**Action Points/Following Cancellation of EUISG meeting in Madrid**

The EUISG and Forum event was cancelled by the Bureau on 11.03. 2020 due to Coronavirus threat. It will not be possible to postpone the meeting because of lack of funds. This means that the EUISG will have to find alternative means to complete its EC work programme and advocacy goals over the next period. Following discussions with the Bureau and EXCO, it is also clear that we will need to incorporate a focus on COVID19 – impact on poverty and social exclusion and policy responses at national and EU level in our work. This document sets out draft contingency measures to enable the EUISG to deliver on its priority objectives and work programme commitments. This will be updated regularly and as necessary.

**1) European Semester (Agenda Item 3)**

The goal is to inform and update members of changes in the European Semester 2020 and develop the EAPN Assessment report of the 2020 Country Reports, built on members’ inputs, agreeing follow up action at EU and national level.

* On the **16 March**, Members will be requested to send their written assessments of the Country Report and recommendation to Sian and Mathias by **Monday 30th March**, (fiche attached).
* A **2 hour webinar will be organized on Thursday 2nd April** (2-4pm) to

1) update members on the Semester particularly the changes, with reference to the new Tool Kit circulated with the second mailing for the EU ISG on 16 March

2) exchange on the Country Report and state of play on participation with 3 or 4 inputs from specific members, 3) Q&A and 4) Discussion on key messages and member’s action.

* Sian/Mathias will aim to draft the report by **6th April** and circulate for final comments with a deadline of the **20th April** with the aim to disseminate at beginning of May.
* A draft response to the CSRs will be shared by the **end of May**, with a two-week deadline for comments/amendments by the **15th June**. The report will be finalized by end of June
* A **capacity building webinar** based on the 2020 Tool Kit will be carried out as agreed in 2020 Work Programme in (November).

**2) Strategic Review (Agenda item 4)**

EUISG views were sought on the proposals for the Action Plan to implement the Strategic Review, particularly in the section on policy**,** to feed into the EXCO discussion and decision.

* Policy Team shared the Strategic Review Implementation Report and the Draft Action Plan on goals with EUISG, for written comments with deadline of the 9th April.
* The policy team sent a summary to Leo and the EXCO on the 10th April, to be discussed in the next EXCO on the 22nd April.

**3) Communication (Agenda item 5)**

EUISG views are sought on the new Comm’ on guidelines, particularly in relation to the part relevant to policy work and collaboration to feed into the EXCO discussion/decision and to support to actions proposed on the 17 October and Anniversary.

* The Comm’on Guidelines were discussed by the EXCO on the 31 March, with a view to get feedback on how these could be implemented, challenges faced. Minutes will be circulated when finalised. A similar EUISG exchange will need to be programmed.
* A Policy/Comms exchange on this and other Comms/Policy issues on the 20th April.

4) **Policy Update and Action (European Pillar of Social Rights**) **(Agenda item 6)**

Members have been updated on key developments on EU policy under the new EU institutions leadership. The main focus of the work in this period will be discussing/ agreeing EAPN’s response to the consultation on the Action Plan to implement the European Pillar of Social Rights and how members can engage at national level. Other follow up includes joint work as part of the Investing in Children Alliance on the Child Guarantee and prospective Council Recommendation, EAPN position paper and advocacy on adequate income: including upcoming public consultation on the EU framework on minimum wage /linked to EAPN work with ETUC/ Social Platform and EAPN work with the German Presidency on Council Conclusions on adequate minimum income.

* A **powerpoint overview of EU policy developments was circulated** on the **30 March** for information.
* A draft position and action note to respond to consultation for the action plan on EPSR was sent on **24 March for comments by 20 April. However, due to the impact of COVID19, it was decided to extend the deadline until Monday 4th May am.**
* The draft position on adequate income will be shared for comments by **30 March for comments by 23 April. Again, this deadline has been extended until Monday 4th May am.**
* A webinar exchange will be held to discuss both the response to the EPSR action plan consultation, and our position on adequate income, focussing on member action and follow up. The initial proposed date was **22nd April (2-4 pm). This has now been postponed until the 6th May 10-12.**
* The final laid-out report on **Education, training and lifelong learning** was disseminated by mail chimp to members on **Tuesday 14 April**.. The EAPN Secretariat will circulate information on possible hooks for advocacy work at EU-level on selected aspects/topics covered by the report prior to the webinar proposed for 6 May.
* EAPN is working with **Investing in Children Alliance o**n a common statement follow up linking COVID19 to follow up on the Children Guarantee and Council Recommendation.
* EAPN policy team is working with the **German Presidency regarding input to the Council Conclusions on Minimum Income and Minimum wage**, conference and workshops planned on 16 and 17 September. We have contributed to a draft chapter of the Social Platform, and specific country examples drawn from EMIN 2.
* EAPN policy team is working with ETUC on the follow up to the consultation on minimum wage.

**5) Assessment of Europe 2020 and Post 2020 (Agenda item 7)/change to COVID19 impact on poverty.**

We planned to produce an assessment report on Europe 2020 and the European Semester. However, in the light of the impact of COVID19, the staff have proposed to Leo/Bureau to focus the report on impact of COVID 19. It is proposed that Graciela Malgesini is contracted as a consultant to do the work. Speakers in the Forum event to send their written inputs to Graciela.

* A 1st webinar exchange for this work will take place on Thursday 23 April 10-12.
* Graciela will design draft questionnaire, to be agreed with Steering group by **end of April.**
* Launch of the questionnaires 2nd week May: End of fieldwork 2nd week June:
* Report presented to Policy Team 3rd week June.
* Report finalized for dissemination 1st week of July.

