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1) Summary of the responses from EAPN national networks and EAPN European organisations

Completed evaluations were received from 23 EAPN National networks¹ (Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia (telephone interview), Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom) and 19 EAPN European Organisations and their national members: BABELEA, EFSC, ENAR, Eurochild members (in Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, England, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Romania, Scotland, as well as Dyslexia International), Eurodiaconia, FEANTSA and FEBA.

General remarks:

Concerning **whether EAPN and its members have worked well together on 2010, in terms of policy lobbying and campaigning and activities, to ensure that the European Year 2010 has made an impact at EU level and on EU policy** EAPN members are seen to have worked well together and to have been visible at European level. However in terms of outcomes the impact seems to be less visible: Most members are not confident that things will change at European level, or at national level. In Bulgaria there are “no signs of new policies against poverty and exclusion”. In Cyprus “The authorities were very late in deciding what to do ... very few dedicated events really happened and the press was not at all impressed by the subject to really give it the publicity and journalist research we expected”. In Denmark despite the fact that “Representatives from the government have participated in some public debates about poverty ... it doesn't seem to have changed the already known positions...in the public there is much more awareness on poverty than before the Year. Some newspapers have taken a strong position against growing poverty.”

As a European organisation the view of Eurodiaconia is that “the EY appears to be a success in terms of raising the issue of poverty and social exclusion high on the EU political agenda. It also gave a good incentive to our members to advocate at national level on social inclusion issues”.

As to **‘What is different for your National Network/European Organisation as a result of the European Year 2010?’** networks and the people they work with have become more visible as a result of the Year, as in Bulgaria where “better visibility, better recognition as a key stakeholder in the year, and strengthening the participation of people experiencing poverty are all seen as positive outcomes of the Year. In Cyprus “What was the most important for us is the recognition that whenever a discussion is organised we should be invited and our views must be heard along with those of the authorities”. This is not so in Italy, where participation of people experiencing poverty is considered to be at a “standstill”, with no funding available to support this activity. For Eurodiaconia new cooperation at European and national level has been a strong outcome of the Year.

¹ BAPN, EAPN Belgium, is carrying out an in depth evaluation which will be available after the end of March 2011.

As for the positive aspects of the Year, “direct contact was established for the first time between poor people and the administration of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy” (Bulgaria), “social exclusion was part of the discussions and poverty was not seen as a “financial” issue was the most positive aspect as it gave us the opportunity to discuss about migrants, the Roma and other excluded groups, something difficult before 2010” (Cyprus). In Estonia the Social democrat party have now included Minimum Income in their platform. New cooperation partners were found, and networking was promoted in many countries.

Negative aspects of the Year include “missed opportunities... the EU Commission designed the Year in a reduced and theatric way... the media’s activities reflecting the events were not enough, rather very restricted...” (Bulgaria). The shortcoming in the media presence was also noted in Germany. In Italy “the posters were all about personal giving and charity”... At national level “the year started late, calls for proposals came late, and the information was badly disseminated” (Cyprus). Generally no real change is felt at national policy level.

Remarks on Specific areas:

1. Awareness raising

As to whether the Year has led to greater awareness of the **causes** of poverty and social exclusion: out of 40 responses, 14 answer yes, 5 no, and 19 a little and 2 don’t know. As to whether the Year has led to greater awareness of the **effects** of poverty and social exclusion, 16 responded yes, 5 no, 14 a little and 2 don’t know. High amongst the reasons for the failure to raise awareness is the effect of the crisis, which dominated the debate in many countries, as well as a failure to promote the Year at high level. *“The fiscal crisis has dominated the discussion and undermined all other messages”* (EAPN Ireland).

2. Impact on policy

Asked whether the Year had an impact on policy making, out of 39 responses, 11 replied yes, 16 no, 10 a little and 2 don’t know. Networks in several countries (e.g. Austria, Cyprus, Ireland, Latvia) consider that the year failed to achieve an impact on policy. On the other hand, in the Czech Republic, the Netherlands , for example, the view is that there may be a greater awareness of the need to change policies, but this has to still to be realised, and in Bulgaria, Croatia , England, Finland, Hungary and Scotland Eurochild respondents are hopeful of progress in the field of policies to fight child poverty.

