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FOREWORD

The work and activities of EAPN in 2007 once again proved to be of importance in seeking continuous attention for the situation of poverty and social exclusion, where it is now estimated that 78 million are confronted with this reality in the EU Member States.

The achievements EAPN can point to, are due for an important part to the commitment of its members: National Networks and European Organisations. That's why building a strong and sustainable network was once again one of our main objectives. Many people are involved and more and more also people experiencing poverty. Although in some networks the direct participation of people experiencing poverty at local, regional and even national level has already advanced well over the years, we know that at the European level in general we only are at the beginning of this process. Through the European Meetings of people experiencing poverty it became once again clear that the involvement of people experiencing poverty in the direct debate with politicians and senior civil servants gives an important added value than when only workers take up the advocacy for people living in poverty and social exclusion.

In 2007 we spent a lot of efforts in following up and lobbying for effective and inclusive policies. In light of the objective set for 2010, "*to make a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty*" there is still a long way to go. In line with the second objective of our work programme we continued to get more and more involved in the new round of Strategic Reports on Social Protection and Social Inclusion, including in the preparation through our national networks in each member state and in the assessment of the reports by EAPN as a whole. In this work we urged already the importance of linking the social inclusion strategy more to the structural funds programmes and the overall Lisbon Strategy, in particular to the National Reform Programmes... a challenge that we have to continue in the years to come.

In all this work we emphasize that a central position has to be given to people experiencing poverty but that the mobilisation of all actors is necessary to tackle poverty and social exclusion. We made this clear throughout our third objective aimed at mobilising the society in favour of policies to fight poverty and social exclusion, knowing that the main causes of poverty are due to the way our society is organised. This collective responsibility of all actors, in particular of those who have much political and economic power, has to be remembered at all times.

Last but not least, as stressed in the fourth objective, the fight against poverty and social exclusion does not stop at the borders of the EU. Globalisation affects us all. We do not have to go to the 'third world' to experience this reality, immigrants are coming here, many of them taking indescribable risks, fleeing from hopeless and life threatening political and economic situations. We cannot agree with the "Fortress Europe" approach to addressing this reality. We call on the EU to champion an integrated approach based on fundamental rights and justice which addresses the reality of migration while seeking to combat poverty and social exclusion in a globalised world.

The work EAPN has done, thanks to the commitment of all its members and its devoted staff, is really of great importance to put the fight against poverty and social exclusion at the top of the political agenda of the European Union. I think we, with the support of many other actors, are slowly succeeding to show the importance of the fight against poverty, not just for the people who suffer its consequences, but the importance of achieving a decent society for all. However, a lot remains to be done to convince governments and all those with political responsibility that the EU is not only an economic project but in the first place a social one.

It's a good moment to thank all those who have contributed to achieve where we are today and to wish ourselves a lot of courage and determination to continue our efforts for an even bigger and more determined effort to make a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty and social exclusion.

Ludo Horemans
President EAPN

Building a strong and sustainable network

Governing Bodies

The Governing Bodies of the Network play an important role in providing coherence to the work of the Network and ensuring coordination and motivation across all our membership. The Governing Bodies of EAPN is made up of the General Assembly (2 to 6 representatives from the EAPN National Networks depending on the population of the country), the Executive Committee (1 member per National Network and 3 members from the European Organisations) and the Bureau (elected President and 4 Vice Presidents).

The 2006 General Assembly took place in Toledo, Spain on 4-7 October. It was an event that attracted a high degree of publicity, giving important visibility to the social inclusion agenda of the EU and to the work of EAPN. As well as conducting the required formal General Assembly Business the 2006 General Assembly was also the occasion to commence the work to develop an EAPN Strategic Plan for the period 2008-2011.

The Executive Committee of EAPN met on three occasions during 2007 (twice in Brussels and once in Bari, Italy). This was the first year in the three year mandate of the new Executive Committee. These meetings provided an important opportunity to provide an induction session for the new Executive Committee, to further develop the EAPN Strategic plan for 2008-2011, to discuss and adopt EAPN's orientation towards key political developments (Treaty, Lisbon strategy, EU Social Inclusion strategy, Social Agenda and Services etc). The Executive meetings were also the occasion to re-evaluate EAPN's communication work, to address issues to do with language policy in the Network and to prepare EAPN's work programme for 2008.

The Bureau also met on three occasions in 2007. During these meetings the Bureau prepared the work for discussion in the Executive meetings in order to give a consistent vision for this work. The Bureau also has a particular role to support the work of the secretariat and they play a particular role in representing the Network on important public occasions.

Enlarging the Network

The ambition of EAPN is to have an active EAPN Network in each Member state of the EU. During 2007 the contact over the previous number of years with anti poverty NGOs in Poland and in Slovakia has led to the establishment of EAPN Networks in both of these countries. It is hoped that their membership will be formally adopted at the 2007 General Assembly to be held in November in Budapest. This will bring the total number of EAPN National Networks in EU Member States to twenty three.

Progress on developing EAPN National Networks in the remaining four EU Member States is outlined below:

Estonia: In this period a meeting was held with a representative interested to build EAPN in Estonia. A group of 20 representatives from NGOs are meeting twice a year to follow the NAPs Inclusion process. EAPN will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting and it is hoped that this group can become the basis for building the National Network in Estonia.

Latvia: Efforts to establish permanent cooperation with Latvian NGOs have been made.

Romania: A meeting was held with Cristina Loghin (Caritas) on 7th March to discuss the latest steps of the development of EAPN Romania. A seminar of all interested NGOs was held in Bucharest on June 22, to build capacity for the development of the Network. EAPN was invited to present models of national networks (bureau members presented the models of National Networks in Austria and Hungary) and a staff member presented EAPN Europe, its structure,

aims and work. Participants agreed to formalize the establishment of the Romanian EAPN National Network in the autumn. EAPN Development Officer follows closely the developments, and stands by to support the initiative.

Poland: The Network has now been established and applied for membership at the March 2007 Executive meeting. The Executive Committee agreed to recommend this application to the General Assembly to be held in November 2007.

Slovakia: The Network has submitted an application to the September 2007 Executive meeting. The Executive Committee agreed to recommend this application to the General Assembly to be held in November 2007.

Slovenia: In this period contact was made with NGO representatives in Slovenia. They have been encouraged to have a meeting soon with the Slovenian NGOs that have had contact with EAPN Europe as well as NGOs active in anti poverty and social inclusion work in the country, and that EAPN would send representatives to such a meeting. EAPN encouraged Slovenian NGOs to identify 2-3 people to attend the 6th European meeting of People Experiencing Poverty. In light of the Slovenian Presidency of the EU in 2008 follow up of this contact is a priority for EAPN. A further meeting was held with NGOs active in the social field on the occasion of meeting the Minister for Social Affairs in preparation of the Slovenian Presidency and the 7th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty. Those NGOs agreed to further their cooperation and EAPN stands follows this process closely.

In addition EAPN is interested to build membership in other European Countries (particularly but not exclusively from those countries who have indicated an interest to join the EU). To date EAPN has one such member, Norway. Contacts which are developing with such countries are outlined below:

Turkey: In this period the Turkish NGOs with which EAPN has been in contact have received funding through the EU Human Rights programme to support establishing an anti poverty Network. EAPN is a partner to this application.

Iceland: No contact in this period.

Kosovo and Albania: a meeting took place with Kosovar NGO representatives to discuss possibility of cooperation.

South Eastern Europe: EAPN is responding to requests for meetings with NGOs from this region. In the future a decision will be made regarding a more structured engagement with NGOs from this region and from the 'wider' European countries.

Biannual meeting with European Organisations

In addition to National Networks, EAPN has in its membership 28 European Organisations concerned with the fight against poverty and social exclusion. These members are also invited to participate and to contribute to the work of EAPN's statutory and working groups. In addition two meetings a year are held with the representatives from the European Organisations in order to maximise their participation in the Network. As well as inputting into the work of EAPN these meetings allow for an information exchange on the work of these organisations.

Capacity Building

The General Assembly of 2006 agreed to re think EAPN's work on capacity building and Network Development. In line with this decision it was agreed to re-establish a post of Development Officer in EAPN. This post was filled in May 2007 and since then work has begun to reinvigorate EAPN's capacity building work and to put in place a coherent and long term Network Development Strategy. An initial event to launch this work was held at the end of October with the aim to:

1. Raise the issue of sustainability of National Networks through a thorough needs assessment process
2. Begin to build ownership of Network development among National Networks by introducing a framework and giving space for brainstorming and input.

It is also intended that this capacity building strategy will be integrated across all areas of EAPN's work and significant changes have been proposed for the 2008 EAPN work programme to recognise this shift.

Basic Training: In addition to putting in place a new capacity building and Network Development strategy, in 2007 EAPN provided one session of its basic training course. This training is designed for people who have started to engage with the work of the National Networks or the European Organisations and is designed to give an overview of EU policy making relevant to the fight against poverty and social exclusion. The training also provides an overview of the work of EAPN and provides assistance on how to access key information that is needed for this work. One such training session took place in the 2007 EAPN work programme and was held in June in Malta. 12 people took part in this training.

Strategic Planning: A strategic planning process that brings coherence to the work of EAPN at European level and to the work of its members, in particular the National Networks can be an important part of a capacity building strategy. This is why EAPN has invested time at its 2006 General Assembly to begin the process of developing this strategy. Further work took place during the Executive meetings in 2007. Time will also be allocated to follow up this work at the 2007 General Assembly where the Strategic Plan will be adopted and particular attention will be given to looking at the implications of the strategic plan for the work of the National Networks.

Participation of People Experiencing Poverty in the Network: The participation of people experiencing poverty is an important area for Network Development in EAPN. The European Meetings of people experiencing poverty provide an important catalysis for this work in EAPN. The 6th such meeting took place in 2007 under the programme of the German Presidency of the EU. EAPN wants to see that rather than these meeting been once off events that they are a high point in an ongoing process of developing the participation of people experiencing poverty in the National Networks and the members of the National Networks. EAPN is glad to report in this activities report that great strides were made in this direction in the last year with an increasing number of Networks having taken extra steps to build a more consistent participation of people experiencing poverty linked to the follow up of the fifth European meeting and the preparation of the sixth meeting. Hopefully these events at the National, regional or local level will further develop in the coming year and result in a stronger ownership of the EAPN Network by people who themselves experiencing poverty and social exclusion.

