

Organization and Position: Full professor at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy, Director of Programmes in SeConS – Development Initiative Group, organization for applied research, one of the founders of EAPN Serbia.

Key areas: Socio-economic development, gender and development, particularly with focus on socio-economic and gender inequalities.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: The research and knowledge are not enough, it is important to act. I wanted to contribute more, and to engage in actions that will contribute to fight poverty, social inequality and that will bring more social justice.

Hobbies: Music, exercise, travelling, reading, gaming.

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Organization and Position: Civic Association for Sustainable

Development of Regions in Slovakia, vicestatutary

Key areas: Social area and health, employment and supported employment, sustainable regional development, structural funds,

youth, women.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To support the dignity of the human

being and responsibility activities.

Hobbies: Philosophy, nature, creative activities

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Languages: English, Spanish, French and Italian Organization and Position: EAPN ES, policy officer

Key areas: I have a PH.D in Economic History (1986) and have been doing research since 1982. I currently work in advocacy and applied research on social issues (migration gander assist vulnerability)

(migration, gender, social vulnerability)

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I joined the EUISG many

years ago, in representation of EAPN Spain.

Hobbies: Family and travel









Name: Gunvvi Haggren

Network: EAPN Sweden

Languages: English, Swedish, German

Organization and Position: Verdandi, General secretary

Key areas: Participation of users in influencing social service and treatment especially regarding alcohol- and

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Reasons for joining EU ISG:It is a way of linking my national work on social policy with a European perspective.

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Languages: English, some French

Organisation and Position: member of Unite Community, the community arm of the UK's biggest trade union. It engages in campaigns and social action e.g. on adequate minimum in-

comes

Key Areas: Economics: especially macroeconomics and employment; Social policy: poverty and social exclusion Reasons for joining EU ISG: To contribute to policy development in EAPN and to address poverty and policy challenges in EU.

Hobbies: Gardening (member of the Open Gardens scheme); volunteer for the National Trust (historic houses and land), I am improving my French language and knowledge of France; reading, writing, researching, swimming, pilates and walking.

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Hobbies: Sport, music

Name: Laure Drege

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Organization and Position: Eurodiaconia, Economic and

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Key areas: Employment and social aspects of the European Semester, youth unemployment, economic governance

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To represent Eurodiaconia and

to discuss the European Semester

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Name: Philippe Seidel

Languages: .English,. German, French, Dutch, Spanish
Organization and position: AGE Platform Europe — Policy and EP Liaison Officer

Key areas: Pension systems and pensions, employment and activation of older workers, social inclusion in old age Reasons for joining EU ISG: The EU ISG is important to us to enlarge our internal debates on social inclusion in old age and gives rise to fruitful interactions between both networks; we might not always be able to provide national ex-

amples but can bring in a more EU-level perspective and the specific perspective of older people at risk of poverty and social exclusion

Hobbies: .Rock-climbing and playing saxophone

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Name: Sian Jones

Network: EAPN Europe team

Languages: English, Spanish, French, Un-

derstand: Italian, Portuguese

Organization and position: EAPN Policy Coordinator

Key areas: Responsible for coordinating EAPN's advocacy strategy and policy work with its members. Heading up the policy team in EAPN. Specific topics: Overall – EU policy and practice: poverty and social inclusion. Europe 2020 and the European Semester; EU funds – particularly ESF: social protection and minimum in-

EU funds – particularly ESF; social protection and minimum income; access to services, including energy poverty; child poverty; migration; stakeholder dialogue. I've previously worked on Inclusive Employment in EAPN and in previous jobs particularly in relation to gender, managing ESF projects in rural Spain and in the UK (London).

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I coordinate the work of the EUISG

Hobbies: I adore being outside – communing with nature! I'm a keen cyclist, long-distance walker/climber, swimmer (in the cold Scottish seas!), doing Tai Chi...When I'm sitting still, I love to read (politics, history, literature and poetry), go to films, theatre, and concerts and of course eating and drinking with friends.

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Organization and position: Information & Events Officer,

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Key areas: Development of a dissemination strategy for materials produced, developing tools and measuring impact; managing contact lists; updating website, intranet and social media; finalizing publications; photographing events; building mul-

timedia library; maintaining planning of events and publications; quantitative reporting and statistics on our work programme, and organization of both internal meetings and public events including communications around them.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To support the group logistically and re information work, and to know members (also to put up PowerPoints!)

Hobbies: Photography, playing music, yoga, reading novels, cinema

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Organization and position: Policy Intern, EAPN Europe

Key areas: Background education in political science, EU law and policies, economics, international relations. Interested in social themes, especially inequality and gender/LGBT issues.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To get to know EAPN members and to participate into policy discussion. To provide assistance

to the work of the EU ISG and witness the process of collective discussion and decisionmaking of the network.

Hobbies: Cinema, Netflix, opera, listening to music, videogames, coin collecting

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Languages: English, Romanian, French, Italian, Portuguese Organization and position: Senior Policy Officer, EAPN

Key areas: Quality of work and employment, unemployment, activation, labour market policies, wages, in-work poverty, links between employment and poverty, long-term unemployment. Social policy, social minimum income schemes, adequate income support, welfare state.

Access to quality and affordable services, social innovation Youth poverty, unemployment, social exclusion. Education and skills Roma integration, Stakeholder engagement in policy lobbing, civil dialogue, role of civil society organisations

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To provide support to members in our joint policy and advocacy work to implement the EU ISG's work programme, in accordance with EAPN's Advocacy Strategy and triennial Strategic Plan.

Hobbies: Politics and society, particularly rights, languages, grammar, linguistics, etymology, music – particularly punk-rock, and Eurovision, gardening

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Organization and position: EAPN Policy Intern

Key areas: Background education in Political Science and European Studies, Economics and International Development. Interested in social justice, anti-poverty policies, European governance and involvement of NGOs in the European

Semester.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To get to know EAPN members and to participate into policy and energy poverty discussion. To witness the process of collective discussion and decision-making of the network.

Hobbies: I love being in nature, cycling and hiking (especially in the Dolomites!), gardening, baking, going to theatre and concerts, reading and painting. I have a thing about old French movies and chocolate (in all its shapes and forms).

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