



**Call for Consultant
Research – EAPN
EAPN EU Poverty Watch on Migration, Poverty & Social Exclusion**

**Deadline to apply: 15 October 2026
Interviews: End October 2026
Deadline to deliver final product: End February 2027**

EAPN is looking for a research analyst to conduct its annual report on the state of poverty and social exclusion, with a focus on migration, poverty & 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 aims to put 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 2026 European Poverty Watch

The 2026 European Poverty Watch will explore the thematic link between **migration and poverty in Europe**, with a particular focus on how migration status, labour market integration, and access to social rights interact to shape poverty and social exclusion outcomes.

The report will adopt a **rights-based and anti-poverty perspective**, examining whether existing labour market, social protection and service systems adequately protect migrants from poverty and exclusion, and to what extent current policy frameworks risk reinforcing conditional access to rights.

The consultancy will specifically aim to:

- Provide an analysis of the relationship between **migration status, labour market participation, and poverty risk**, with a focus on structural barriers to social inclusion;
- Map how **national labour market policies, social protection systems and service provision frameworks** affect migrants' access to rights and protections;
- Identify key patterns of **in-work poverty, precarious employment, and employer-dependent residence arrangements**, and their impact on vulnerability to poverty;
- Document barriers to accessing **housing, healthcare, education, social protection and income support**, including administrative, legal, economic and discriminatory obstacles;
- Analyse the phenomenon of **non-take-up of rights and services**, particularly in relation to fear, insecurity of residence status, and institutional complexity;
- Highlight the “double penalty” experienced by many migrants, combining **structural exclusion**

from rights and constrained access to support systems;

- Contribute to a stronger understanding of how anti-poverty frameworks can be made more **inclusive of migrants and people in vulnerable migration situations**, in line with EU policy developments including the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy, the Migration and Asylum Pact, and the EU's social policy agenda;
- Engage with EAPN national networks and ensure the integration of **lived experience and testimonies of people experiencing poverty**, including migrants and non-EU nationals;
- Formulate policy recommendations for **EU institutions and Member States** to strengthen rights-based, inclusive and anti-poverty approaches.

The objective of the Poverty Watch is not to provide a comprehensive analysis of migration policy as such, but to assess **how migration status interacts with socio-economic systems in shaping poverty outcomes**, and what this implies for anti-poverty strategies in Europe.

Outcomes of the consultancy

The consultant will be responsible for delivering the following outputs:

- A **structured analytical framework** for the Poverty Watch, agreed with EAPN Secretariat and working groups;
- A synthesis of **national contributions from EAPN members**, including approximately 20 national reports (20–30 pages each), focusing on migration-related poverty dynamics;
- A **comparative analysis of national contexts**, highlighting key trends, barriers, and policy responses across Member States and selected neighbouring countries;
- A **draft report (maximum 30 pages, Word format, excluding layout)** presenting the main findings, analysis and policy recommendations;
- Integration of **qualitative evidence and testimonies of people experiencing poverty**, ensuring a strong lived experience component;
- Facilitation of **one consultation and review round** with EAPN national networks and the EAPN policy team (maximum duration 2 weeks);
- A **finalised report submitted by late February 2027**, in Word format, ready for proofreading and layout.

Scope of Work

The consultant will:

- Review and synthesise national reports and relevant EU policy documents;
- Develop an analytical structure aligned with the thematic focus on migration and poverty;
- Coordinate feedback loops with EAPN Secretariat and national networks;
- Ensure coherence between national evidence and EU-level analysis;
- Draft and revise the report based on one consultation round;
- Integrate qualitative testimonies and ensure a balanced representation of national realities;
- Produce policy-oriented conclusions and recommendations.

Requirements

Essential qualifications

- Ability to analyse and synthesise complex qualitative and policy material;
- Experience working on social inclusion, poverty, inequality and/or migration-related policy analysis;
- Experience working with NGOs, civil society organisations or membership-based networks at national or European level;
- Strong understanding of EU social policy frameworks, including social rights, inclusion and anti-discrimination;
- Excellent writing, analytical, coordination and synthesis skills;
- Full professional fluency in English (written and oral);
- Ability to manage competing deadlines and coordinate multiple inputs;
- Computer literacy and ability to work with structured qualitative datasets.

Ideal Qualifications (Preferred, but not Required)

- Knowledge of migration policy, asylum systems or labour migration frameworks in Europe;
- Experience analysing the intersection between migration status, labour markets and social protection systems;
- Familiarity with EU policy processes (e.g. EU Anti-Poverty Strategy, European Pillar of Social Rights, EU Semester, Migration and Asylum Pact);
- Experience integrating lived experience or participatory research methodologies;
- Understanding of intersectionality in social policy analysis, particularly relating to gender, race, disability and socio-economic status;
- Experience working with or analysing civil society networks and grassroots organisations;
- Knowledge of in-work poverty, precarious employment and social exclusion dynamics.

To Apply:

Please send an offer with your research proposal and CV to philippe.lemmens@eapn.eu by **15 October 2026**. Interviews will be held in the last week of October, 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.

Please note that for this assignment, payment will be received by the consultant upon completion of the deliverables in March 2027.