To assist to this development EAPN has a mainstream group on participation. The work of this group, which was reflected in an issue of the EAPN Newsletter on participation, is to ensure that there is a strong link between the outcomes of the European meetings and the further development of the EAPN Network.

History of EAPN: Having available the knowledge about the story of the Networks development can be an important part of laying the foundations for a good capacity development strategy. During 2007 EAPN continued to liaise with a researcher who is compiling a 'history' of EAPN. This work should come to fruition during 2008.

Activity Reports from National Networks: During 2007 activity reports were received from the following National Networks: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and Portugal.

Human Resources and Financial Management

Human Resources:

2007 was a time of great change in the secretariat of EAPN. Two long standing members of the secretariat team (Patrizia Brandelero, Policy Officer and Cynthia Nolmans, Office Manager) having both worked for more than seven years with EAPN left to take up new positions. This followed on the departure in late 2006 of our long standing Information Officer (Vincent Forrest) who also left to take up new positions. In addition two new posts were developed in the team, development officer and part time secretary. This presented a great challenge to EAPN to rebuild its secretarial team.

Fortunately EAPN has been able to recruit highly skilled and experienced personnel to fill these key posts and despite these changes in staff team the new secretariat has managed in a short space of time to re build its secretarial team and despite this being a very busy period the quantity and quality of the work has been impressive. While we miss the experienced staff members who have left, the new team brings its own experience and is bringing new energy and ideas to the work of EAPN. The full list of the new secretarial team is provided in annex 1 of this report.

Also during this period we have moved office. EAPN is now located in the same building as the Social Platform and a number of other social NGOs. As well as having better office space this move can facilitate better cooperation with some key social NGOs.

Financial resources:

The accounts and audits for 2006 have been successfully completed and the matching funds needed have been raised. The Bureau and the Executive Committee have continued to pay close attention to the implementation of the 2007 budget and all is in order. An application for Core Funding under the PROGRESS programme has been submitted for the period 2008-2010 and the results of this application should be known in November 2008. The decision of the Commission to progressively increase the percentage of matching funds that must be provided by EAPN places a constant challenge to our fund raising abilities and once again it raises the question of the future sustainable funding of the Network. The Bureau of EAPN are aware of this difficulty and are attempting to develop a strategy to respond to this challenge.

For effective and inclusive policies and actions

Lisbon Agenda

Response to the 2006 Implementation Reports/Annual Progress Report:

In January, EAPN published the report of member's responses to the [Implementation Reports on the National Reform Programmes](#) of the revised Lisbon process (which analyses performance on macro/micro and employment policy). Key concerns were raised about the loss of visibility of poverty and social inclusion, the limited link with the social inclusion process (feeding in and feeding out to the OMC social protection and social inclusion), the slow progress on governance and participation, particularly for NGO stakeholders, the lack of focus on creating an inclusive labour market. This was followed by the EAPN [Response to the Annual Progress Report and the Joint Employment Report](#) in the beginning of February. This position paper highlighted that although some improvements were noticeable in the focus on inclusion in the Joint Employment Report the overall reading showed a disturbing lack of willingness to put poverty at the heart of EU policies and actions

Coordinated approach to Lisbon:

Although member states are only preparing an implementation report in 2007, prior to the new National Reform Programme in 2008, this year has proved crucial because of a possible revision of the Integrated Guidelines (macro, micro and employment) which underpin the strategy. EAPN has for the first time attempted to engage with the broader economic debate, highlighting the need for the EU to develop a coherent sustainable development vision, which balances the social with the economic and environmental concerns through a coordinated approach involving the Executive Committee, the Structural Funds Task Force, Review Group on Social Inclusion and Employment Task Force. Following the Spring Council, EAPN has been concerned to press for a strengthening of the social dimension, through its meetings with Commissioner: Vladimir Spidla, Jerome Vignon and with the Head of the Lisbon Strategy group in the Secretariat General: Gerrit De Graaf. In July EAPN finalised a position paper: [Strengthening the social dimension in Lisbon](#) which emphasized the need for the economy to service social cohesion and proposed specific amendments to the Integrated Guidelines as well as measures to strengthen the social dimension.

National Reform Programmes:

EAPN is continuing this coordinated approach between the various task forces in preparing a response to the Implementation Reports on the National Reform Programmes 2007, which analyses member states performance in delivering social inclusion priorities in the macro/micro and employment policy fields. A report will be finalized by the end of the year.

OMC Social Protection Social Inclusion:

EAPN working Groups on Social Inclusion:

The Steering Group met on the 10th of February and the 16th June, with a Review Group meetings held on the 11th and 12th of May in Brussels and the 28th and 29th of September in Seville. The main focus of the Steering Group's work was the detailed planning of the work programme for 2007. The group agreed follow-up lobbying actions around the Joint Report on Social Inclusion and Social Protection including letters to the Social Ministers, and to the Prime Ministers prior to the Spring Council. As 2007 is a light year in the NAP inclusion process, it was decided that the Review Group would focus on the agreed priorities: child poverty and active inclusion, but by developing an EAPN approach, whilst continuing to flag up EAPN concerns related to other priorities eg ethnic minorities and migrants, housing, health etc and by carrying out an evaluation of the achievements and key challenges in the OMC process. This work was

finalised in a report: Light year: Hard Work!! which drew on the Review Group member's responses to a questionnaire. The report and key messages were presented to the Round Table in the Azores on the 16/17 October.

The Review Group worked on the light-year themes through participative mini-seminars on the topics of active inclusion and child poverty, involving Hugh Frazier, coordinator of the Independent Experts Group synthesis report and Jana Hainsworth, the Eurochild Chief Executive, and on Active Inclusion the Spanish SPC member. These discussions acted as a stimulus for the development of national seminars, which EAPN participated in on Child Poverty organized by the UK in July and in Spain on the 27th September. The Review Group has also been pursuing its own agenda deepening its work on the definition and visibility of poverty and inequality. A fact sheet/explainer has been finalised. A key concern was also to support new members of the RG and promote a dynamic interchange both during and between the RG meetings. A training/induction session was organised as part of the Review Group meeting in May and mutual exchange and support promoted through participative sessions in the Review Group meeting in September. The Review Group members were also asked by the Commission's, Indicators Task Force to participate in testing criteria for the development of indicators on material deprivation, through the organisation of focus groups involving people experiencing poverty.

Peer Review:

EAPN has been invited to participate in two Peer Reviews: On the Structural Funds, Multi-regional Operative Programme to Combat Discrimination (October, Spain) and the NAP Inclusion Social Forum (November, Ireland).

Round Table on Poverty:

The Round Table was held on the 16-17 October, in the Azores, and focussed on Minimum Social Standards: a Strategy for Protection and Empowerment with workshops on strengthening the social dimension in Lisbon, preparing 2010 as well as on active inclusion, gender, ethnic minorities, child poverty, extreme poverty...30 representatives from EAPN were invited from national networks as well as 6 people experiencing poverty, whilst EAPN provided 4 speakers and presented a statement and video from the 6th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty as well as the EAPN 2007 Light Year report.

Preparing for 2010:

EAPN has been actively involved in the discussions with the Commission over 2010, and provided a detail response to the questionnaire circulated, as well as follow-up discussions with the Commission staff and members of the SPC. The EU we want campaign group has been responsible for coordinating this work, which has been discussed in the Review Group as well as other Task Forces.

Employment policies

EAPN Employment Task Force:

The Employment Task Force had three meetings during the year (in March, June and September). These meetings allowed:

- an exchange of expertise concerning developments in relation to employment in the different Members States from the point of view of the fight against poverty, as well as action and projects in relation to employment members are involved in (support to unemployed people, training, re-integration activities);
- the monitoring of EU processes in relation to employment and the planning of EAPN lobbying actions aiming at voicing the interests of people excluded in these policy developments
- the planning and shaping of EAPN initiatives in relation to employment.

Each of these meetings had their own specificities. During the first meeting an induction session was organised, in order to facilitate the integration of new members and the ownership of the renewed working organisation of EAPN, which proved very useful. The second meeting in June gathered the whole Task Force, including corresponding members who only meet once a year, and was more in the format of a seminar. It gave the opportunity for a discussion with Commission DG Employment representatives (Desk Officer for Germany and Policy Coordinator on Flexicurity). It gave also the opportunity for a discussion on how we do EAPN lobbying at different levels, and included also a discussion with representative of the European Platform of Social NGOs. The third meeting was more devoted to policy discussion and planning the work programme 2008. It identified as priorities the project of a video on 'good activation', the project of an awareness raising seminar on Employment National Action Plans, and the need to better integrate the issue of immigration in our work.

In addition, the Employment Task Force insured that all over the year EAPN is represented, either by EAPN staff or by members of the group, in relevant EU events in relation to employment, whether organized by the Commission, the EU Presidency, research bodies, or other actors. Notably Employment Task Force insured a good representation of EAPN in the 2007 Employment Week in Brussels.

The Task Force also gave input to the June issue of EAPN Network News focusing on Employment issues.

The main policy topics discussed by the Task Force during the year were:

Labour Law modernization: In response to the Commission green paper on the modernization of Labour Law (end 2006), EAPN issued a paper on 30 March, highlighting 12 key points.

Flexicurity: In response of Commission Communication "towards common principles on flexicurity" (June 2007), EAPN issued a position paper ("*The security we need can not be summarized by secured transitions between jobs*"). We reiterated our position in an open letter EAPN disseminated on 2 October calling EU Ministers for Employment and Social Affairs to make flexicurity deliver the social cohesion citizens are expecting. EAPN position on flexicurity has been highlighted at various meetings, and also taken on board in Social Platform common positions.

