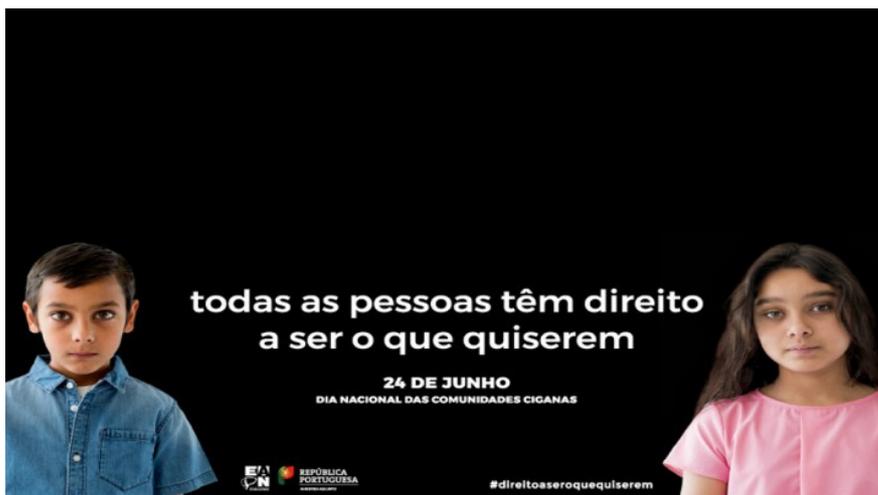


# EAPN Portugal\_Annual Report 2017

## Summary

### 1. Influencing government for policy change

In 2017 and following our work in fighting discrimination, especially against Roma Communities, EAPN Portugal developed a national campaign in partnership with the Secretariat of State for Citizenship and Equality named *#direitoaseremoquequerem* (*#righttobewhatevertheywant*).



One of the posters of the Campaign

The campaign was also in TV and multimedia:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oeMy1e82aL8>

This campaign was one of the good practices presented in Dublin during the visit to the initiative *Travellers and Roma Community development and rights*, organized by Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre ([www.paveepoint.ie](http://www.paveepoint.ie)) and also in the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the *European Platform for Roma Inclusion*. Both presentations made by Sérgio Aires.

In 2017 EAPN Portugal brought together the basic conditions for the establishment of a National Observatory to Fight Poverty and Social Exclusion. This activity followed the work and the intention already expressed in the document “Compromisso para uma Estratégia Nacional de Erradicação da Pobreza” (“Commitment for a National Strategy for Poverty Eradication”).

One of our efforts to influence the definition of a National Strategy to Fight Poverty and Social Exclusion.

In 2017 EAPN Portugal continue its work on FEAD, in particular the follow-up of the Operational Program to Support the Most Deprived People, by presenting a formal answer to the public consultation on FEAD (with the support of some of our national members) and organising a National Seminar with members of EAPN Portugal directly and indirectly involved with FEAD. This Seminar resulted in a final report and a recommendations paper sent to the national Authority.

During 2017 EAPN PT continued its work on following the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights or through the participation in events (national and European level) or through the elaboration or/and contribution to documents in collaboration with EAPN Europe.

In terms of events:

- Participation in the Conference *The European Pillar of Social Rights: going forward together* (Brussels, 23 January);
- Participation in the Seminar: *Rural Poverty* promoted by EAPN Castilla Y Leon in the scope of the Eu ISG Inclusion Group (Valladolid, 16 March);
- Participation in the *Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth* (Brussels, 24 April);
- Presentation of the EPSR in a workshop addressed to nongovernmental organizations and citizens (Braga, 9 May);
- Participation in the webinar: *EAPN, Europe and the Sustainable Development Goals* (23 May);
- Participation in the *Policy Conference of EAPN Europe: Learning from the past to beyond 2020 – What strategy to fight poverty?* (Brussels, 15 June);
- Participation in the national seminar – *Livro Branco da Comissão Europeia: Futuro da Europa em debate* – promoted by the Secretary of State for European Affairs and the Representation in Portugal of the European Commission (Lisbon, 14 July)
- Presentation of the EPSR and the White Paper on the Future of Europe to EAPN Portugal members and staff (Porto, 22 September);
- Presentation of the EPSR and the history of social policies in Europe and Portugal to students of international relations (Porto, 25 October);
- Presentation of the EPSR in the Seminar – *Pobreza e Exclusão Social: contributo para um estado de conexão* (Viseu, 16 November).

