



THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS AND THE EUROPEAN SEMESTER ***Achieving progress on poverty reduction and strengthening civil dialogue***

14 May 2019, 10am-1pm

Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union

107 Avenue de Cortenbergh, 1000 Brussels, room 2.19

9:30 – Registration

10 – Welcome by Chair – *Leo Williams*, EAPN Europe Director

10:10 – Opening remarks – *Cosmin Boiangiu*, Deputy Permanent Representative of Romania to the European Union

10:20 – Setting the Scene: Assessment of the Country Reports and the European Semester 2019 – *Sian Jones*, EAPN Europe Policy Coordinator

10:40 – Presentation of European Semester & Social Pillar work by EAPN members

- **EAPN Romania** – *Ştefan Constantinescu*
- **EAPN Finland** – *Anna Järvinen*
- **EAPN Portugal** – *Paula Cruz*
- **EAPN Belgium** – *Judith Tobac*
- **AGE Platform Europe** – *Philippe Seidel*

11:30 – Coffee Break

11:45 – Response from national and European decision-makers

- Reactions by the social attachés of the Permanent Representations:
 - **Romania** – *Alexandru Alexe*
 - **Finland** – *Pasi Korhonen*
 - **Portugal** – *Teresa Requejo*
 - **Belgium** – *Josée Goris*
- Reactions by the European Commission representative: *Mr Jeroen Jutte*, Head of Unit European Semester, *Ms Katalin Szátmari*, EAPN Liaison Officer, Social Investment Unit.

12:25 – Discussion with participants

- *How to ensure that the European Semester, including Europe 2020 and the European Pillar of Social Rights, deliver on poverty reduction?*
- *How to strengthen civil dialogue and the role of civil society, at EU and national level, as partners in the delivery of these processes?*
- *What can we expect from the post-2020 framework, and what role for the European Pillar of Social Rights?*

12:55 – Closing Remarks by Chair – *Leo Williams*, EAPN Europe Director