Active Inclusion: The Employment Task Force has been following with great attention the developments related to the Commission consultation on "*On action at EU level to promote the active inclusion of the people furthest from the labour market*". This consultation is proposing, under the concept of 'active inclusion', a policy mix bringing together 3 components within an integrated approach:

1. A link to the labour market through job opportunities or vocational training
2. Income support at a level sufficient for a dignified life
3. Better access to services

The Employment Task Force will contribute to EAPN response to the second phase of this consultation (open till end February 2008). Obviously, they will insist that policy priorities should include developing concrete pathways to employment and social integration as well as developing employment supply, and a stand up against all types of attacks and stigmatisation of the unemployed within 'activation' policies.

Social Economy: The action plan drafted after the seminar organised by the Employment and Structural Task Forces in Malta in November 2006 was discussed by the Employment Task Force who decided as a first step to draft an EAPN position paper on Social Economy, wrapping our conclusions in a more political tone, stressing how Social economy can support Social Inclusion through work integration, and how consequently it should be supported, but also what we think the Social Economy should not be, pointing out some worrying national developments. This paper 'Social Economy as a tool for social inclusion' has been adopted and issued in September 2007. It will be then discussed informally with social economy actors (a first meeting with the European Standing Conference of Co-operatives, Mutual societies, Associations and Foundations (Cep-Cmaf) is planned for November.

Lisbon and the European Employment Strategy: Employment Task Force members have contributed to EAPN report on the 2006 Implementation reports on the National Reform Programme “Making Lisbon deliver for people experiencing poverty” by their comments on the Employment part of the Reports. Task Force Members will contribute to the review of their country 2007 Lisbon Implementation reports to be submitted by Member States on 15 October. Again their comments will be integrated into an EAPN report on the Lisbon strategy.

Structural Funds

2007 was marked by debates around the adoption structural funds programming documents. Two meetings of the structural funds taskforce took place in March and September (in combination with a seminar on NGOs’ access to structural funds).

Lobbying and advocacy in relation to the negotiations process –

Based on a questionnaire filled in by members, EAPN sent out in March an action calling on the Commission to play an active role in the negotiations, and ensure that key principles from the regulation are met, but also that Member States use fully the funds’ potential in terms of fighting poverty. A press release was sent to main structural funds contacts. Meetings with EU institutions representatives included:

- Meeting with Commissioner Spidla and his cabinet (April)
- Meeting with a representative from DG Regio to discuss the negotiation process (during the March Taskforce)
- Meeting with the European Social Fund coordination unit (April)
- Meeting with responsible for relations with civil society within DG Region (October)
- Participation in ESF anniversary in Potsdam (June).

Information and mutual learning

Regular updates on the state of play of the programming period were circulated to members, and a specific issue of Network News on structural funds was prepared (to be published early 2008). Information briefings were developed on key topics (see below). Information on projects developed by other members was also circulated. During the September taskforce meeting, a specific workshop was held, with preparatory work from members, to better get to know the activities of other taskforce members in relation to structural funds. A new structural funds webpage was also developed, to be launched in November.

Supporting EAPN members engaged with structural funds

In April, a guidance note was produced as a complement to the structural funds manual. Other supporting documents were developed to support national networks’ involvement and lobby activities in the process, in particular a compilation of quotations from the main background documents (such as the structural funds regulation) Member States have to follow in drafting NSRF and OPs and a list of contacts of European Commission desk officers dealing with specific countries.

Ensuring a strong social inclusion dimension in new programming documents

This dimension was integrated in most advocacy activities, and a specific session on social inclusion proofing of programming documents. Work was done on developing better links between the OMC on social inclusion, the Lisbon strategy and structural funds, which included input in EAPN activities linked to the OMC and the Lisbon strategy. A briefing was also developed on this issue.

Strengthening partnership in structural funds

The issue of partnership with civil society in governance and implementation of structural funds was at the heart of all lobbying/advocacy and capacity-building activities this year, with a specific focus on financial mechanisms in implementation and capacity-building for NGOs (through global grants and technical assistance). More specifically, EAPN representatives spoke in two workshops on partnership during the Open Days of Regions and Cities in October.

Building upon the EQUAL programme

The follow up of the EQUAL programme and the mainstreaming of its principles (transnationality, partnership, innovation, focus on disadvantaged groups) is one key concerns for NGOs in the new programming period. It was included in all lobby activities and a briefing was developed on the future of the transnational dimension (including also in the URBACT and INTERREG programmes).

Alliance-building

EAPN met and cooperated with a number of networks involved in structural funds. This included interventions of CECODHAS and eurocities representatives during the March taskforce, as well as bilateral meetings with European Disability Forum, eurochild, ECAS, Friends of the Earth. EAPN also organised an NGO brainstorming meeting in October to discuss potential future cooperation.

Development of a project on technical assistance

EAPN has developed a proposal to establish a pan-European support unit of six for technical assistance which will work in clusters with NGOs in the Member States, to build their capacity of engaging with structural funds. The activities identified in the project include seminars, training on specific topics, cross-border and pan-European support. A meeting took place with the European Commission on 10 October to discuss the proposal. Foundations were also approached.

Other policy areas

Minimum Income Campaign

Background of this new project: EAPN is convinced that adequate Minimum Income (MI) for a dignified life is essential to allow everyone participate fully in society and is the sound basis of which a society delivering quality of life is to be built. At the same time we witness a situation where the various systems in place still present huge weaknesses (level, accessibility...), and there is a lack of political willingness to move forward, as well as and negative image assorted to it. But there is currently a window of opportunity with the ongoing Commission consultation process re Active Inclusion.

In line with the decision of adopting a more campaigning approach, a new working group has been set up, with the mission of developing an EAPN campaign on Minimum Income. This group met up 3 times, and achieved to shape the format of a campaign for which the material is being developed by the Secretariat.

Aims of the campaign: In the short term, the campaign is expected to:

- Raise awareness within EAPN national members and wider circles of the importance of the issue and of the windows of opportunity opened at EU
- Mobilize around the issue a target audience (members of organisations in membership of EAPN and people in contact with these organisations (social workers, local authorities, public concerned by the issue, civil society organisations..), which is expected to relay the campaign towards key political decision makers
- Have an impact on the second stage of the Active Inclusion EU consultation: have MS respond favourably to the Commission initiative (open letter)

In the medium term, the aim is that the campaign will be to:

- Impact on Active Inclusion process: satisfying follow up of the consultation
- Build sustainable EAPN message
- Raise profile of EAPN EU and National Networks as campaigning organisations

Format of the campaign The campaign will be made of:

- A simple and direct message (Adequate MI as a right to decent life for all, and a beneficial for all society) plus detailed back ground information.
- It will be launched at the end of the year and its first phase will last 2/3 months, aiming at mobilizing around the second stage of the consultation on Active Inclusion.

The EU We Want:

The newly established campaign group on the EU We Want met three times during the Year (February, May and October). The group decided to try to develop a short set of clear demands that represent the EU We Want. The 2010 EU Year against Poverty will give a focus to the work of the group and we discussed what we want from this year, the production of a tool kit to help our members get the most of this year. The group organised a seminar on “putting poverty back on top of the EU agenda”, which took place on 13-14 September, which aimed to build a strong alliance for a new momentum for the fight against poverty and to try to ensure a successful EU Year against. A roadmap was also developed for the campaign, which will start its operational phase in 2008.

Services:

EAPN has developed a new small adhoc Services Group Meeting which has met three times (In February, May and November). The group established terms of reference and developed a draft work programme. The group aimed to try to act as a resource for the networks helping them to understand and engage with the complex area of the Services Directive, Services of General Interest and Social Services, as well as supporting lobbying action on key areas. The discussions in the group have highlighted the strong differences of opinions across the different national networks, and underlined the difficulties of arriving at a clear-cut consensus on the issues of SGI and SSGI.

The group has drafted an explanatory statement on the implications of the Services Directive and has actively participated in the Social Platform’s campaign and actions on Social Services of General Interest and Services as well as moving forwards on an EAPN position. EAPN has sent a letter of support to ETUC/EPSU and actively supported their campaign and petition in defence of public services and in support of a framework directive on services of general interest. Members have participated actively in a series of national and EU events including the Commission’s Seminar on SSGI in June, in the First Forum on Social Services of General Interest in Lisbon in September and in the Green Parties Seminar on Social and Health Services in the Parliament, as a key speaker on user perspectives and participation. The group has helped EAPN start to actively engage in the SGI debate particularly related to network services – Energy and has contributed a joint proposal with EPSU for amendments to the Parliamentary own opinion on the Energy Directive related to fuel poverty and the need to increase stakeholder involvement in the regulation of the services. EAPN also spoke at the hearing in the EESC on the horizontal evaluation of SGI, highlighting concerns about the lack of focus and participation of low-income users and the impact of privatisation and liberalisation of SGI. EAPN responded to the Commission’s consultation on the proposal for a Charter on Energy Consumer’s Rights in September, highlighting these concerns.

EAPN has also participated actively in the Social Platform work on services.

Social Agenda - Social Reality Stocktaking:

A new element has been the publishing of a new social reality report from Barroso’s Bureau of Economic Policy Advisors, which is subject to a consultation process. The consultation is open until the 31st December, and EAPN has drafted a contribution to this consultation, focusing on the state of play of poverty in the EU and the consequences in terms of new EU social agenda.

Constitution/Plan D:

On 25th March 2007, the European Union celebrated its 50th anniversary. EAPN has developed a toolkit to support national networks’ engagement with the process, providing practical information,

possible arguments and links to key documents. A briefing was developed on the state of play of the constitutional process, setting out possible actions for EAPN. It should serve as a background to the next EXCO debate. EAPN sent a letter to Heads of State and Government, ahead of the June Council, calling on them to safeguard steps towards a more social EU and more participatory democracy, keep the Charter of Fundamental Rights in, consider the idea of a social protocol. Following the publication of the IGC mandate, EAPN sent a press release welcoming the balancing between social and free market objectives and other positive elements concerning Social Europe, but calling on EU political leaders to secure social policy's rightful place at the top of the EU agenda in the upcoming IGC negotiations.