3. Involving people experiencing poverty

As to whether the Year has led to **better dialogue** with people experiencing poverty 21 are positive, 6 negative, for 8 a little and 2 don’t know. In Austria *“During a forum theatre performance in parliament some of the MPs ‘promised’ to see if an annual meeting with the Social Committee and people experiencing poverty in the Austrian parliament could be organised.”* In the Czech Republic and Sweden the first national meetings of people experiencing poverty was held, and in Denmark *“There have been more meetings and conferences with participation from both NGOs and people experiencing poverty...”* People experiencing poverty have participated in many seminars and panel discussions in Finland. In

Ireland “... a code of practice on participation focusing on guidelines for consultation for departments/agencies is being developed by the Government as part of the Year”... In Estonia people experiencing poverty have become more visible in the press during the Year, with “many articles etc about involving people experiencing poverty”.

Cooperation between NGOs involving people experiencing poverty has been reinforced in many countries, and in many cases the Year was the occasion for people experiencing poverty to be invited to participate in seminars and other events. In Sweden the Year led to additional funding to continue the work of reinforcing the participation of people experiencing poverty.

However in Cyprus the participation of people experiencing poverty is still difficult “What is still missing is the participation of people experiencing poverty since they are not organised and it is difficult to invite individuals in the discussions of this centralised form.” In France the lack of resources to facilitate the participation of people experiencing poverty is pinpointed, though they were however represented in the Steering Committee for the Year, and in Italy “it’s impossible for (people experiencing poverty) to participate in the social life of our society.”

As to **whether people experiencing poverty have been involved in the Year** 25 say yes, 3 no, 8 a little and 4 don’t know. Examples of such participation include participation in the National Implementing Body for the Year, meetings of people experiencing poverty (e.g. Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Portugal ...), involvement in activities, seminars etc in most countries, for example during National Focus Weeks.

4. Funding

Concerning the funding opportunities for NGOs to participate in the year, the outcomes were mixed 25 responded that they were **eligible for funding** under the national call for proposals for 2010; 7 were not (including in Bulgaria where EAPN was not eligible to apply for funding, whilst individuals in the network were hired as ‘experts’). EAPN in Cyprus was not eligible as being part of the assessment committee.

15 NGOs/national networks were **successful in obtaining funding**, 13 were unsuccessful. Activities funded include a media awareness project (Austria), participation in and support for events during the Year in several countries, a practical guide on precarity and mental health (FNARS, France), salary for a coordinator and arrangements in four cities over four weeks (Norway), support for raising public awareness on the issues of poverty and social exclusion (Portugal), conferences in Spain, grassroots capacity building and activities in London, East Midlands and North West and Scotland as well as a ‘Working Age’ poverty project...

As to receiving **other funding** for the European year, 15 state that they were successful: funding from a private foundation to produce a DVD on the forum-theatre project (Austria), support from the Cyprus Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance to organise events during the focus week, a Soros OSI private donation, a project to strengthen communication (Czech Republic), support to EAPN Estonia from the Estonia Open Foundation, support for a

documentary film about precarity and access to culture (France), European Commission PROGRESS Awareness funding in Ireland, a project in the Youth in Action Programme for the Children's Forum of the EAPN Latvia initiative, funding for preparing a social campaign about poverty and agreement to publish "The diaries of people experiencing poverty" prepared by EAPN Poland. In the UK funding was received from partners (voluntary and statutory sector) for events to raise public awareness, and EAPN England was awarded a grant from the BIG Lottery to increase awareness and grassroots involvement in the year.

As regards future prospects of **funding arising out of the European Year**, 7 expect to receive funding in the future, 25 do not, and 2 do not know yet: EAPN Austria hope to receive additional funding to continue its forum theatre and media project; EAPN Czech Republic is currently negotiating with Molsa to fund national PEP meetings each year; the EAPN Latvia initiative hope to have administrative grants/participation fees in European networks; EAPN in Lithuania hopes for funding from Swiss, EEA and EAPN Norway financial mechanisms and from the Ministry of labour and social affairs; core funding is being sought through the state budget in Norway; Social Funds are being sought in Sweden; in Croatia funding is being sought from the local government for participative activities for children; in the UK *"EY2010 funding will enable us to show successful activity and has helped us build profile with potential funders for our organisations and for anti-poverty activity."*

However, EAPN France comments on "... the problem with this kind of finance, which, when one has ideas and a bit of ambition to launch new ideas and synergies which are totally interesting but then at the end their sustainability does not follow."

