

# Proposal Evaluation Form



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

European Social Fund (ESF)

## Evaluation Summary Report

**Call:** ESF-2022-OG-NETW-NGO-SGA  
**Type of action:** ESF-FPA-OG  
**Proposal number:** 101102018  
**Proposal acronym:** ERPO - Year 2  
**Duration (months):** 12  
**Proposal title:** Eradicate Poverty and Enhance Social Rights in Europe  
**Activity:** ESF-2022-OG-NETW-NGO-SGA

N.	Proposer name	Country	Total Cost	%	Grant Requested	%
1	RESEAU EUROPEEN DES ASSOCIATIONS DE LUTTE CONTRE LA PAUVRETE ET L'EXCLUSION SOCIALE AISBL	BE	1,254,913	100.00%	1,129,421.7	100.00%
	Total:		1,254,913		1,129,421.7	

### Abstract:

The mission of EAPN is to promote a socially inclusive and sustainable Europe, free from poverty and inequalities. The 2023 work plan will focus on defending the rights of people experiencing poverty, counting on their voices and the political analysis of 32 national networks and 13 European organisations that form EAPN. This plan will be carried out in multiple interconnected ways: a) highlighting the information on poverty and inequality from statistical sources and the testimonies of people affected, so that the EU and Member States act in their eradication; b) supervising the implementation of the Action Plan of the European Pillar of Social Rights and, specifically, of the poverty target at the Member States; c) monitoring and engaging with the European Semester, analysing the operationalization of European funds and the Recovery and Resilience Plans, to ensure that poverty reduction and social inclusion are delivered; d) supporting people experiencing poverty in reporting and fighting for their rights in the EU, considering especially those with added vulnerability factors (gender discrimination, long-term unemployment, digital divide, homelessness, financial exclusion, disability, ageism, racism, and other); e) making proposals and supporting coalitions with regards to key EU policies, such as the green and digital transitions. The 2023 work programme directly and concretely supports the implementation, awareness-raising and dissemination of adopted or upcoming EU policy initiatives (notably those announced in the EPSR action plan for 2021/2024).

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### Evaluation Result

**Total score: 84.00 (Threshold: 70)**

### Criterion 1 - Relevance

Score: **36.00** (Threshold: 25/40.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

*The mission of the organisation and its proposal are relevant to the objectives and priorities set in the call. EAPN advocates for a rights-based and sustainable social development model that addresses the causes of poverty, social exclusion, and inequalities. The mission of the organisation and specific objectives proposed for the work programme are in line with the call's objectives.*

*The width and composition of the network will ensure multi-level support of policy development at EU and Member State level. Members are involved in a variety of activities aimed at combating poverty and social exclusion, which include capacity building and training activities, service provision and activities aimed at the participation and empowerment of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion.*

*Overall, the 2023 work programme will contribute to the implementation and awareness raising of the EU policy initiatives (notably those announced in the European Pillar of Social Rights action plan). In general, the referred activities are in line with the policy developments at EU level. In some instances, the policy work and related deliverables lack precision as regards the supported major EU initiatives or challenges. As an example, the work on minimum income is unclear and foreseen too late in the year (negotiations in the Council will take place in the first half of 2023), while it is one of the main initiative of the EC in 2022, continued in 2023 and EAPN traditionally has had it as a main scope of its policy work. This might however be linked to the timing of the submission.*

*The exploratory study on the usage of digital tools by people experiencing poverty is relevant for the Commission activities for digital transition but seems to be a repetition or postponement of 2022 activity. The position paper on child poverty is a relevant action, though unclear how it will relate to the implementation/monitoring of the related EU initiative (Child Guarantee).*

*In general, the 2023 work programme is coherent with the multi-annual framework.*

### Criterion 2.1 Quality — Project design and implementation

Score: **24.00** (Threshold: 15/30.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

*The overall technical quality and clarity of the annual plan is good. Dissemination and networking elements are central to the work programme and will help delivering on the goal of building a stronger social Europe. The focus on capacity building of national partners is fairly described and contains an interesting new activity (report on mapping capacity building of members).*

*Detailed and updated risk management describes critical risks , uncertainties or and difficulties related to the implementation of the project and concrete measures for addressing them.*

*The project contains a well-thought and designed strategy for monitoring the implementation of the project, completed with evaluation plan, relying on measurable indicators for the outputs and results of the actions. It also measures the active involvement of members.*

*The planned work packages contain a detailed description of the activities, milestones and indicators. The proposed methodology and timeframe is satisfactory, with some unclear elements (like planning of semester assessment paper by M10, while use it for the policy*

conference in M4).

The coordination structure of the project aims to guarantee an efficient allocation of resources and an integrated approach to the development of activities. A combination of physical and online organisation of the various events is planned to take advantage of the virtual presence, in particular concerning the management related meetings. Organisation of the physical events are well justified. The overall budget is high but corresponds to the wealth of activities, including the People Experiencing Poverty event.

#### Criterion 2.2 Quality — Project team and cooperation arrangements

Score: **7.00** (Threshold: 5/10.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

The overall quality of team and cooperation arrangements is well described. EAPN has a well established operational structure, with staff team and membership working together to deliver the activities of the annual work programme in a coordinated way, at the EU and National level. Core staff is organized in teams with clear tasks and responsibilities. EAPN representatives regularly exchange views and information with staff members through brown-bag presentations, conferences, multi-stakeholder initiatives, and workshops. The General Assembly includes representatives of all members of EAPN and meets at least once a year. However, the staff of the team, in particular in the policy field is newly recruited, due to major turnover in recent years, which may impact the quality and successful implementation of the advocacy work. As subcontracting costs are very high, it is reminded that members of a network may be service providers and be subcontracted provided that recourse to subcontracting is well-justified and the rules stated in the General Model Grant Agreement, in particular Article 6.2 on subcontracting costs, Article 9.3 on subcontractors, and Article 12.1 on conflict of interests, are complied with.

#### Criterion 3 - Impact

Score: **17.00** (Threshold: 10/20.00 , Weight: -)

The detailed criteria are set out in the call conditions (see Call document).

The European/transnational impact of the network, activities and outputs has been very good. Composed of 32 national networks of voluntary organisations and grassroots groups and 13 European organisations, the organization of the network still has the potential to ensure multi-level support of policy development in all Member States and at EU level. Decision makers and social actors at the EU, national and local level will benefit by receiving direct information from civil society on key issues. The geographical scope of the network and its activities is excellent. The short- and long-term impacts on target groups and the public are relevant and ambitious. The planned dissemination strategy to ensure sustainability and long-term impact on identified target group is highly solid, clear and targeted.

#### Scope of the proposal

Status: **Yes**

Comments (in case the proposal is out of scope)

Not provided

#### Operational capacity of the applicants

Status: **Operational Capacity: Yes**

If NO, list the concerned participants and requested grant amount and explain the reasons why (including your source of information):

Not provided

#### Overall comments

A relevant proposal, addressing the call's objectives. The quality of the proposed programme is good and gives reassurance that the envisaged results will be achieved.



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