In terms of documents/reports:

- Elaboration of the National Poverty Watch Report\_2017.
- Dissemination of the Press Release *Human Rights First!*
- Translation to Portuguese and dissemination of the 6<sup>th</sup> scenario for the Future of Europe;
- Analyses of the Country Report for Portugal and completion of the Form for EAPN Europe;

- Analyses of the Country Specific Recommendations and feedback by email to EAPN Europe;
- Analyses of the National Reform Program and completion of the Form for EAPN Europe;
- Contributes for different reports prepared by EAPN Europe during the year;
- Translation to Portuguese and dissemination of the Briefing on the EPSR;
- Completion of the form: data collection for the new ways of working;
- Contributes for the 1<sup>st</sup> report on *Gender Discrimination and Poverty* (informal group on EUISG);
- Preparation of a new questionnaire on the monitoring of the allocation of 20% to fight poverty and social exclusion;
- Contributes and feedback on the documents produced by the two task forces: Poverty and Social exclusion as a violation of Human Rights and Migration task force.

In terms of meetings and Governing Bodies, EAPN Portugal participated in the following:

- Bureau (assuring its Presidency) – 3 meetings (plus several Skype meetings);
- The Executive Committee, (3 meetings);
- The EU Inclusion Strategies Group, (3 meetings);
- Membership Development Group (2 meetings);
- The People Experiencing Poverty European coordination group (1 meeting with the national coordinators; 3 preparatory meetings at national level with the Portuguese delegation; the European meeting);
- Participation in the Capacity Building session developed in Dublin (19/20 October).

EAPN Portugal also continued its active participation in some key working groups and entities at national level, like the National Commission for the Protection of Children and young people at risk; the Inter-ministerial Group for monitoring and evaluation of the national strategy for the Homeless Inclusion, the coordination of the Lisbon Observatory to Fight Poverty and the presidency of the Non Governmental Forum for Social Inclusion (FNGIS). In 2017 EAPN Portugal has also launched the National Observatory to Fight Poverty and Social Exclusion and in December EAPN Portugal was received by the President of the Portuguese Republic who presented his commitment to a social mobilization for the construction of a National Strategy to Combat Poverty and the readiness to attribute its High Sponsorship to the National Observatory.

In terms of influencing Government it's also important to show that EAPN Portugal submitted an answer to the public consultation on FEAD (April); produced a position paper on the social situation in Portugal (making use of the assessment on the Country Report and National Reform Program) (April); submitted an answer to the public consultation on the National Strategy for Active and Healthy Ageing 2017-2025 (August); produced an Appeal for the local elections (September) and a recommendations report following the national seminar on FEAD (December).

## 2. Participation of people in poverty in internal and external workings of the Network

EAPN Portugal continued its work with the National and Local Councils of Citizens. These groups are composed by citizens that lived or are living in situation of poverty and social exclusion and have as main aims to give them voice in the matters that are directly related to their situation.

During 2017 EAPN Portugal promoted:

- 4 meetings with the National Council of Citizens (NCC): this NCC is composed by 1 representative of each Local Council of Citizens and has its own working plan.
- 181 local meetings with the Local Councils of Citizens (LCC): these meetings are organized at local level by the regional networks of EAPN. Each LCC are different not only because of the number of the members but also because of the profile of each member. These meetings also contribute for the work developed at national level.
- 3 regional meetings (Beja, Santarém and Viana do Castelo): these meetings gather LCC by regions, ie, those LCC located at north of the country meet at regional level and the same for those located at the center and south. This is a way to exchange practices, ideas and enhance their commitment to each other and also with EAPN. These regional meetings are thematic. This year were dedicated to human rights, citizenship, immigration Vs nature, cooperation and promotion of projects through local councils work.

