



Call for Consultant Research – EAPN EAPN Poverty Watch

EAPN is looking for a research analyst to conduct its annual report on the state of poverty and social exclusion. The European Poverty Watch report compiles data and analysis from EAPN members' bottom-up research [national Poverty Watch reports](#): evidence-based research effort on the current trends and policies on poverty and social exclusion in Europe with concrete recommendations on EAPN's priority matters. As our key annual advocacy tool, this exercise puts poverty as a multidimensional concept at the top of the European political agenda, addresses the root causes of poverty and amplifies the voices of people experiencing poverty (PEP) both at national and regional levels. The Poverty Watches are rooted in the reality of EAPN members' work, and the priorities and expertise of PEP. Above all, it should be an effective communication tool aiming to:

- a) signpost key developments/trends on poverty and the impact of social, economic, digital and green policies at the national and local levels,
- b) identify the key issues, and
- c) propose person-centred and rights-based solutions. The target audience of the Poverty Watch reports are European and national institutions, private stakeholders, academia, civil society organisations, people experiencing poverty and a wider public.

Objectives for the 2025 European Poverty Watch

- Promoting and Strengthening National and Local Anti-Poverty Strategies (provisional title),
- Provide a mapping of existing NAPS & LAPS, their processes, content, scope of action, covered policies, milestones and governance mechanisms,
- Provide scope of work in context where Member States are missing NAPS, roadmap and key priority for any potential NAPS or LAPS,
- Identify promising practices and guidelines for effective LAPS and NAPS, including methodology on meaningful participation of people experiencing poverty,
- Provide policy recommendations to the EU and the Member States to support the advocacy for the adoption and implementation of effective LAPS and NAPS,
- Support the advocacy for NAPS and LAPS to be an integral part of a multi-governance approach of the upcoming EU Anti-Poverty Strategy,
- If possible, provide principles and funding avenues, making the link with fiscal justice and the recommendations made in the 2023 Poverty Watch [Towards a Sustainable Social Welfare for the People](#),
- Engaging with EAPN's internal working groups in the review of the report,
- Highlight the expertise of PEP, through their analysis and testimonies, as reported by national reports,
- Raise awareness about the impact of social policies on people and the planet,
- Formulate and list key recommendations to the EU and national levels, in particular in the context of the College of Commissioner and the European Parliament,
- Feed into the overall effort of EAPN to build a robust European Anti-Poverty Strategy.

Outcomes of the consultancy

- Key milestone of the project will be a comparative table on the key principles and policies of the existing and potential NAPS and LAPS, in early October 2025,
- Analyse the data and extract trends and key recommendations from the national reports. The consultant will work with around 20 national reports, from 20 to 30 pages each, from EU Members State and neighbouring countries,
- Draft a report (maximum of 30 pages in Word document, without layout), providing an overview of the state of poverty in Europe, based on the evidence collected by the national report and desk research by December 2025,
- Facilitate consultation and review (one round, of max 2 weeks each) with EAPN national networks and EAPN policy team,
- The final draft will need to be submitted by the 1st week of January 2026 to the EAPN Secretariat, in Word format, ready to be proofread and laid out.

Requirements

Essential qualifications

- Ability to analyse and synthesise complex policy reports material,
- Experience working with social justice grassroots, NGOs and/or in European or national membership-based organisations,
- Experience working on advocacy for research in an EU or national policy context, especially in analysis related to social and economic justice,
- Experience working with national civil society organisations tackling poverty and social exclusion, discrimination or social injustice in general,
- Excellent writing, communication, organisation and coordination skills,
- Both written and oral fluency in English,
- Computer literacy,
- Ability to cope with competing deadlines.

Ideal Qualifications (Preferred, but not Required)

- Experience in developing National and/or Local Action plans for vulnerable groups,
- Knowledge of social policies, anti-poverty and social exclusion, fiscal justice principles and sustainable welfare state concepts,
- Expertise in social protection schemes in Europe in particular, experience conducting research and analysis on the economic and social impacts of fiscal policies is a plus,
- EU Policy Proficiency: Previous work in EU policy contexts, particularly concerning the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan and the EU Semester, is preferred,
- Good understanding of intersectionality applied in qualitative and quantitative research to understand the lived experience of people in groups experiencing disadvantage.

To Apply:

Please send an offer with your research proposal and CV to philippe.lemmens@eapn.eu by August 31 2025. Interviews will be held in the first week of September, with the aim for the selected candidate to start as soon as possible. Both individual consultants and research centres are invited to apply.

Financial compensation

Candidates or institutions must submit a financial offer along with their proposal. Selection will be based on alignment with the call's objectives and the principle of best value for money.