**6) European Green Deal and Just Transition (Agenda item 8)**

A draft position paper has been prepared by Leo, the aim will be to finalize and disseminate this and to draw together concrete examples of positive/negative impact of ‘just transition’ measures from the national level.

* The draft position was shared with the EUISG/EXCO and EO’s on the **25 March with a deadline of 4 weeks for comments (25 April)**. As a result of **COVID19 it has been agreed to extend this deadline until the 29th April. This document will then be finalized and disseminated.**
* .Members will be asked to contribute concrete examples of social impact just transition (ie where transition measures have been introduced and had negative effects (eg rising prices, energy bills), or positive impact (green, cheaper public transport, healthier air). This exchange/work will now take place in the Autumn. New dates to be confirmed
* EAPN staff will build common positions and advocacy in relation to the Green Deal together with the Right2Energy Coalition and the Social Platform, the EP Intergroup on New Green Deal. A specific input from EAPN will be made to the EC Guidance on Energy Poverty.
* A webinar will exchange on these inputs and action (date tbc).

**7) Poverty Watch (item 9)**

We will aim to maintain momentum on the national Poverty Watches, and to improve their usefulness and impact, producing an EU report 2019/2020. We do not have sufficient PWs from 2019 to do this, so we will need to have commitments from members to carry out PWs in this period. The impact of COVID19 is obviously now having an impact on poverty in the short and long-term. The proposal will be to include a thematic focus on COVID19 from the national level in members’ Poverty Watches 2020, and to refocus a common timeline on October 17.

* Staff will circulate the latest list of poverty watches and the website page created to showcase their reports **(16 March).**
* A revised note on Poverty Watches 2020 including a focus on COVID19, will be circulated to members on 23 April. Members will be encourage to produce their Poverty Watches by September 2020, to provide inputs to the Country Reports and as a focus for their October 17 Actions.
* A webinar on Poverty Watches will be held in June (date to tbc)

**8) EAPN Policy Conference (Agenda item 9)**

The Conference was planned to be held on Thursday 25th June 2-5.45, followed by a 30th Anniversary reception. The original focus of the Policy Conference was to be “*Adopting for an EU antipoverty strategy, that delivers on social rights”,* drawing on our proposals in the *EAPN Proposals for a Post Europe 2020 Strategy “ Delivering Agenda 2030 for people and planet’* and responding to the spoken commitments of President of the Commission: Ursula Von der Leyen and Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights: NIcholas Schmit. However, with the uncertainty of the COVID 19, we’re unsure if it will go ahead. A new proposal is being drafted to revise the focus of the conference in the light of COVID19 where the results of the EUISG study on Covid19 impact on poverty can be presented. This will take place as a webinar, if face to face meetings are cancelled.

* We will await new guidance from the Commission/BE Govt and decisions of the EXCO regarding extension of the lockdown arrangements on the 24 April.
* A draft agenda will then be shared with EUISG members, with confirmation of date and arrangements.
* All EUISG and EXCO members will be expected to participate in the conference and actively support social media and other media actions.

**8) Gender Mainstreaming (Agenda item 10)**

This would have been discussed in the open session. The adhoc group is asked to develop a proposal for a survey and joint workshop with the EXCO in September**.**

* Graciela/Marija to draft a proposal by end of **April** to discuss with the Steering Group and with the Bureau, including survey and participative workshop proposal. This should take into account the COVID19 context.
* EUISG members will be expected to work with their EXCO members to respond to the questionnaire and to participate actively in the joint workshop in September.

**Key Action Points Timeline**

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| **What** | **Who** | **When** |
| Email to EUISG with revised planning until June | Policy Team | 16 March 2020 |
| Members to send assessments of Country Report | EUISG Members | Deadline: 30 March |
| Email to EUISG/EXCO and EO’s with draft position on **European Green Deal** | Policy Team to EUISG/EXCO and EO’s  **Deadline for Members comments** | 25 March  **Extended to 29 April** |
| **Webinar exchange** **on Semester developments and Country Reports** | **EUISG Members with Staff Team** | **2 April 2-4** |
| Draft Report | Policy Team | 6 April |
| **Draft consultation response on EPSR Action Plan sent for comments** | Policy Team  **EUISG members respond with revised deadline** | 23 March  **Extended to 4 May** |
| **Draft Position on Adequate income (minimum income and minimum wage**) | Policy Team  **EUISG members respond with revised deadline** | 23 March  **Extended to 4 May** |
| **Webinar exchange** on **COVID 19 impact on poverty** | **EUISG members with Policy Team** | **23 April 10-12** |
| Draft Questionnaire to review COVID | Graciela with SG and PT  Sent out to members  Completed EUISG members | **End of April**  **Beginning of May (tbc)**  **Beginning of June (tbc)** |
| Draft Report shared, discussed and finalised | Graciela with Policy Team and EUISG members | Finalized 3rd Week June. |
| Draft response to CSR Report shared with members | Policy Team shared with EUISG with deadline for input | End of May/**response by members 12th June**  Finalized end of June. |
| Revised template for PW in context of COVID19.  Members asked to confirm Poverty Watches 2020 | Policy Team email to EUISG  Members asked to confirm Poverty Watch 2020 and finalize by | 24 April  8 May  Mid September |
| **Webinar exchange on EPSR response and adequate income position paper** | **Policy Team with EUISG** | **6 May 10-12** |
| **Policy Conference on EU poverty strategy in post COVID19 context.** | Staff Team with EXCO and EUISG | **25 June 2-6.00pm – possibility of revision to webinar/tbc.** |
| Proposal on Gender mainstreaming survey and workshop for Sept EXCO/EUISG adapted for COVID19 | Marija/Graciela with adhoc Gender group | Draft proposal by end of April to be discussed with SG and Bureau. |