



EUROPEAN ANTI POVERTY NETWORK

Note and Agenda for Strategic Thinking Session, 9am – 1pm, 07 July

Context: In 2017, as part of EAPN's application for our 4 year Framework Partnership Agreement with the European Commission, we committed to undertake a strategic thinking process, with the objective of developing a clear picture of where EAPN wants to be in 25 years' time, and the strategic direction we will take to get there. The aim for the strategy is for EAPN to be 'the key civil society network on poverty, social exclusion and inequality', supported by coherent, efficient and effective systems.

Through this process, we expect that:

- Members will have a clear sense of where EAPN wants to be, the changes we want to see, and how we might go about getting there.
- Members will be more enthused about, more committed to, and feel more ownership of the network.

EAPN have appointed an independent NGO research consultancy - Quality Matters- to support our work during this process.

This process will take place in three phases, an exploration phase, a drilling down phase and a decision making phase.

At this meeting Noeleen Hartigan from Quality Matters will present findings from the exploration stage (which has included confidential interviews with members and other stakeholders) and the initial responses to the 2018 Membership Survey. From these findings agreed priorities for the strategic thinking process will be agreed, as well as key action points.

Agenda

09 00: Introduction

- *Leo will present the context of the review*
- *Noeleen will set out what we hope to achieve over the course of the meeting and the key stages in the strategic review process*

09 30: Energizer

- *Activity led by Noeleen to allow us to focus on the tasks for the session*

09 50 - 12.15 : Presentation of findings from the Exploration stage of the process (Coffee break at 11)

- *Information will be presented in short blocks*
- *Participants will be grouped at tables with a facilitator where they can discuss and respond to the findings*
- *All groups will be given an opportunity to feedback*

12 15 - 12 45: Agreement of priority actions for this stage of the process

12 45: Sum up, reflections and next steps