



**Members of the EAPN
EU Inclusion Strategy Group
CONTACT BOOK
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Network: EAPN Austria

Languages: German, English

Organization and Position: Member of FIAN Austrias, EAPN Austrias, and EU Inclusion Strategies Steering Group

Key areas: Social policy, education.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: Diversity is a key factor to development and I hope that we will find a common understanding of an open, democratic and empathic society, that is reflecting on history and takes responsibility on current movements in a global context. We „just“ have to be positive and face some risks! I'm sure, it'd work, if we'd try out ways to gain equality, to leave no one behind! We have the resources, it's just a question of distribution.

Hobbies:



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Network: Belgium Anti-Poverty Network

Languages: Dutch, French, English

Organization and Position: Belgium Anti-Poverty Network Policy worker

Key areas: Income, indebtedness, homelessness and housing, Justice.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: The Belgium Anti-Poverty Network has a long tradition of participating in the EU ISG because we are convinced that Europe can be a powerful lever for our anti-poverty advocacy at national level.

Hobbies:



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 Key areas:
 Reason for joining EU ISG:
 Hobbies:



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Name: **Aleksandra Selak Živković**
 Network: Croatian Anti-Poverty Network
 Languages: Croatian, English, Italian
 Organization and Position: EAPN Croatia-vice president
 Key areas: All policies related to poverty reduction and social exclusion.
 Reasons for joining EU ISG: Wanted to share and learn how EAPN expertise could make a change on national and local level, as well as how local and national expertise could be shared on EU level in addressing poverty reduction and social exclusion.
 Hobbies: Reading, yoga, music.



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Organization and Position: President of the EAPN Member organisation — Evropský Institut Renaissance

Key areas: Society in our civilisation is streaming to the blind end. What is NEEDED? TO ACCEPT CHANGES AND MAKE A NEW HARMONY USING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE. We have it through 4000 years starting by principals of MINOA CIVILISATION BASED ON THE INTERACTION WITH UNIVERSE AS WELL AS SURROUNDING NATURE ON THE GROUND.

Reasons for joining EU ISG:

Hobbies: My hobbies are policy making, skiing and care about good education, formal as well as informal.



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Languages: English, Estonian, Russian, German, Finnish

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: Because I was designated as representative by the Estonian Network.

Hobbies: Sport, military.



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Name: Anna Järvinen

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Languages: Finnish, English

Organization and Position: SOSTE Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health, Senior Advisor

Key areas: Basic social security, poverty.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To represent EAPN Finland and share information about the situation in our country and learn more about other networks and their actions.

Hobbies: going to the gym, reading, sailing at the summer time.



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Languages: French, German, English, Spanish

Organization and Position: UNIOPSS (Union of Health and Solidarity NGOs), policy officer

Key areas: Employment, housing, in terms of fighting poverty.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I follow up the national reform programs (NRPs, CSRs) in France and I would like to share it with EU ISG members. I would like to know better the food aid good practices of other members.

Hobbies: Cultural exchanges.



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Languages: English, German

Organization and Position: Nationale Armutskonferenz Deutschland/ HOPE International.

Key areas: Homeless people, people in poverty and international 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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Network: Hellenic Antipoverty Network

Languages: Greek, English, Spanish

Organization and Position: Greek PRAKSIS, President of Board

Key areas:

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I was asked to and couldn't say no thinking it would be a unique experience and a splendid chance to be with people from across Europe who vision a better and more inclusive world!

Hobbies: Reading, watching series and films, trying to make the aforementioned world a better, happier and colourful place.



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Reasons for joining EU ISG:

Hobbies:



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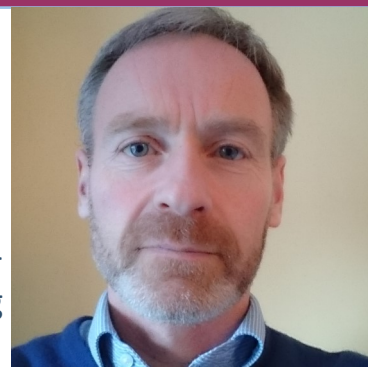
Languages: English

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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Organization and Position: EAPN-Latvia, Board member Women's Rights Institute, Board member

Key areas: Fundamental human rights. Advocacy work on anti-poverty and social inclusion issues, particularly adequate and decent income for all, gender equality. I am responsible for policy

development of EAPN-Latvia. In addition I practice as a family mediator and family law consultant.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I was appointed by the Board, and being head of the Working Group of European Social Policy within EAPN-Latvia I want to provide a link between EU ISG and this group and bring European values into Latvian space.

Hobbies: Reading, watching video lectures especially history, psychology, politics, different cultures. Music. Nordic walking and in-line skating.

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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

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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, international cooperation

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To get the necessary information in order to engage on a national level with the European Semester.

Hobbies: Pétanque (game of bowles).

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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, youth 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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Organization and Position:

Key areas:

Reasons for joining EU ISG:

Hobbies:



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Name: Maschinka Groot

Network: EAPN Netherlands

Languages: Dutch, English, French, German

Organization and Position: Arkin Amsterdam. I work in an Assertive Community Treatment team, a multidisciplinary team with mental health specialists that visits people where they stay: home, shelters, hospitals or in the streets.

Key areas: Mental health, stigmatisation, poverty, peer support.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: Reasons for joining EU ISG: I want to advocate for better conditions for people experiencing poverty and exclusion, especially for people with mental health & addiction problems and homeless people.

Hobbies: Play chess, dance ballroom and Latin-American style, watch news, exercise in the park & fitness school and love outdoor activities like walking in the mountains!