5. New partnerships

Out of 40 responses, 27 respond positively that they developed **new partnerships, with the public sector, the private sector, foundations and/or other NGOs**: with Journalists, adult education organisations, members of parliament, other local and national NGOs, ministries (social affairs, culture...), private companies, associations of professionals in the field of culture, with Europe Direct, universities, municipalities, local authorities, schools, foundations, with a Central Government Child poverty unit, with the Rotary Club, with a European Commission representation, with the Council of Europe and other national associations in the area of non accompanied minors, and in the area of migrant families. However this positive view is not universal: EAPN Germany comments that *"... Politicians were very reluctant to come to the events. It seemed that they were not interested in a sustainable discussion"*.

Concerning the quality of the collaboration with the National Implementing Body for the Year, out of 36 responses, 23 respond that the quality was good, 1 that it was bad, and 14 that it was indifferent: for the UK it was good and bad, resulting from changes that occurred with a change of government in the course of the Year: for them it had started well, with their involvement in shaping the Year, and yet in the end part of the programme for the Year was cut by the incoming government. However in the view of FEANTSA *"In most countries there was or no real cooperation with the NGO sector or there was cooperation with a privileged part of the NGO sector."*

Asked whether they had been part of a **national consultative committee or other similar body for the Year**, out of 37 responses, 22 answered that they had. How had this worked?

Difficulties include weak activity and effectiveness, decision making concentrated in one person in the Ministry, no chance to work together on any issue or really exchange views, *“the NIB decided on the projects which were chosen for the funding, so the consultative committee was a show which was even left by some NGOs”*... *“We were part of the consultative committee but the input of this committee was nil”*... *“we were invited and took part in some meetings but our comments weren’t taken into account.”*

There were positive experiences however: “EAPN has influenced the work of the consultative committee, organised meetings in ministries, contributed to leaflets etc. (Denmark); “meetings were held and mail used to report on the developing programme and its implementation with an opportunity for updates from members”(Ireland). “Before 2010 there were meetings and discussions involved in the creation of the programme. Since June 2010 we are as implementers of the programme” (Lithuania); “the government handed over almost all responsibility to us and other NGOs to arrange the Year.” (Norway); “the group on social inclusion, employment and the rural environment, which is part of the national council of NGOs, acted as a ‘committee for consultation and participation’ for the European Year” (Spain); “... We have had most of our suggestions accepted...” (Sweden); “A few EAPN UK members have been involved in the EY2010 Stakeholder Group convened by the large NGO funded to carry out Technical Assistance...” “As a member of the national consultative committee we could have an effect on the priorities and the programmes of the year” (Eurochild in Hungary).

6. EAPN support for national networks and European Organisations during 2010

22 out of 36 state that the National Focus Weeks calendar was helpful in organising events for 2010. 33 consider that the NGO website for 2010 www.endpoverty.eu was helpful. Asked whether EAPN could better support activities during the Year, of 34, 19 answer no, and 15 yes. This support could include putting more efforts into organising one bigger “joint” activity, better financial support for the national networks, on-going support to help the network to engage with Europe 2020 developments, help to develop a PROGRESS project, information on what is going on the European level and more information about the activities and the achievements of the EY on the other National Networks, indicating the financing possibilities to collect witnesses of migrants, re-visiting the importance of education as an agent for social integration, self-development and broadening of horizons, and publicising more the common message of the NGO coalition.

7. Further comments on other aspects of running the European Year

Policies remain unchanged despite the Year: *“there have been enough activities, but not enough solutions”* (Slovenia). The role of the media agencies during the year comes in for criticism for many of the networks. There were also difficulties around funding: often too little and too late.

However the breakthrough in several countries with the meetings of people experiencing poverty is considered very important, not only for the fact that they took place, but especially for the important learning that can be drawn from them *“It is of primordial importance to identify (the results) and somehow to disseminate them= I mean for instance the ideas of the poor people about the causes and consequences of poverty; about social inclusion etc”* (Bulgaria).

EAPN is acknowledged for its role in coordinating the Year and disseminating information... yet it could do better: *“... lack of the communication between the countries about what they do or what kind of feelings they have concerning the Year”* (Poland).

Hopes of better funding in future are arising from the recognition of the role of NGOs in some countries. In Sweden *“The Year has been a breakthrough for the Network and we have had our first funding ever... EAPN Sweden has also had new member organizations during the year, and I guess the reason for that is that we are more visible”*.

