

EAPN 2010 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BUILDING SOCIAL EUROPE

FROM CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY



2010 European Year for Combating
Poverty & Social Exclusion

19/02/10

Croke Park
Dublin
Ireland

languages: English / French
Register @ www.eapn.ie

What is this conference about?

The European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) is organising an international conference in Dublin to progress its vision for the legacy of the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, in the context of the EU's priorities for the next decade. The objective of this conference is to present concrete proposals for building a social Europe with the capacity to end poverty and social exclusion, and make a real difference to the 79 million Europeans who live everyday at risk of poverty. The conference will:

1. Take stock of the European Union's contribution to ending poverty and social exclusion.
2. Take forward EAPN's proposals for improving the social dimension of the EU 2020 strategy.
3. Provide an opportunity for a range of stakeholders, including people experiencing poverty, to input on how the legacy of the Year should be realised.

EAPN's proposals on the EU 2020 strategy: An EU We Can Trust will form a background to this important debate, available at: www.eapn.eu

OPENING PLENARY

09.30-
11.00

1. Introduction

Anna Visser, Director, EAPN Ireland

2. Social Europe: Perspective of people experiencing poverty (video)

3. Europe and the fight against poverty and social exclusion

Chair: Philip O'Connor, Chairperson, EAPN Ireland

- Mary Hanafin TD, Minister for Social and Family Affairs
- Marie Donnelly, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- Michaela Moser, Vice President of EAPN Europe

LUNCH

13.00-
14.15

Building bridges - optional discussion tables aimed at supporting stronger partnerships and sharing ideas to create more equal, fairer societies.

PLENARY

14.15-
15.15

Europe's Social Future: A Renegotiated Agenda

Chair: Hugh Frazer

Adjunct Professor, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

- Video Message from Jacques Delors
- Jerome Vignon, Former Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- Michel Dolle, Research Centre on Income, Costs and Social Cohesion

BREAK

11.00 - 11.30

WORKSHOPS

1. Achieving an adequate income for all and a reduction in inequalities

Chair: Mary Murphy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Irish Perspective: Bernadette McMahon, Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice
Bulgarian and EU perspective: Maria Jeliaskova, Vice Chair of the EAPN Social Inclusion Working Group

Proposer/Rapporteur: Colin Hampton, EAPN Employment Working Group

2. Right to affordable, quality services (English / French translation)

Chair: Katarina Klamkova: EAPN Czech Republic

Irish Perspective: Ann Irwin, Community Workers' Cooperative
French and EU perspective: Michel Mercadié, EAPN/FEANTSA France and Chair of Social Platform Working Group on Services

Proposer/Rapporteur: Candy Murphy, One Family and EAPN Ireland.

3. Measures to support people into decent jobs

Chair: Claudia Taylor East, President, EAPN Structural Funds Working Group

Irish perspective: Brid O'Brien, Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed
Austrian & European perspective: Judith Pühringer, EAPN Employment Working Group
Proposer: Patrick Boulte, Vice President, EAPN Employment Working Group

4. Fighting poverty by combating discrimination & promoting diversity

Chair: Maciej Kucharczyk, AGE Platform.

Irish Perspective: Niall Crowley, Independent Consultant
Slovakian and EU perspective: Slavomira Macakova, EAPN Slovakia.

Proposer/Rapporteur: Anastasia Crickley, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

5. Gender in the fight against poverty

Chair: Louise Richardson, Older Women's Network & EAPN Ireland

Irish Perspective: Susan McKay, National Women's Council of Ireland
Swedish and EU perspective: Gunvi Haggren, EAPN Sweden and Social Inclusion Working Group

Proposer/Rapporteur: Karin Manderscheid, EAPN Mainstreaming Group on Gender and Demographic Change

11.30-
13.00

The objective of the workshops is to explore and develop concrete proposals for social progress on key areas of EU policy. The workshops will look at the future of EU social policy and will draw on EAPN's recommendations on the post 2010 Agenda (see: [EU Post 2010 Strategy: An EU We Can Trust](#), available at www.eapn.eu). Workshops will generate proposals and questions for discussion during the afternoon plenary session.

Each workshop will have a chair as well as two brief inputs - one will represent the Irish perspective while the other will provide a European perspective from another Member State. Each group will have a proposer and a note taker. The proposer will present the group's proposal to the plenary session in the afternoon.

15.15 - 15.45

ENERGY BREAK

15.45-
17.15

PANEL DEBATE

The Fight against Poverty and Social Exclusion in the EU 2020 Agenda

Chair: Prof. Brigid Laffan

Principal of the College of Human Sciences

- Presentation of Workshop Proposals
- Dermot McCarthy, Secretary General, Department of An Taoiseach (TBC)
- Proinsias de Rossa, MEP
- Tonnie De Koster, Secretariat General, European Commission
- Ludo Horemans, President EAPN Europe
- Jozef Niemiec, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

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What is the 2010 European Year all about?

The 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion is a unique opportunity to influence and shape the public agenda towards tackling poverty, social exclusion and inequality. The Year is a chance for new thinking and new approaches. It is also an opportunity to deepen and broaden cooperation and solidarity with European partners, and to genuinely contribute to an international movement based on solidarity with and for those experiencing poverty across the European Union and beyond its boundaries.

EAPN is coordinating the 2010 social NGO's coalition on 2010. The NGO coalition's website is available from 19 January 2010 at:

www.endpoverty.eu

The European Commission's website is:

www.2010againstopoverty.eu

Who should attend this conference?

This public conference will actively involve EAPN members from European NGOs and national anti-poverty networks across the EU and is open to anyone with an interest in the development of policy proposals for a more social EU, and their implementation, including: people experiencing poverty, civil society stakeholders, local, national and European decision makers, social partners, academics, the broader public and the media.

Register @ www.eapn.ie

This event is supported by the Department of Social and Family Affairs

Who we are

Since 1990 EAPN has been an independent network of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and groups involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the Member States of the European Union. Together the membership of EAPN aims to put the fight against poverty high on the agenda of the EU and to ensure cooperation at EU level aimed at the eradication of poverty and social exclusion. See: www.eapn.eu

EAPN Ireland is a network of about 150 community and voluntary sector organisations, and other actors concerned with the fight against poverty and social exclusion. EAPN Ireland is a small but dynamic advocate for social and political progress in Ireland and in the European Union, for further information see: www.eapn.ie



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