Transparency – Representativity of NGOs:

EAPN inputted in the activities of the Social Platform and the Civil Society Contact Group and circulated information provided by the groups to its members. This included in particular the follow-up of the transparency initiative through the publication of a Commission communication in March 2007.

Sustainable Development Strategy:

EAPN continues to follow the EU Sustainable Development Strategy. Member State reports under the strategy were to be submitted for September 2007. EAPN will make an assessment of the extent to which the member state reports picked up on the social inclusion part of the strategy (which is based on the OMC on social protection and social inclusion).

Mainstreaming the fight against discrimination in EAPN's work

Gender Mainstreaming/Ethnicity, Immigration, Racism and Poverty

The mainstreaming group met in January, April and September. The secretariat took part in the ENAR European organisations coordination meeting on 26 February, 8 May and 11th September. EAPN provided input into ENAR activities, in particular its seminar on social integration on 1st March (two ENAR speakers) and its ad hoc expert group on social and economic inclusion (15-16 March, two speakers), training on the NAPS (26-27 October). The migration paper was finalised and should be adopted by the November EXCO. The Secretariat took part in a training on diversity on 17 September. A work plan on mainstreaming diversity was developed. EAPN inputted in the Social Platform's contribution on the future EU anti-discrimination initiative and on the Fundamental Rights agency.

Projects contributing to Inclusive Policies and actions

The projects below are projects in which EAPN participated. They are all funded from separate budgets to the EAPN core funding budget received through the Social Exclusion Programme for our 2007 work programme.

Mainstreaming Social Inclusion: This project reaches its end with the presentation of the findings from the research done on measuring the extent of mainstreaming of social inclusion in the partner countries at a conference in Brussels on 21 March. The materials from this project are available on www.msieurope.eu

Transnational project on Observatories: This project will be finalised at a meeting in November 2007 where a guide on local observatories will be launched.

The EU and Social Standards: This project concluded in the summer of 2007. The final Report of the project was presented at the Round Table in the Azores. The report is available on the EAPN web site.

Mobilising the society in favour of policies to fight against poverty and social exclusion

Information and Media Work

During this period EAPN continued to be active through press release and publications to try to make the fight against poverty in the EU more visible.

Publications

Network News

- The November/December 2006 issue of Network News focused on child poverty in Europe. It also highlighted the German EAPN network, Germany holding the Presidency of the EU in the first semester of 2007.
- The January/March issue of Network News focused on poverty in the EU agenda. It also highlighted the Bulgarian EAPN network, Bulgaria having joined the EU in January 2007.
- The April/June issue of Network News focused on the EU labour markets. It also highlighted the Portuguese EAPN network, Portugal holding the Presidency of the EU in the second semester of 2007.
- The July/September issue of Network News focused on the participation of people experiencing poverty. It also highlighted the Hungarian EAPN network, the Hungarian network hosting the 2007 EAPN General Assembly in November.
- Network News was printed in English and French only, and a PDF version is made available in six other languages (German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Danish and Hungarian). Network News will also be available in Greek soon.

EAPN-Flash

Fifteen issues of the EAPN Flash were issued from December 2006 to October 2007

EAPN Policy Brief

An issue of the EAPN Policy briefing was issued every two months from December 2006 to October 2007 and was made available online in the extranet section of the EAPN website.

Reference materials

Press releases:

There were **12 press releases** issued between December 2006 and October 2007:

- EAPN deeply concerned at the disappearance of a clear focus on the eradication of poverty in the EU (released in December 2006 following a meeting between social NGOs, Commission officials and the EU Social Protection Committee)
- Put Poverty and Social Exclusion back at the heart of Lisbon! (released in January on the eve of the EU's Employment Committee meeting due to prepare input to the EU Spring Council)
- EAPN calls on the Council to step up a gear in the fight against poverty (released in February on the eve of the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council)
- Cause for serious concern for the poorest in Europe: EAPN responds to the conclusions of the EPSCO Council (issued in February in response to the EPSCO Council's conclusions)
- European Summit conclusions raise expectations for the fight against poverty! (Published in March in response to the European Spring Council's conclusions)
- EAPN calls on the Commission to ensure that social inclusion is given rightful place in the new Structural Funds round (issued in April at a crucial time when the European Commission had embarked on a process of scrutinising Member States' National Strategic Reference Frameworks and Operational Programmes for 2007-2013)

- Where to now on Social Services? Will the Commission take up the torch? (issued in June to welcome the initiative taken by the Collective SSIG FR in organizing the seminar held in Brussels on 5th June to discuss ways of moving forward in the debate on Social and Health Services of General Interest)
- European Summit: A Social Europe...but not quite yet! (released in June right after the agreement reached on 23 June by the European Council on the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) mandate which will provide the basis and framework for the drawing up of the new "Reform Treaty")
- Informal EPSCO Council - EAPN calls on EU Social Ministers to strengthen the social dimension of the Lisbon strategy (released in July ahead of the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council due to take place in Portugal on 5-7 July)
- "The security we need cannot be summarised by secured transitions between jobs!" (issued in July following the EAPN's response to the Commission Communication on Flexicurity)
- EAPN calls on EU Employment Ministers to make "flexicurity" deliver the social cohesion citizens are expecting (issued in October at a time when the common principles on Flexicurity to be adopted by the Council on Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs in December are being elaborated)
- EAPN marks the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (released in October on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)

Position papers:

There were **six new position papers** put on the EAPN website between December 2006 and October 2007:

- EAPN RESPONSE to the Green Paper "Modernizing labour law to meet the challenges of the 21st century" [11/04/2007]

In its response to the Commission's Green Paper on Labour Law, EAPN states that there is a need for Labour Law to adapt in order to play its protective function regarding the development of precarity and to contribute to an inclusive labour market.

- EAPN's contribution to the Commission's questionnaire on the 2010 European Year for fighting exclusion and poverty [01/06/2007]

EAPN and its members just released their contribution to the questionnaire sent by the European Commission on the 2010 EU year against poverty

- EAPN POSITION PAPER: Strengthening the social dimension of the Lisbon Strategy - the EAPN's response to the Lisbon integrated Guidelines [3/7/2007]

This document gathers the EAPN proposal for strengthening the social dimensions of Lisbon in the context of the discussion on the revision of the Integrated Guidelines for the Lisbon Strategy

- EAPN POSITION PAPER: The security we need cannot be summarised by secured transitions between jobs! [11/07/2007]

In its response to the Commission Communication "Towards common principles of Flexicurity: more and better jobs through flexibility and security", EAPN warns: "The security we need cannot be summarised by secured transitions between jobs! It requires high levels of social protection, quality employment and respect of fundamental rights."

- EAPN POSITION PAPER: Social economy as a positive force for employment and social inclusion [25/09/2007]

This position paper explains what social economy is for EAPN. It also lists 'good activation' criteria for Social enterprises promoted by EAPN and presents recommendations for more visibility and a more efficient support to 'Inclusive social economy'.

- EAPN Response to the Communication from the European Commission "Towards a European Charter on the Rights of Energy Consumers" [03/10/2007]

This document sets out the EAPN's response to the Communication highlighting possible elements for a future Charter on the Rights of Energy Consumers that the European Commission published following the opening up of Europe's gas and electricity markets to competition on the 1st July.

Letters to Decision makers

There were **four letters sent to decision makers** put on the EAPN website between December 2006 and October 2007:

- EAPN letter to EU Prime Ministers and Heads of State ahead of the 2007 European Spring Council [5/3/2007]
- EAPN's letter to the EU Heads of State and Government ahead of the June European Council [01/06/2007]
- EAPN's letter to the EU Ministers of Employment and Social Affairs ahead of the July EPSCO informal Council [3/7/2007]
- EAPN's letter to the EU Ministers of Employment and Social Affairs on the Flexicurity common principles [02/10/2007]

Books - Reports:

The following reports, etc. were put on the EAPN website between December 2006 and October 2007:

- EAPN REPORT: The 2006-8 National strategy reports on social protection and social inclusion: What do they deliver for people in poverty? [15/12/2006]

This report presents EAPN's impressions of the impact of the streamlined process on the fight against poverty. The central focus of this report is on the NAPs/incl integrated in the National Reports.

- EAPN REPORT: Making Lisbon deliver for people experiencing poverty: EAPN response to 2006 Implementation Reports on the National Reform Programs [09/01/2007]

This reports sets out the findings and key messages that have been drawn from an analysis made by the EAPN national and European member's of the 2006 Implementation reports on the National Reform Programs.

- EAPN's report of the Malta roundtable discussion on the Structural Funds [23/01/2007]

- EAPN REPORT: EAPN response to the Annual Progress Report and the Draft Joint Employment Report [02/02/2007]

In this paper EAPN provides a brief assessment of how far the new Annual Progress Report and the Draft Joint Employment Report have acted on its concerns. By doing a joint reading of these two reports EAPN wants also to check the consistency between the Employment focused orientations and the general Lisbon political framework they are embedded in.

- EAPN's report on "Social economy as a tool for inclusion" [5/3/2007]

This report on "Social economy as a tool for inclusion" is based on a seminar the Employment and Structural Funds Task Forces of EAPN held on 3 November 2006 in Malta.

- EAPN TOOL KIT: Engaging in the Lisbon National Reform Programmes 2007 [25/09/2007]

This tool kit is designed to help national networks engage with the National Reform Programme (2006-8) of the revised Lisbon Strategy and provides specific information on the 2007 Implementation Report. It primarily focuses on the Employment guidelines but makes reference to the macro and micro elements.

- EAPN TOOL KIT: Engaging with the NAP Inclusion and the National Reports on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2006-8: Light Year (2007) [25/09/2007]

This tool kit is designed to help EAPN national networks engage with this “light year process”, specifically targeting action around the NAP inclusion, both at national and EU level and to provide supporting information that will enable networks to contribute to the questionnaire which will form the basis of the EAPN EU Report on Social Inclusion and Poverty 2007.

- EAPN REPORT: LIGHT YEAR: HARD WORK! [18/10/2007]

In this report, EAPN have set out to evaluate progress made under the ‘light year’ of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC), and in particular on the National Action Plans (NAPs) Inclusion in 2007, and to ask what has been the benefit for the fight against poverty and social exclusion?

