

2019 National Action on Social Pillar

Network	Date	Type and short description	Links
EAPN Croatia		EAPN Croatia organised an event about Social Europe and the Social Pillar on a panel they had with MEP candidates, of which 3 of them made it (one EPP, one S&D, one ALDE).	
EAPN Finland	January 2019	EAPN-Fin and SOSTE launched a publication <i>Future of Europe – Reforming the policies of the European Union</i> in Finnish and in English. There are several articles dealing with European Semester and Social Pillar.	https://www.soste.fi/future-of-europe/
EAPN Finland	15.5.2019	SOSTE organized in Helsinki a seminar “More human Europe” 15.5. with a strong focus on the EPSR. EAPN-Fin’s chairman Jiri Sironen gave a speech in the event.	https://www.soste.fi/tapahtuma/sosten-eurovaalitulaisuus-inhimillisempi-eurooppa/
EAPN Ireland	19th, 26th and 28th March	EAPN Ireland held a series of ‘Citizen Dialogue’ workshops entitled ‘What is the role of the EU in supporting a more Equal society?’ The workshops were supported by the European Commission, which also participated in the events in Cork, Galway and Dublin. The Pillar of Social Rights provided an important context for the workshops including an input by Rosella Chioda from the Commission. Hugh Frazer, who previously coordinated the European Social Policy Network provided the opening input on the context. A summary report was published.	www.eapn.ie/publications_ireland/presentations-and-report-what-is-the-role-of-the-eu-in-a-more-equal-society/
EAPN Latvia		EAPN Latvia is currently implementing a project in the Nordic-Baltic region, to empower NGOs to conduct advocacy on social rights, and it is underpinned by the Social Pillar. Different events in different participating countries focus on different thematic areas, all of which are	

		covered by different Principles. They also give media interviews and make the link with the EPSR. In general, they try to promote the Pillar in every public event.	
EAPN Lithuania		EAPN Lithuania started using the Poverty Watch as a framework for their presentations, to illustrate the main issues and vulnerable groups.	
EAPN Lithuania	2019 09 09	Round table discussion with Šilalė municipality. Local authorities, social workers and NGOs participated in the meeting. EAPN Lithuania presented the Poverty watch and the issues on the national level. Pillar of Social Rights was also discussed in the context of Minimum Income. There was a discussion with what issues and concerns municipalities encounter, how to solve them and where we can work together.	http://www.sila.lt/go.php/lit/Diskusija-apie-skurda-lietuv-oje-ir-silales-rajone
EAPN Malta		EAPN Malta has been invited to attend a meeting with elected Maltese MEPs on 25 July, and they will also discuss how to ensure that policies don't create more poverty, but curb it. It is on the agenda to discuss principle 14 of the Social Pillar and how they can transform it into a commitment at national level, because minimum income is the cornerstone for people getting out of poverty.	
EAPN Netherlands		EAPN Netherlands tried to organise a workshop about the Social Pillar, and we invited a lot of NGOs, however we didn't have enough registrations, and had to cancel it. They will try again, focussing specifically on social services.	
EAPN Norway		EAPN Norway organised a conference together with the UBI network, where the Social Pillar featured prominently.	
EAPN Poland		ESF+ is aimed at implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, so EAPN Poland can propose in its country activities related to the implementation of the Pillar under this Fund. It is useful to make an analysis comparing the rights in the Pillar with the goals of ESF+,	

		because there are serious discrepancies, and those should be exposed.	
EAPN Portugal		EAPN Portugal is planning a series of 7 events on the EPSR, also involving local authorities and civil society. They also try to make the link between all thematic events that they organise or attend and the Pillar principles.	
EAPN Portugal	4-5/04/2019	Training on Poverty issues; the European 2020 Strategy and the European Pillar of Social Rights_Madeira	
EAPN Portugal	11/10/2019	1st Session on the European Pillar of Social Rights in Aveiro	
EAPN Portugal	05/11/2019	2nd Session of the European Pillar of Social Rights in Fundão	
EAPN Portugal	11/2019	3rd Session on the European Pillar of Social Rights_Madeira	
EAPN Spain		EAPN Spain received funding from the Ministry of Social Affairs to promote the Social Pillar at the national level, by organising a series of seminars. They also wrote a short Explainer about it, containing info on how it can be used at national level, how it can be linked with the SDGs, etc.	
IFSW		IFSW has an ongoing project to generate better understanding about the Social Pillar among its members, and look at how they can contribute to implementation. IFSW Europe had a workshop on 11/05/2019 in Copenhagen to look at what the key priorities and messages should be. As well as the EAPN priorities, IFSW is particularly concerned with Principles 11, 17, 18, and 20 (child care, inclusion of people with disabilities and long-term care). They have a particular concern about Principle 20, access to services, because social services or social care are not specifically mentioned. There will be a further seminar to agree further	