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Network: Velferdsalliansen, EAPN Norway

Languages: Norwegian, English, German

Organization and Position: Velferdsalliansen, EAPN Norway, Finance

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

Reasons for joining EU ISG: On the request of my manager

Hobbies: Writing, reading and coaching activities.



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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 art.



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Name: Paula Cruz

Network: EAPN Portugal

Languages: English

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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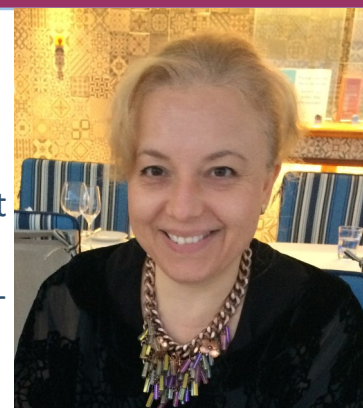
Languages: English, French

Organization and Position: World Vision Romania, Project Manager.

Key areas: community development, child protection, advocacy.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I was elected by EAPN Romania.

Hobbies: Reading, travelling, art.



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Organisation and position:

Key areas:

Reason for joining EU ISG:

Hobbies:



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Name: **Graciela Malgesini Rey**

Network: EAPN Spain. In 2003, I joined EAPN in Spain, as a member of the Executive Committee, and I've been member of EAPN Staff since 2008. I am the Co-Chairperson of EAPN's EU ISG, since 2011.

Languages: English, Spanish, French and Italian. I've been learning German for three years now (but I am still at a low proficiency level!)

Organization and Position: EAPN ES, policy officer

Key areas: I am a Social Researcher with more than 30 years of professional experience, both in Latin America and Europe. I was born in Argentina, in an Italian family. I hold a Ph.D. in Economic History and a B.A. in History, at the University of La Plata. I have a long academic profile in Argentina, as professor of the Universidad del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires (UNICEN), the Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata (UNMDP) and as researcher of the CONICET (National Research Council of Argentina). I was granted a Fulbright post-doctoral grant at the University of California at Berkeley in 1989. In 1990, I moved to Madrid, Spain, where I currently live. From 1991 to 1996, I worked in the field of Development Studies, as a Professor at the CEU-San Pablo, dependent on the University Complutense of Madrid. From 1996 to 1999, I was the Director of the Spanish Development NGO "Acsur Las Segovias", devoted to Latin America and the Middle East. I worked for the University of Comillas in Madrid as a Researcher, from 1999 to 2003. From then onwards, I have been related to the Spanish Red Cross and to EAPN Spain. My work is currently devoted towards Political Advocacy and Applied Social Research. I also teach at different post-graduate Master Degree at Spanish Universities. My main topics of interest are diverse but could be synthesized as: Poverty and Social Exclusion, Gender, Migration, Sustainability, Evaluation and Assessment. About my work in EAPN, I try to do all the following (!): follow-up of European policies related to the Economic Semester in Spain; monitor the implementation and indicators of Europe 2020 and the European Pillar of Social Rights, as well as the new Spanish Anti-Poverty Strategy; analysis of the progress or setbacks in the eradication of poverty, in material deprivation, in employment, particularly taking into account vulnerable people, with a strong gender perspective; analysis of the main lines of social and employment policies, particularly Minimum Income; elaboration of contents, proposals and political recommendations to eradicate poverty, social exclusion and reduce inequality.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I joined the EUIISG many years ago, in the representation of EAPN Spain. I think that this Group is a great learning opportunity on European Affairs and is the best way to know other European countries' realities. I particularly value the members' exchange and the policy updates, and I enjoy working together.

Hobbies: I have three children, still live with two of them, and already have two grandchildren. Work+family+friends occupy all my time, so no room for hobbies at this stage of my life (except -maybe- attending to Opera and classical concerts)!



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Languages: English, Swedish

Organization and Position: EAPN Sweden, vice president

Key areas: Participation of users in influencing social ser-

vice and treatment especially regarding alcohol and drug issues.

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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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 incomes.

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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Name: Fran McDonnell

Network: IFSW – Europe (International Federation of Social Workers)

Languages: English

Organization and position: I retired 3 years ago and am now a volunteer for IFSW Europe as their EAPN representative.

Key areas: Policy related to human rights, poverty and lifelong learning. I was a member of the EAPN Task Group that produced the Handbook on a rights based approach to poverty.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: to represent an EO perspective, to use my expertise in social work and policy development and to learn from other members of the EUISG. I also represent EAPN on the ESCR -Net Economic Working Group.

Hobbies: Travel, playing badminton, reading.

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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 examples 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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Network: EAPN Europe team

Languages: English, Spanish, French, Understand: Italian, Portuguese

Organization and position: Policy Coordinator, EAPN Europe



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 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: Senior Policy Officer, EAPN Europe

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 protection, social cohesion, 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 lobbying, 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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Network: EAPN Europe team

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Organization and position: Policy Assistant Intern, EAPN Europe



Key areas: Contribution to the daily work of the Policy Team, including research of relevant policies, drafting reports, attending meetings, organising events, etc. BSc in Social Sciences for Cooperation (Specialisation: Cohesion and Social Development), Master student in Economics and Political Science.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To provide assistance to the work of the EU ISG, witnessing the process of collective discussion and decision-making of the group. To get to know EAPN members and to participate in policy discussion.

Hobbies: Activist in sustainable mobility, long-distance trekking and cycling in the nature, languages, Ashtanga yoga.



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Organization and position: Information & Events Officer, EAPN Europe

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 multimedia 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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