- Report of the 6th European Meeting of People experiencing Poverty [29/10/2007]

Report of the fifth European meeting of people experiencing poverty which took place in May 2007 in Brussels under the German Presidency.

Internet

A new EAPN website is being elaborated and should be put online by the end of 2007.

The design and structure have already been agreed following a large consultation of the EAPN secretariat, and small groups from the Exco and working groups. The content is currently being drafted in collaboration both with the EAPN Secretariat and the National Networks.

The new EAPN website aims to feature more comprehensive information about what EAPN is, who EAPN members are, what EAPN is doing and what his position is on the different issues we work on. Another objective is to give more information about Poverty in the EU. The Members’ room (former extranet) will be developed to allow each EAPN policy officer to work in closed cooperation with the working groups and display all the relevant information for the members.

The structure of the new website being flexible, it will allow to change it according to our needs, adding sections, removing others, adding discussion forums if needed, etc. A first draft of the new EAPN website will be presented to the GA participants in Budapest.

Poster Exhibition:

The poster exhibition from the fifth meeting of People Experiencing Poverty has been displayed in England and in Spain.

Films

A video featuring the key messages of the 6th European Meeting of people experiencing poverty as well as the 3D objects made by the participants was produced in September 2007 and presented to the Sixth European Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion in October 2007. You can watch the video at the following address:

http://www.spoonconcept.com/eapn/eapn_movie.html

Another video focusing on Employment will be produced in 2008.

Press relations

Relations with journalists are being developed. The information officer met with several Brussels based journalists specialised in Social issues. Several articles have been published on EAPN’s positions or activities in the specialised EU press or in the different Member States. A new updated press directory has also been developed.

In addition to this, a press conference was organised on the occasion of the 6th European Meeting of people experiencing poverty. This conference was a success with many articles

published at EU and national levels. It also helped raising the journalists' interest in poverty issues as proved by the number of information inquiries received after the event.

Further development

In 2008, a comprehensive communications strategy for EAPN will be elaborated. In addition to this, both internal (between the National Networks themselves as well as between the NN and the EAPN secretariat) and external communications will be strengthened.

Contact to Institutions and Alliance Building

European Union Institutions

As outlined in previous sections of this report EAPN is in constant contact with the EU Institutions in relation to its information and advocacy work. This section of the report highlights some specific contacts that may not come across in the other sections of the report.

European Parliament: The secretariat met twice (8th February, 14th March) with ATD Fourth world to plan the Fourth World Intergroup activities in 2007, as well as discuss EAPN/ATD cooperation. Proposals for a work programme of the Intergroup were developed and sent to the intergroup bureau. EAPN provided support to 3 intergroup meetings: April (50th anniversary and Constitution), June (Minimum Income), September (Child Poverty) Contact has also been maintained with the Parliament to try having a hearing on minimum income.

European Commission: On the 23rd February, EAPN president and representatives from national networks (CZ) and European Organisations (AGE) and members of the secretariat met with the Commissioner and representative of his cabinet. The main focus of the meeting was on Lisbon and the OMC, flexicurity and structural funds. This was followed up by a meeting with the Commissioner's cabinet on 19th April. Policy officers attended several meetings between the Commission and the European Networks funded under the Social Exclusion Programme. Beside, the staff is in regular contact with officials in the Commission responsible for key policy areas of concern to EAPN (see specific policy sections).

EU Presidency, Council of Ministers and Council: The Director attends as part of the Social Platform delegation the Informal Social Affairs Council held in Germany and in Portugal. In preparation of the Portuguese Presidency, EAPN Portugal led a project called from "Lisbon to Lisbon" aimed at developing an agenda for the EU presidency. In September the Director and the Development officer met with the Slovenian Social Affairs Minister to speak about the Slovenian Presidency and in particular the seventh European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty. Policy officers have met with the French Permanent Representation to discuss preparation of the French presidency. Press work was done around the EPSCO council and the Spring Council.

Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions: The secretariat participated in the hearing of the EESC Study Group on " Services of General Interest? On Social and Health Services of General Interest on the 31 January. The Director also attended an EESC meeting on sustainable development. The policy officer also attended a hearing organised in the Committee on horizontal evaluation of services of general interests (Network Industries).

Council of Europe: In January the Information officer attended the GA of the NGOs with consultative status with the Council of Europe. On the 12 and 13th March the secretariat participated in a project meeting with the new IRIS network of citizen and solidarity based initiatives, funded through the Commission's final call on EU networks under the Social Exclusion Programme.

Social Platform and Civil Society Contact Group: The Social Platform and through the Social Platform the Civil Society Contact Group remain the key NGO partners of EAPN. Throughout the year, the secretariat participated in different Social Platform working groups (see list of meetings),

including of the Management Committee, Steering Group, Social Policy Group, the Social Services Working Party, Fundamental Rights and Anti-Discrimination Group and the Employment Working Party.

Other NGOs

- In this period EAPN was involved in a number of activities organised by the European Network Against Racism (ENAR) aimed at strengthening their work in the area of EU Inclusion policies.
- Spring Group (Social Platform, EEB, ETUC) Director attends meetings of these groups and inputted into their joint statement for the Spring Council
- EU Roma Coalition: The Director has had meetings about potential involvement of EAPN in this emerging coalition.
- Social Economy Actors: In follow up to the work on social economy EAPN has had contact with a number of social economy organisations which has led to an application being made under the trans national exchange under the PROGRESS programme.

Trade Unions

EAPN was represented at the Statutory Congress of ETUC held in Seville between 21 and 24 May. A representative from ETUI participated in the seminar “An EU Free of Poverty is possible”. In relation to developments in relation to services EAPN has developed an on going contact with the Public Services Union (EPSU).

Business Europe: Efforts to create links with Business Europe has not come to fruition in this period. However the Director was invited to speak on the topic “beware of the wealth divide” at the World Forum for Business Women in Deauville.

Towards making the international context favourable to the fight against poverty and social exclusion

Globalisation

The globalisation group met at the EXCO meetings in January, May and September. The first meeting took the opportunity to evaluate activities and to clarify the main work priorities for 2007: including work on a position paper on globalisation and poverty, initial discussions with Development Organisations and the scoping of a seminar for 2008. The group expanded the scope of the position paper and worked together on revised drafts. The final draft will be presented to the EXCO early in 2008. The group analysed the current relationship, benefits and obstacles to developing links with Development NGO's on the issue of the fight against global poverty and carried out a series of meetings with: Dignity International, Concord, Global Campaign Against Poverty and Amnesty International at EU level as well as meetings as national level. Initial discussions were carried out scoping the potential for a joint seminar. This will be realized in 2008, together with a workshop at the European Social Forum.

The seminar "An EU Free of Poverty is possible" was also an occasion to interact with representatives from NGOs working on development issues. It is hoped to build on this contact in the follow up of the seminar.

EAPN continues to liaise with Dignity International and with the Economic Social and Cultural Rights Network. In addition EAPN is a member of the NGOs with consultative status with the Council of Europe and we have attended meetings in this regard, including meetings of their group on extreme poverty as well as attending meetings of their IRIS Network which deals with ethical and fair trade approaches to the fight against poverty.

Appendix 1 – Lists

List of officers and representatives

		Names / Organisations
Bureau	President:	Ludo HOREMANS
	First Vice President	Michaela MOSER
	Vice President (Secretary):	Sonja WALBOM
	Vice President (Treasurer):	Godfrey KENELY
	Vice President (Network Development)	Izabella MARTON
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	Belgium	Ludo HOREMANS
	Bulgaria	Douhomir MINEV
	Cyprus	Ninetta KAZANTZIS
	Czech Republic	Karel SCHWARZ
	Denmark	Ole MELDGAARD
	Finland	Ari SAARTO
	France	Marie-Magdeleine HILAIRE
	Germany	Anita MORHARD
	Greece	Yota ARVANITI
	Hungary	Izabella MARTON
	Ireland	Patrick BURKE
	Italy	Massimo CRUCIOLI
	Luxembourg	Karin MANDERSCHIED
	Malta	Godfrey KENELY
	Netherlands	Alida SMEEKES
	Norway	Leiv MORKVED (Replaced by Rolf Solvang)
Portugal	Julio PAIVA	
Spain	Carlos SUSIAS RODADO	
Sweden	Sonja WALLBOM	
UK	Peter KELLY	
Representatives of the European Organisations in the Exco		Maciej KUCHARCZYK (AGE) Göran LARSSON (Salvation Army) Patricia ALERT (ENOPF)

Task force membership

Review Group on social inclusion

* Also members of the steering Group on social inclusion

AUSTRIA - Werner BINNENSTEIN-BACHSTEIN*
 BELGIUM - Ludo HOREMANS
 BULGARIA - Maria JELIAZKOVA*
 CZECH REPUBLIC – Katarina KLAMKOVA
 DENMARK – Per K. Larsen
 ESTONIA – Meeli LAANE
 FRANCE - Bruno GROUES
 GERMANY – Anita MORHARD*
 GREECE – Maria MARINAKOU
 IRELAND – Candy MURHY
 ITALY - Vito TELESKA*
 LATVIA – Elina ALERE
 LITHUANIA – Viktorija DAUJOTYTE

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 SWEDEN – Gunvi HAGGREN
 UNITED KINGDOM - Katherine DUFFY*
 AGE – Maciej KUCHARCZYK*
 AIC - Martine FIALON
 ATD Fourth World - Sarah WELFORD
 EUROCHILD – Malle HALLIMAE
 FEANTSA - Liz GOSME

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DENMARK - Ole MELDGAARD
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GREECE - Nikos NTASSIOS
LUXEMBOURG – Karin MANDERSCHIED
IRELAND - Philip O'CONNOR
MALTA – Dolores GAUCI
NETHERLANDS – Quinta ANSEM
ENU - Colin HAMPTON

