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EAPN Ireland Engagement with European Semester

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- **Engagement as EAPN Ireland**
 - Submission to NRP and comments on draft
 - Submission on Department website and since 2018 key points from submission and included in NRP.
 - Met Commission fact-finding team separately in 2019
- **Engagement via European Semester Alliance**
 - Alliance set up by EAPN Ireland in 2014
 - 12 Civil society organisations from social, equality, environmental and trade unions.
 - Engagement
 - Written response to annual Country Report on Ireland
 - Response to Country Report goes as submission to NRP and key points are included in NRP
 - Ongoing meetings with Commission, including meeting fact-finding team annually.
 - Invited to participate and speak in Commission events.
- **Impact**
 - More positive with Commission than national level
 - Semester engagement at national level is part of wider advocacy and policy work so needs to be understood in that context.