- European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty: the delegation that attended the Meeting was, once again, selected among the members of LCC. The Portuguese Delegation participated in the Meeting with the following message: *Betting on dignity at work is to fight poverty !!!*



The portuguese delegation in Brussels

- Training on Human Rights in collaboration with FRA.
- Seminar on Participation and Social Inclusion (18<sup>th</sup> October)
- Meeting with the President of the Portuguese Republic (11st December)
- IX National Forum (with the participation of all the members of the Local Councils).

In terms of materials produced during this year:

- It was finalized and disseminated the Guide "Poverty and Social Exclusion: first person look"

- Update of the web page on Participation: <http://participacao.eapn.pt/>
- It was produced a Video on Participation with the voices of some members of the Local Councils
- It was produced by all the CLC of central region a Campaign on stereotypes: “Undress Prejudice. Wear Inclusion”.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah9mqgwoDEE>



- It was produced and published a Book about the work developed during these years with Local Councils of Citizens: «*Juntos por uma sociedade diferente\_o percurso dos Conselhos Locais de Cidadãos na EAPN Portugal*» (Together for a different society\_the way of the Local Councils of Citizens within EAPN Portugal). This book summarizes some of the work of Local Councils and gathers 18 practices/examples of this work in all the country districts.

Concerning projects, EAPN Portugal continued its work on Project Click whose area of work is the employability of vulnerable target groups and the employers' social responsibility. (<http://click.eapn.pt/>).



EMIN Session in Sesimbra

In the scope of project EMIN<sup>1</sup> it was developed two sessions on Minimum Income issues mainly addressed to citizens (some of them members of the Local councils). The first one was developed in Vila Real (12 October) and the second one in Sesimbra (2 November).

In 2017 EAPN continued its work with Roma Communities, not only developing working sessions with adult members of these communities (like women and parents) but also with

<sup>1</sup> There was developed other activities in Project EMIN but these activities are described in a specific form of the Project and it was sent to the coordination of the project.

young people and children (inside schools). In this year it was quite relevant the Campaign (#righttobewhatevertheywant), previously presented.

EAPN Portugal, in partnership with other entities, organized and developed a “Week on Interculturality”. In 2017 more districts have joined this initiative: Viseu, Castelo Branco, Coimbra, Porto, Guarda, Santarém and Portalegre. Roma issues continued to be the main focus of the majority of the activities that were developed in this Week.

Considering the involvement of citizens is also important to indicate that EAPN Portugal following its work on ageing developed in 2017, 32 Participative Forums (in 9 districts of the Country) with people over the age of 55. The aim was to listen these citizens on what they want for their own ageing and gather a set of recommendations to improve ageing. It was produced and disseminated a national report with the main conclusions of these Forums. Fight poverty and improve minimum income schemes were some of the important subjects debated.

### **3. Network development and growth (incl. training, growth etc)**

Training is one of the key areas of EAPN Portugal intervention. EAPN Portugal is certified in the following thematic areas: Personal Development; Management and Administration; Organization/Company Framework and Social Work and Orientation.

In terms of the annual training plan 837 training hours were promoted, 69 training actions, involving a total of 1180 trainees. According to the evaluation, the requests for the year 2017 were oriented to specific subjects like: intervention with families, coaching, elderly (mental health and palliative care), management conflict, professional stress, human performance assessment in Organizations).

Following the previous years, EAPN Portugal had developed 3 internal training sessions for their own staff on the following subjects: European Pillar of Social Rights, FEAD and Citizens Forum.

### **4. Good governance and strong internal democracy (including finances, management, statutory governance)**

In 2017 EAPN Portugal organized its annual National Members Meeting with an important focus on FEAD. EAPN Portugal understood that an important part of its members are directly and indirectly involved in FEAD implementation and due to the significant delay of the Program at national level the Organization considered that it was important to understand some of the obstacles in the implementation and gather some recommendations to the improvement of the Program. As a result of this work it was produced a report and a summary of the main recommendations on the Program, that were also sent to the National Authority responsible for the Program.