Corresponding members

AUSTRIA - Judith PUEHRINGER
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BULGARIA – Maria SOTIROVA
CZECH REPUBLIC – Jaromir NAVRATIL
GERMANY – Erika BIEHN
NORWAY – Gunnar Paaske
PORTUGAL – Acacio CONDE
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SWEDEN – Johannes JORGENSEN
AGE – Rachel BUCHANAN
ATD Fourth World – Marc BRINGER

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LUXEMBOURG – Klaus SCHNEIDER
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NORWAY – Leiv MORKVED
PORTUGAL - Fatima VEIGA
SLOVENIA – Robert LEVICAR
SWEDEN – Inge FALDT
AGE – Anne-Sophie PARENT
EUROCHILD – Ulrike WISSER

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Secretary: Rebecca LEE (commenced Oct 16)

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Coordinator of the European Meetings of People Experiencing poverty: Micheline GERONDAL

Appendix 2 – Meetings

EAPN meetings / seminars / conferences

Bodies	Number of meetings	Venue / Date	Number of participants
Bureau	3	04/12/06 – Brussels 16/03/07 – Brussels 03/07/07 – Brussels	5 5 5
Executive Committee	3	12-13/01/07 – Brussels 30-31/03/07 – Bari 14-15/09/07 – Brussels	21 23 22
European Organisations	2	19/03/07 – Brussels 13/09/07 – Brussels	15 12
Steering Group on social inclusion	2	10/02/07 – Brussels 16/06/07 – Brussels	6 9
Review Group on social inclusion	2	11-12/05/07 – Brussels 28-29/09/07 – Seville	16 19
Task Force on the Structural Funds	2	01-02/03/07 – Brussels 27-28/09/07 – Portugal	16
Task force employment	3	03/03/07 – Brussels 07/06/07 – Brussels 22/09/07 – Brussels	10 14 8
Basic training session	1	14-16/06/07 – Malta	13
Capacity Building Seminar	1	26-27/10/07 – Brussels	16

Activity	Venue / Date	Number of participants
Launch of the Exhibition on the 5 th Meeting of People Exp. Poverty	Brussels, 19/04/07	57
Meeting with the Romanian NGO's	Bucharest, 22/06/07	41
EAPN Conference "The EU We Want"	Brussels, 13 & 14/09/07	85

Attendance at Executive Committee meetings

Venue		Brussels 12 - 13/01/2007	Bari 30 - 31/03/2007	Brussels 14 - 15/09/2007
Networks	Representatives			
Austria	Michaela Moser	X	X	X
Belgium	Ludo Horemans	X	X	X
Bulgaria	Douhomir Minev	X	X	X
Czech Republic	Karel Schwarz	Apologies	X	X
Cyprus	Kazantzis Ninetta	X	No answer	No answer
Denmark	Ole Meldgaard	Apologies	Replaced by Henrik Gram Nielsen	X
Finland	Ari Saarto	Apologies	X	Apologies
France	Marie-Magdeleine Hilaire	X	X	X
Germany	Anita Morhard	X	X	X
Greece	Yota Arvaniti	X	X	X
Hungary	Izabella Marton	X	X	X
Ireland	Patrick Burke	X	X	Replaced by Paul Ginnell
Italy	Massimo Crucoli	X	X	X
Lithuania	Viktorija Daujotyte	X	Apologies	X
Luxembourg	Karin Manderscheid	Apologies	X	X
Malta	Godfrey Kenely	X	X	X
Netherlands	Alida Smeekes	X	X	X
Norway	Leiv Morkved	X	X	Replaced by Rolf Solvang
Portugal	Julio Paiva	X	X	X
Spain	Carlos Susias	X	X	X
Sweden	Sonja Wallbom	X	X	Apologies
UK	Peter Kelly	X	X	X
Eos	Representatives			
SALVATION ARMY	Göran Larsson	X	X	X
ENOPF	Patricia Alert	X	X	X
AGE	Maciej Kucharczyk	X	X	X
TOTAL		21	23	22

External meetings attended by EAPN

Date	Description	Venue
Nov 2006		
2-4	Structural Funds TF	Malta
2-4	Employment Task Force	Malta
3	Joint SF and ETF Seminar: social economy	Malta
6	Director makes input at Capacity Building Seminar at SP	Brussels
7	Policy and Development Officers attends meeting of Social Policy Group SP	Brussels
7-8	Director attends meeting of OASI (Observatory) project	Helsinki
9-10	Director and Policy and Development Officer attends Finnish Presidency Conference	Helsinki
9-10	Italian Exco Member and Project Officer attends Plan D – Conference	Bergamo
13	Director meets rep from GUE group in EP	Brussels
14	Members of Secretariat attend SP bi-annual meeting with Commission	Brussels
14-15	Policy Officer attends CELSIG conference in Committee of the Regions on Services of General Interest	Brussels
15-16	Director attends closing conference of Mainstreaming Project.	Brussels
17	Members of Secretariat attend stake holder meeting with Commission Inclusion Unit	Brussels
20	Organising Committee for 6 th meeting People Exp Poverty	Brussels
21	Director meets Director from SMES Europa	Brussels
23	Director meets research student	Brussels
23	Director attends on behalf of SP Meeting with Commission reps re the Sustainable Dev Strategy	Brussels
23	Policy Officer meets officer from Social Platform	Brussels
24	Director makes input to study visit of Irish NGOs	Brussels
24-25	Review Group Social Inclusion	Lithuania
29	Director makes in put at Poverty Conference in Northern Ireland	Donegal
Dec 2006		
1	PDO meets Caritas Europa	Brussels
1-2	Director attends Social Standards Project	Budapest
4-5	Policy Officer attend Commission conference on Decent Work	Brussels
5-6	Members of the Secretariat and Bureau attend SP Annual Conference, conduct workshop on wealth in Europe	Brussels
7	Director attends management committee and steering group meeting of SP	Brussels
7	Policy Officer meets French civil servants	Brussels
8	Policy Officer attend Social Platform meeting party on employment	Brussels
11-12	Exco member attends meeting with South east Europe NGOs	Belgrade

11	Director meets Danish researched re project under the 6 th Framework	Brussels
11	Policy Officer participates in SOLIDAR meeting with Commission on Migration	Brussels
11	PDO meets with representatives from Kosovo and Albania	Brussels
12	Director meets Czech student	Brussels
12	PDO meets with representative from Caritas Romania	Brussels
12	President attends CSR Conf, Electricity	Brussels
13	Policy officer attends Social Platform, social services working party meeting	Brussels
14	Director and Policy and Dev Officer meet Bureau of SPC	Brussels
15-16	Preparation meeting with National Coordinators and Facilitators for the 6 th European Meeting of people experiencing poverty	Brussels
Jan 07		
5	Director met representative from French Network interested to set up European Network on Trafficking in people	Brussels
15	Director and Policy officer attend Spring Group Meeting	Brussels
17	Director attends Social Platform Enlargement WG	Brussels
17	Director and Policy officer meet Samuel Thirion from the Council of Europe re IRIS network	Brussels
18	Director attends Social Affairs Informal Council as part of Platform delegation	Berlin
18	Policy officers attend a training on the European Social Charter	Brussels
20 -26	Vice President attends WSF	Narobi
23	Director meets Director of ESN	Brussels
23	Policy officer meet Peter Lelie Social Inclusion Unit/EC	Brussels
24	Organising Committee 6 th Meeting of people exp poverty	Brussels
24	Director meets board member of Euronet (children's network)	Brussels
25	Director and SP meets with MEP to discuss AGORA proposal	Brussels
26	Policy officer attends Social Services Working Party, Social Platform	Brussels
30	Director attends meeting in EESC on Sustainable Development	Brussels
30-31	Information officer attend the International NGO Conference organised by the Council of Europe	Strasbourg
31	Policy Officer attending CECODHAS conference on social housing	Brussels
31	Policy officer attends EESC Hearing on Social Services of General Interest	Brussels
February		
1	Policy officer meets Flaminia Bussachini Progress Coordinator from DG Employment	Brussels
2	Director part of interview panel for selecting Director of SP	Brussels
2	Policy officer meets representative from AGE	Brussels

5-6	Director makes input at Social Economy Conf	Helsinki
6	Policy officer attend social platform steering group	Brussels
7	Director attends seminar on indicators for homelessness	Brussels
7	Director, Policy team and Communication officer meeting with Jérôme Vignon, Adam Tyson, Katarina Lindahl and Peter Lelie	Brussels
9	Policy officer meeting with Michele Calandrino, official in charge of the Active Inclusion/Minimum Income dossier in the Commission	Brussels
12	Director, Policy Officers attend Social Platform Social Policy Working Group	Brussels
13	Policy team meeting with ATD team	Brussels
13	Policy officer meeting with Eurochild secretary general and member on structural funds	Brussels
15	Director meets rep from Berkley Associates	Brussels
20	Policy officer meets Sarah Welford from ATD	Brussels
22-23	Director attends OASI project (Observatories)	London
23	Policy Officer meeting with Jos Kester, official in charge of policy coordination around flexicurity in DG EMPL	Brussels
23	President and EO and Cz Exco member and Policy team meeting with Commissioner SPIDLA	Brussels
26	2 Policy Officers meet with French Permanent Representation to the EU	Brussels
26	Director and Policy Officer attend ENAR European RT meeting	Brussels
26	Policy Officer meeting with group from Kosovo	Brussels
27	Policy Officers attend EU Networks Meeting at Commission	Brussels
28	Policy Officer attend Social platform working party on employment meeting	Brussels
March		
2	Director makes input at ENAR seminar	Brussels
5	Policy officer participating in Social Platform Fundamental Rights Working Group	Brussels
5	Policy officer participates in Social Platform Services Working Group	Brussels
6	2 policy officer participates in a meeting of the French Network on employment	Paris
6	Policy officer meets Richard Polack from Social Platform	Brussels
7	Director and policy officer meet rep interested to establish EAPN Romania	Brussels
7	Policy officer meets PO from EURODAD	Brussels
8	Policy officer meets Anna Visser from ENAR to prepare ENAR social inclusion meeting	Brussels
8- 9	Rep from Employment Task Force attends Conference on the European Social Model	Nuremberg
9	Policy officer meets Jana Hansworth, Director of Eurochild	Brussels
9-10	President and Director attends Lisbon to Lisbon Seminar	Lisbon