		action at the IFSW Europe Annual Delegates meeting in Vienna on 8/09/2019.	
BAGSO (German AGE member)	17 January 2019	Workshop on a grandchild-friendly future in Bonn. The workshop addressed the sustainable development goals in relation to older persons, both from a perspective of social progress for older persons and of responsibilities of older persons towards a sustainable future. AGE Platform Europe's Philippe Seidel participated in a panel outlining the importance of the European Pillar of Social Rights and its links with the SDGs	https://www.bagso.de/aktuelle-projekte/geschaeftsstelle-internationale-altenpolitik/veranstaltungen-der-gs-internationale-altenpolitik/fachtagung-eine-enkeltaugliche-zukunft-gestalten.html
AGE Platform Europe	13 June 2019	AGE Annual Conference: Equality and participation in older age: which role for social protection and education? The conference addressed the topics of the Tenth session of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, the rights to social protection and the to education and life-long learning, both enshrined also in the European Pillar of Social Rights	https://age-platform.eu/special-briefing/equality-participation-on-older-age-age-annual-conference-looks-role-social-protection
AGE Platform Europe	20 June	Release of the AGE Barometer: a report highlighting the living conditions of older persons in the EU, contributing to the European Pillar of Social Rights, the SDGs and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. This years' edition focussed on gender equality, support to find employment, age-friendly workplaces, adequate pensions, fight against	https://www.age-platform.eu/press-releases/age-barometer-reveals-complexity-socio-economic-rea

		poverty, social exclusion and loneliness and work-life balance	lities-older-pe ople-europe
AGE Platform Europe	tbd (16-18 September)	Side-Event to the Social Platform Flagship conference on EPSR Principle 18 on long-term care	https://www.socialplatform.org/what-we-do/flagship-conference/
EAPN AT	17.05.2019	general information at an EAPN introduction in Lower Austria	
EAPN AT	Oct 2018	GA in Vienna	
BAPN	28/03/2019	BAPN organised a debate in the federal parliament with all political parties in the run-up to the federal elections. The subject of this debate was the accessibility of descent minimum incomes (Article 14 of the EPSR).	https://bapn.be/storage/app/media/28%20maart%202019%20affiche%20nl%20def.pdf
BAPN	01/03/2019	In the run-up to the European elections BAPN, together with EAPN presented their campaigns at the The Belgian Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion EU2020. BAPN contextualised the development and the importance of the EPSR .	https://www.mis.be/nl/themas/armoede/armoede-en-sociale-uitsluiting/belgisch-plaform-tegen-armoede-en-sociale-4
BAPN	14/06/2019	BAPN gave its analysis of the EU Semester at the The Belgian Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion EU2020. During this	https://www.mis.be/nl/themas/armoede/armoede-en-sociale-uitsluiting/belgisch-plaform-tegen-armoede-en-sociale-4

		presentation, the presence of the EPSR in the EU Semester was discussed.	as/armoede/armoede-en-sociale-uitsluiting/belgisch-platfoorm-tegen-armoede-en-sociale-5
BAPN	02/10/2019	BAPN was invited to speak at a meeting of the administration in preparation of the new federal plan to combat poverty. The implementation of the EPSR was mentioned as an important leveler to fight poverty in Belgium and needs to be the basis of a new federal plan to combat poverty.	
BAPN	12/09/2019	BAPN was invited to speak at a the event 'Food aid and social policy in Europe'. The tension between cold and warm solidarity was discussed and the role of Europe. BAPN promoted the EPSR as an opportunity for a more structural European approach in social policy.	https://ucsia.org/home-en/themes/europe-solidarity/events/food-aid-and-social-policy-in-europe/

