



**Members of the EAPN
EU Inclusion Strategy Group
CONTACT BOOK
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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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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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 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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Reasons for joining EU ISG:

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Languages: Czech, English, German, Russian, Croatian

Organization and Position: Charita Czech Republic, Social worker – coordinator for social policy (Social policy and Social advocacy)

Key areas: All policies related to poverty reduction and social policy exclusion

Reasons for joining EU ISG: For many years I work on the protection of human rights in the Czech Republic and I'm trying to change the system for the benefit of socially disadvantaged people. So, when the opportunity to join EU ISG and do it on the European level came, I was immediately sure I want to take it.

Hobbies: playing guitar, singing, fishing and hiking



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

Hobbies: Sport, military.



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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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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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Organization and Position: Greek Anti-poverty Network, Member of Board; 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



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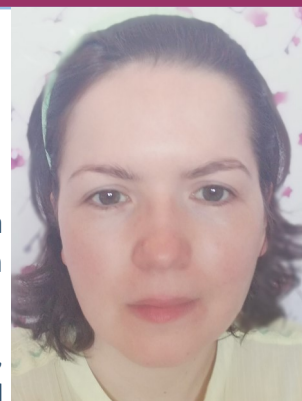
Languages: English, Hungarian.

Organization and Position: since 2014 I work as a freelance expert; I am a volunteer of HAPN, in the couple of last years I have represented HAPN in the ExCo of EAPN and also worked three times as a PeP-coordinator

Key areas: Community Development, Regional Planning, Roma Issues, Sustainable Development, Territorial Aspects of Poverty and Social Exclusion, Energy Poverty

Reasons for joining EU ISG: : In my professional life I was always interested in strategic planning. To be member of the EU ISG is a good opportunity for exchanges of experiences and good practices. It's also a great forum to influence socio-political issues on European level.

Hobbies: reading, travelling, movies, design



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Reasons for joining EU ISG:

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Network: EAPN Ireland

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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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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.



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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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Reasons for joining EU ISG:

Hobbies:





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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, 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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Reasons for joining EU ISG:

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Organization and Position: I am a member of the local social advisory council and we advise the mayor and aldermen of the municipality of Brummen on matters in the social domain such as poverty, social exclusion, (mental) health care / youth health care, citizen, minimum policy, etc. I am the initiator of a citizens' initiative, www.onzedroombrummen.nl * "Meeting Our DREAM", a living room where all residents are welcome for a conversation, a cup of coffee / tea, lunch with soup and activities such as arranging flowers and painting for a voluntary contribution, so that everyone can participate * Repair Café Brummen and Clothing Bank Our DREAM



Key areas: Poverty, Social inclusion, Participation, Equality.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: I want to let politicians know what it's like to experience poverty and social exclusion and advise them to change policies so that everyone has equal opportunities and rights so that together we can be the change for a better world. I want to be the voice for all people experiencing poverty and social exclusion, especially for children, people with (health) problems and lonely people. experiencing poverty and social exclusion, especially for children, people with (health) problems and lonely people.

Hobbies: I like to dance, be creative, love to walk and bike in the nature, be with my children and 4 grandchildren, help people with their administration.

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Network: EAPN Norway

Languages: Norwegian, English

Organization and Position: Velferdsalliansen EAPN Norway, consultant in the secretariat

Key areas: Social policy and participation of users in influencing social service from EAPN Norway. I also have experience from public administration in Norway as well as political and economic reporting on NATO issues and the EU integration process of Bosnia and Herzegovina from the Norwegian Embassy in Sarajevo.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To contribute to linking our work at the national level to the European- and EU-level and to participate in policy development in EAPN. It is always useful to learn from the experience and perspectives of others in order to improve our own work.

Hobbies: Politics and society, music, football, outdoor activities, trekking and traveling.



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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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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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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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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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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 "Acnur 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 EUISG 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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Hobbies:



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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 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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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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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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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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Key areas: European affairs, policies related to poverty and social exclusion, experience in European projects management and implementation in the field of education and training.

Reasons for joining EU ISG: To provide support to the work of the group.

Hobbies: Travelling and discovering new places and cultures, learning languages, cooking.



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