



**The European Anti-Poverty Network :
Fighting for a Social Europe Free of Poverty!**

PeP

EUROPEAN MEETINGS OF
PEOPLE
EXPERIENCING
POVERTY

LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS OF POVERTY, EXCLUSION AND INEQUALITIES

13th European Meeting of People experiencing Poverty

Funding the fight against Poverty

Investing in the EU Poverty Reduction target

Brussels, 22-24 September 2014



The European Anti-Poverty Network is pleased to invite you to the European Meetings of People experiencing Poverty (PeP) which will take place in Brussels, next week, from Monday 22 till Wednesday 24 September.

EAPN organises the European Meeting of People experiencing Poverty (PeP). The Meeting is also supported by the European Commission. It aims at facilitating the meeting of people with direct experience of poverty from a large number of European countries (30 countries this year) with EU leaders and policy makers, on a different topic each year.

2014 marks the 13th edition of the European Meetings of People experiencing Poverty, which now have a dedicated website <http://voicesofpoverty-eu.net/>. All the information contained here below can be found on that very website.

WHEN CAN PRESS PARTICIPATE?

The whole meeting is open to press.

It starts at 15.00 on **Monday 22 September**, at the **Charlemagne** building of the European Commission.

The next day, **Tuesday 23 September**, the meeting will be at **Auto World, Parc du Cinquantenaire 11, 1000 Brussels**. That day will be mostly dedicated to workshops.

Commissioner Andor will speak at the Opening of the Market Place later in the day.

EAPN will also issue its press release on the event that day, with embargo till the next and last day.

Wednesday 24 September, the last day, will take place at the **Charlemagne** again.

Conclusions and key messages from the previous days will be delivered, with a **Panel Discussion chaired by Heather Roy, President Social Platform and with**

Panel:

- **Zoltán Kazatsay**, Deputy Director-General, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, responsible for the ESF
- Representative of the European Parliament (name to be confirmed)
- **Thomas Dominique**, President EU Social Protection Committee
- **Sali Guntín**, Vice-President EAPN Spain, EAPN Task Force on Structural Funds

THEME OF THE 2014 MEETING?

The key theme for the 2014 meeting is "Funding the fight against Poverty – including the use of EU Structural Funds". For People experiencing poverty, this theme can appear as quite distant from their daily reality because of the technical and administrative nature of the management of EU funded projects. However, there is now a new and potentially more favorable context both at national and EU level.

EU Structural Funds should now deliver on the **Europe 2020 poverty-reduction target** (i.e. to lift at least 20 Million people out of poverty by 2020) and 20% of the ESF will be dedicated to the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the period 2014-2020.

At the meeting, the national delegations will exchange on case studies of how structural funds are presently used to address social inclusion and suggest the types of projects that could better reach the needs of people living in poverty. The meeting provides a valuable opportunity for the European Commission to reinforce the message that in the next round of structural funds there should be a quantitative and qualitative improvement in the use of structural funds to fight poverty and promote inclusion.

In addition, **workshops** will be held on the topics of **Minimum Income for a decent life; Homeless not hopeless (building participation); Youth and Poverty; Combating Poverty and the exclusion of Migrants; Wealth and Inequality and the fight against poverty**. These workshops will show how topics discussed at previous Year's meetings are being followed up.

See here the [programme](#).

HOW?

A press badge will be given at the registration desk and a **press point** will be available on the premises.

INTERVIEWS

If you wish to make **interviews with Speakers and Delegates** from all national delegations, contact here below Nellie Epinat, EAPN's communications officer.

For **interviews with Commissioner Andor**, you can contact his spokesperson Jonathan Todd.

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- [Programme and Background information](#)
- [Figures on poverty: European Commission Eurobarometer 81 – first results \(main report\)](#) – latest figures from July 2014 – figures concerning poverty on pages 26-27. The Annex can be found [here](#) with other the other reports.
- [Press Kit on European Social Fund](#)
- Information on the [Fund for the most deprived](#)

- Messages and photos
 - See also the [Photo album of the 2013 Meeting of PeP](#)
 - Read [here personal testimonies and snapshot messages](#) from people experiencing poverty, exclusion and inequalities.
- [Event on the Europa website](#)

You can follow the activity on this year's PeP Meeting on Twitter #2014PEP

You can also view this email [on this link](#) and on the attached PDF

The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) is the largest European network of national, regional and local networks, involving anti-poverty NGOs and grassroots groups as well as European Organisations, active in the fight against poverty and social exclusion. It was established in 1990.

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