12/13`	Policy officer participates in IRIS network meetings coordinated by the Council of Europe	Strasbourg
13	Director attend EPC policy Brief on Social Europe with the Dir General for Employ and Soc Affairs	Brussels
14	Policy officer meeting with ATD to prepare intergroup	Brussels
14	Director meets rep interested to establish EAPN in Estonia	Brussels
15	Information officer meets with Ermano Meischner (German Presidency) and Giles Goodall (DG Employment) to prepare media strategy for the 6 th Meeting of people experiencing poverty	Brussels
15-16	3 Policy Officers attend and make presentation in an ENAR high level group on Social Inclusion	Brussels
16	Italian Executive Member speaks at at conference of Etats Generaux, France	Lille
20	Organising Committee for the 6th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty	Brussels
21	Director speaks at launch of MSI study	Brussels
23	Director and policy officer attends meeting of Social Standards project	Barcelona
27	Director and Austrian Exco Member attend General Assembly of Social Platform	Brussels
28	Director and Policy Officer attend stakeholder meeting for preparing the 6th Round Table on Social Inclusion	Brussels
28	Policy Officer attend Employment Mutual Learning Seminar	Brussels
29	Policy Officers and Director met with DIESIS organization on social economy	Brussels
April		
17	Director attends meeting of Civil Society Contact Group	Brussels
17	Policy Officer meets Peter Lelie, DG Employment Social Inclusion Unit to discuss new developments on OMC.	Brussels
18	Director makes input to visiting delegation from German Federal Parliament	Brussels
19	Policy officer making presentation of EAPN to delegation of Eurodiaconia	Brussels
19	Director and policy Staff meet members of Cabinet of Commissioner Spidla	Brussels
19	Director, Policy Team and representatives from EAPN Belgium and people experiencing poverty participate in Launch of People experiencing Poverty posters in DG Employment, Rue Joseph, involving the Director General: Nikolaus Van Der Pas, the Commission and SPC representatives.	Brussels
20	Director makes input at stakeholder event on Flexicurity	Brussels
20	Policy Officer meets with Chair of the Review Group to plan Review Group meeting and National Action Plan Questionnaire 2007.	Brussels
20-21	Vice President attends Alternative Ecofin,	Berlin
24	Director attends Management Committee of Social Platform	Brussels

24	Policy officer meeting vice-head of European Social Fund coordination unit	Brussels
24	Policy officer and representatives from EAPN BE, including people experiencing poverty and EAPN Germany give presentations in the Social Platform Seminar on Quality in Social Services.	Brussels
25	Policy Officer at European Parliament Intergroup	Strasbourg
26	Director and policy staff attend Social Policy Working Group of Social Platform	Brussels
May		
3	Director attends project meeting of Observatory project	Brussels
3	Policy Officer attend conference on Flexicurity	Brussels
4-5	Sixth European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty	Brussels
8	Policy Officer attends Social Platform Employment Working party	Brussels
8	Policy Officer meets Anna Visser from ENAR to scope future collaboration on the NAPs	Brussels
9	Policy Officer coordinates EAPN Adhoc Group meeting on Services, with participation of EAPN Networks.	Brussels
10	Director speaks at launch of Europe For Citizens programme	Brussels
11-12	Policy Officer coordinates EAPN Review Group meeting on Social Inclusion, including mini-seminar on Child Poverty	Brussels
15	Policy officer meeting social platform and civil society contact group staff of EU Treaty	Brussels
15	Policy Officer at Social Platform Fundamental Rights (FRA) group	Brussels
15	Policy Officer attends Social Platform Services Working Party.	Brussels
17	Policy Officer meets Ian Golding, consultant working with EAPN Spain on social standards and other projects to discuss future collaborations.	Brussels
21	Policy officer meeting with the European Disability Forum and ECAS on structural funds	Brussels
21	Director and policy officers attend meetings in the Social Platform	Brussels
21-24	Rep from Employment Task Force attends ETUC congress	Seville
23	Policy Officer and representatives from EAPN EXCO and Social Inclusion Review Group participate in Commission's conference on Poverty and Social Exclusion amongst Lone Parents	Brussels
25	Policy Officer meets Liz Gosme from FEANTSA to discuss Child Poverty input/report	Brussels
29	Director and Policy Officer attend bi-annual meeting between Commission and Social Platform	Brussels
29	Director attends meeting of CSCG	Brussels
30	Director speaks at GA of International Network of Food Banks	Warsaw
31	Policy Officer meets a French group re a project aiming at facilitating mobility for unemployed people in rural areas	Brussels

June		
5-6	Policy Officer and Employment Task Force members attend Employment Week	Brussels
5	Director speaks at Equal seminar	Hanover
5	Policy Officer and representative from the Services Group participate in Seminar on Social and Health Services of General Interest, organized by the SSIG – FR collective.	Brussels
6	Policy Officer attends EP anti-racism intergroup	Brussels
7	Policy officer attends conference on migrants' integration	Brussels
6	Director and Policy officer attend stakeholder meeting for 6th Round Table	Brussels
6	Director meets author of "social reality stock take"	Brussels
6	Director and Policy Officer meet Eric Marlier, Indicators Sub-Group to discuss EAPN Networks input with people experiencing poverty to the criteria for material deprivation.	Brussels
7	Policy Officer meets Peter Lelie, from the Social Inclusion Unit. ²⁵	Brussels
8	Director meets with reps from Portuguese Permanent Representation	Brussels
11	Director attends management committee of Social Platform	Brussels
11	Director meets rep from DIESIS to discuss Social Economy Project application under PROGRESS	Brussels
13	Director attends final meeting of Social Standards project	Brussels
14	Policy Staff attend Social Policy Working Group, Social Platform	Brussels
14	Policy Officer attends meeting on Round Table with Commission and Presidency.	Brussels
14	Policy Officer attends meeting on PROGRESS performance management	Brussels
15	A number of EAPN representatives and staff members attend Active Inclusion Seminar	Brussels
16	Policy Officer coordinates EAPN Social Inclusion Steering Group meeting	Brussels
18	Director as President of the Social Platform meets the General Secretary of ETUC	Brussels
19	Director and Policy Officer meets Gerrit de Graaf and Jim Allen from the Secretariat General to discuss Lisbon strategy	Brussels
22	Policy Officer and Development Officer meet Anti Poverty NGO initiative in Romania	Bucharest
25	Evaluation meeting with Organising Committee of 6th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty	Brussels
25	Policy Officer meets Michele Calandrino from Commission with representatives from Social Platform to discuss Active Inclusion follow-up.	Brussels
28-29	Director attends Conference to mark 50th anniversary of ESF	Potsdam

