



Photo: Public Action of People Experiencing Poverty in front of Austrian Parliament @ EAPN Austria

POLICY CONFERENCE

Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights – Experiences and Practices in European Countries and International Perspectives

Friday 28.09.2018, 9.00 to 13.00h

Cultural hall of the VHS Wien Rudolfshiem: Schwendergasse 41, 1150 Wien

The policy conference is organized by the **European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN)** and the **Austrian Network “Die Armutskonferenz”**, in the framework of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The conference supports the exchange of experiences of national networks about the use of the **European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR)** in the European Semester, policy papers and public relations / media work. It aims to find ways and elaborate strategies to use the EPSR to meaningfully combat poverty and social exclusion at the European and national level.

PROGRAMME

8.30h Registration

9.00h Welcome

Facilitation: **Michaela Moser** (Austrian Anti-Poverty Network), **Sérgio Aires** (President EAPN), **Jozef Vasak** (European Commission - Representation in Austria)

9.15h Inputs:

- **Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos** (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights): The new European Pillar of Social Rights: a renewed effort to curb inequality and improve social cohesion in the EU
- **Edeltraud Glettler** (Federal ministry for Social Affairs): Implementation of the EPSR – contributions on EU-level
- **Sian Jones** (Policy Coordinator EAPN): Assessment, evaluation and perspectives on the EPSR by EAPN

10.15h Table discussions and exchange on the current involvement of civil society in the national implementation of the Social Pillar (e.g. in the European Semester) and other experiences in using the Social Pillar at the national level.

11.00h Coffee break

11.30h Inputs:

- Statements of activists with direct experience of poverty
- **Karin Lukas** (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, University of Vienna): Making use of the European Social Charter to strengthen the EPSR

12.10h Table discussions and exchange on perspectives and improvements in using the EPSR to combat poverty and social exclusion at the national level.

12.50h Closing words: Leo Williams (Director EAPN)

13.00h Lunch

Conference language is English.

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