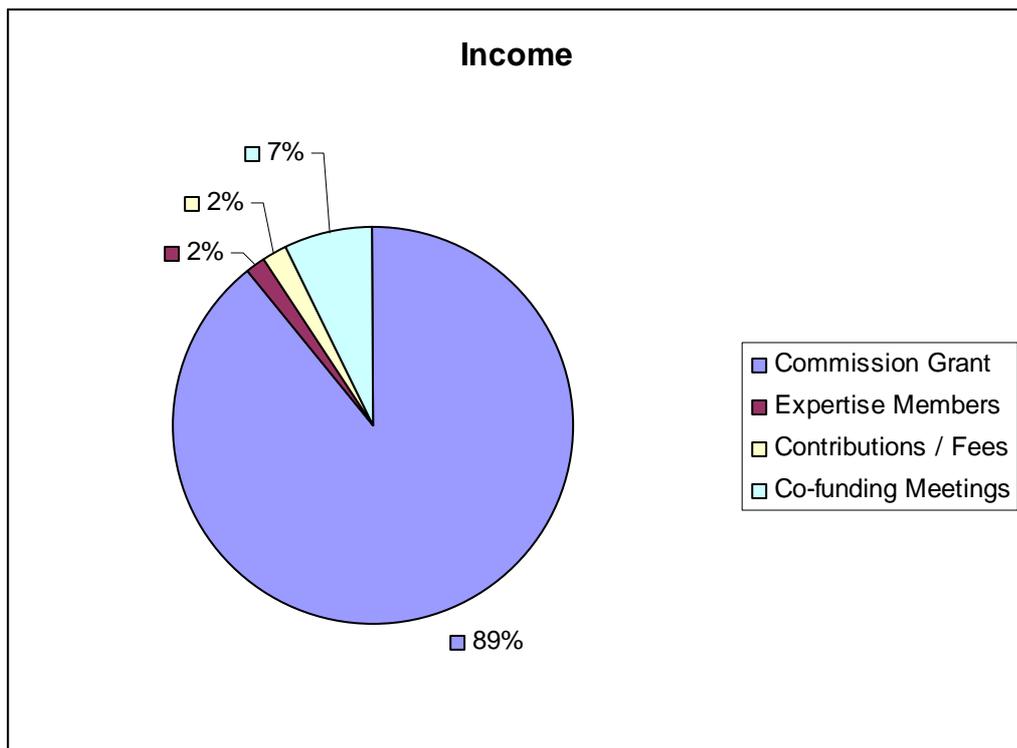
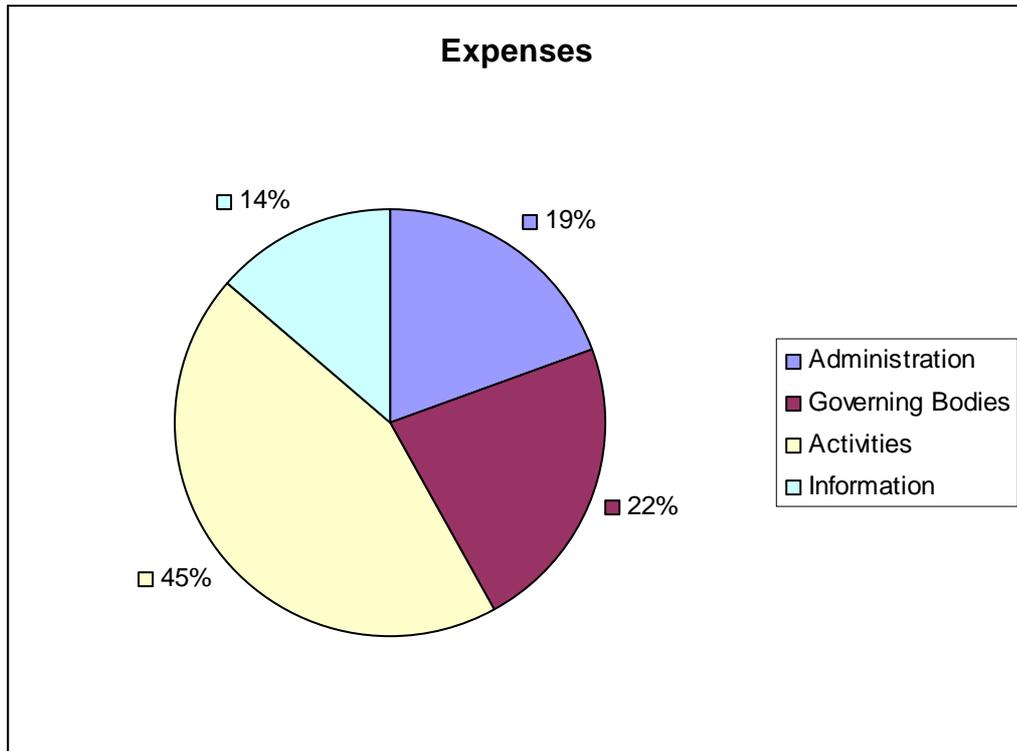
29	Policy Officer speaks at Seminar on Child Poverty organized by EAPN UK with DWP to feed into UK SPC Questionnaire	Edinburgh
July		
2	Director meets acting head of Inclusion Unit DG Employment	Brussels
3	Director meets bureau of Social Protection Committee	Brussels
5-6	President speaks at UK Meeting Of People Exp Pov,	Warwick
6	Director attends Troika meeting of Council on Employment, Health and Social Affairs	Portugal
10	Director attends management committee and steerign group of Social Platform	Brussels
11	Policy Officer attends Social Platform Services Working Party	Brussels
17	Policy officers attend Amnesty International Human Dignity campaign preparatory meeting	Brussels
17	Policy officer and EAPN President meet with Florence Laroque to provide feedback on NAP inclusion since 2001.	Brussels
August		
15	Director makes input at the conference of the Finnish Federation for Social Welfare and Health	Turku
27	Policy officer attends Social Platform meeting on anti-discrimination	Brussels
31	Director and Policy Officer meets American academic following the OMC	Brussels
September		
3	Members of Secretariat meet team working on Video from the 6th European Meeting.	Brussels
5	Policy Officer meets representative of Friends of the Earth on structural funds	Brussels
5	Director and policy officer meets Commission Official dealing with Active Inclusion	Brussels
5	Director meets representatives from emerging Roma Coalition	Brussels
6	Director and policy officers attend Social Policy Working Group, Social Platform	Brussels
6	Director meets Director of ERRC	Brussels
7	Director attends management Committee of Social Platform	Brussels
7	Policy Officer meets with DG Employment Policy Coordinator on Flexicurity	Brussels
10	Policy Officer speaks at hearing in EESC on the Horizontal Evaluation of the performance of SGI (network industries)	Brussels
11	Policy officer attends ENAR European coordination	Brussels
11	Director and Development Officer meets Academics interested in a partnership for a research project with DG Research on Participation	Brussels
11	Director and Policy Officer make input to visiting delegation from the Finnish Slot Machine Association	Brussels
12	Director attends hearing in European Parliament on Minimum Income and Minimum Wages	Brussels

13	Director and Policy Officer participate in EAPN European Organisations Meeting	Brussels
13-14	EAPN EU WE WANT conference involving EAPN Policy and Admin staff and EAPN networks and outside speakers and participants	Brussels
14-15	Director and Policy Officers participate in EAPN EXCO meeting	Brussels
17	Policy Officer and representatives from the EAPN Services Group participate in the First Forum on Social Services organized by the European Parliament and Portuguese Presidency and Commission	Brussels
17	Director and Development Officer Meet Slovenian Ministry Officials to discuss Slovenian Presidency.	Slovenia
17	Director and Development Officer Meet representatives of Slovenian NGOs to discuss building an EAPN Network in Slovenia.	Slovenia
18	Director makes input to Assembly of representatives of French Departments	Brussels
18	Director as President of the Social Platform meets President of Employment Committee	Brussels
19	Policy Officer meets representative of French Permanent Representation on NAP Inclusion	Brussels
20	President speaks at conference on services organised by Green Group in the EP	Brussels
24	Policy Officer meets representative from GCAP and Concord to discuss joint approaches on globalisation	Brussels
24-25	Director as President of Social Platform makes input at EU, Latin American/Caribbean Social Summit	Santiago de Chile
25	Policy Officers attend meeting between Commission and funded EU Networks	Brussels
27	Policy Officer and representatives from EAPN Sweden, Portugal, Slovakia and France speak at EAPN Spain's seminar on Child Poverty involving Spanish and Andalucian Government and Social Bank	Seville
28	Director attends PROGRESS Evaluation and Performance management meeting	Brussels
28-29	Policy Officer coordinates EAPN Social Inclusion Review Group meeting	Seville
28	First Organising Committee for 7th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty	Brussels
28	Communication Officer and Policy Officer meet representative of DENTSU agency on Minimum Income Campaign	Brussels
October		
1	Director makes input on Forum on EY Year of Equal Opportunities	Galway, Ireland
2	Policy Officer participates in CECODHAS Energy Experts meeting involving Commission on Energy Charter	Brussels
2	Director attends meeting of CSCG	Brussels
2	Policy officer meets with Person in charge of relation with civil society within DG Regio	Brussels
2	Director meets representatives from Council of Churches	Brussels

3	Director and policy officer attend meeting in SP on Round Table	Brussels
4	Policy Officer participates in Social Platform Services Working Group meeting	Brussels
4	Director as President of Social Platform makes input at EDF rally	Brussels
5	Director makes input at Conference organised by Czech EAPN	Opavia
5	Policy Officer meet a group from Wales involved in an EQUAL project	Brussels
8-9	Director as President of Social Platform makes input at 10th anniversary conference of Employment Strategy. Member of Employment TF attends this meeting	Lisbon
9	Policy Officer meet with DG Employment Coordinator on Mutual Learning Programme	Brussels
9	Chair of the Structural Funds Task Force and policy officer speak at EU Open Days	Brussels
9	Development Officer attends EPC Policy Dialogue on Croatia's preparation to joining EU	Brussels
10	Policy and TA officer attend NGO networking meeting on structural funds	Brussels
10	Director and policy staff meet official in DG Employment re Structural Funds Technical Assistance Project.	Brussels
10	Director and Policy officer meets official from Inclusion Unit of DG Employment	Brussels
10	Development Officer attends ECAS Conference on EU Neighbourhood Policy: Opportunities for NGOs	Brussels
11	Director as President of the SP makes input in EP event on the EU Year of Equal Opportunities	Brussels
11	Policy Officer meet with President of CEDAG on EAPN position paper on Social Economy	Brussels
12	Director makes input at Business Women's Forum	Deauville, France
12	Communication Officer and Policy Officer meet representative of DENTSU agency on Minimum Income Campaign	Brussels
15/17	Spanish member of the Employment Task Force attend a Dublin Foundation seminar	Madrid
16-17	A number of EAPN representatives and Director and Staff attend the 6th Round Table on Social Inclusion	Azores, Portugal
17	Policy officer takes part in diversity training	Brussels
23	Director attends Steering Group of SP	Brussels
25	Policy and technical assistance officers meet with Director of OSI on TA project	
25-26	Director attends Peer Review on Structural Funds	Cordoba, Spain
25-26	Policy Officer and EAPN President participate in joint ENAR/EAPN training seminar on the NAP Inclusion	Brussels
26	Communication Officer and Policy Officer meet representative of DENTSU agency on Minimum Income Campaign	Brussels
29	Director attends meeting on Roma Coalition	Brussels
31	Policy Officer meets with CECODHAS and Deputy General Secretary of EPSU to discuss joint approaches to follow-up to Energy Charter	Brussels

Appendix 3 – Accounts 2005

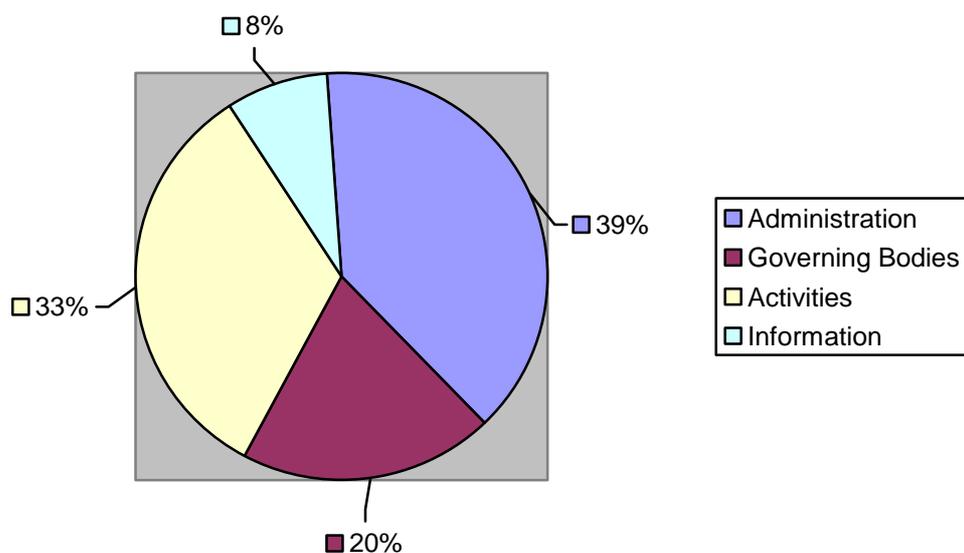
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Appendix 4 – Accounts 2006

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Expenses



Income