On more specific demands *“The ‘migrant dimension’ does not seem to have had the space we sought during 2010. National policies have supported this (in particular financially)”*

In conclusion, as summed up by EAPN Austria *“Overall the year leaves us with mixed feelings”*.

2) The responses from the networks: general questions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you consider that EAPN and its members have worked well together on 2010, in terms of policy lobbying and campaigning and activities, to ensure that the European Year 2010 has made an impact at EU level and on EU policy? What are your views of the outcomes so far? 	
EAPN Bulgaria	It seems that the question contains two (sub)questions: a) Do you consider that EAPN and its members have worked well together on 2010, in terms of policy lobbying and campaigning and activities; b) ... to ensure that the European Year 2010 has made an impact at EU level and on EU policy? Our answer of the first question is YES. We have done almost the maximum, but (almost) nothing depends on us. That is why the answer of the second question is rather NO. Evidences that prove the second answer: 1) There are no signs of new policies against poverty and exclusion; the old policies are sustainable. 2) The knowledge about causes of poverty (that provides bases for the policies) didn't change. 3) The effects of the crisis on poverty dynamics and especially the effects of "anti-crisis" measures – they simply increase poverty and exclusion. The weak impact on EU policies is due to factors outside the scope of EAPN's activities and their capacity to influence policies.
EAPN Cyprus	We feel that the year was not successful to the extent we had wished, because of two main reasons: 1) the authorities were very late in deciding what to do and even after the launch in March 2010 very few dedicated events really happened and 2) the press was not at all impressed by the subject to really give it the publicity and journalist research we expected. It is still a difficult subject to discuss in our

	<p>society and even though there have been considerable efforts on the part of some NGOs, including EAPN (EAPN Cyprus), and some of the media, we still think that we did not succeed to sensitize people enough.</p> <p>Yes, we do think that there was good cooperation between the Networks and EAPN Brussels and that in terms of the EU level we were able to make an impact. As for the outcomes in general, we are not in a position to express a valid opinion before we see exactly what the EU plans for the next 10 years.</p>
EAPN Denmark	<p>EAPN and its members have done a great work with policy lobbying and activities all over the EU countries. This is also the case in EAPN Denmark. There have been many activities and meetings and a good contact to the ministry of social affairs. However, the government has chosen to stay out of the activities and leave them to NGOs. Representatives from the government have participated in some public debates about poverty with political opponents, but it doesn't seem to have changed the already known positions. However, in the public there is much more awareness on poverty than before the year. Some newspapers have taken a strong position against growing poverty. At EU level and EU policy I don't think there has been a visible impact neither.</p>
EAPN Estonia (telephone interview)	<p>Very good. The EY has helped to raise problems. EAPN and especially the Baltic platform have been very helpful.</p>
EAPN Italy	<p>We feel that EAPN has worked very well, ensuring a high visibility to the year at the EU level. The coalition has been very active. Although the Italian network did not participate at all the events organized by the European network and the coalition, the feed backs have been very positive. The publication of the Minimum Income explainer and the conference on Minimum Income were very useful and the results have been rather important for advocacy work in EAPN Italy. We would have expected more work on the theme of Immigration, which after the conference in EAPN Cyprus was left on a side, but there will be time to pick it up again.</p>
EAPN Sweden	<p>We have not had very much contact with other networks except for the signing between us, EAPN Cyprus and EAPN Denmark. Two of us were also invited to the national conference in Oslo and that was important as it also made it possible for all the Nordic Networks to meet, including the Baltic nations and Iceland. I was also invited to the EAPN Estonian meeting, but could not participate due to sickness. We have been part of the jury working with the competition of articles on poverty, and that is also on European level, as the Swedish winner is sent to Europe for the European competition. The PR bureau that has been connected to the Year, and engaged from Brussels, has been visible in EAPN Sweden. I do not know if the 2010 has had any impact on EU level. We can not see, from the Swedish position, if it has or not.</p>
ENAR	<p>Yes, the common messages were visible and policy lobbying has been very active during the year, with visible results.</p>
EURODIACONIA	<p>Yes EAPN and its members have worked well together on 2010 for the EY to have an impact at EU level: A good timing with the Europe 2020 strategy gave the possibility for an important and intensive work</p>

	<p>around the June council and the poverty target; EAPN coordinated well its members work and gave a good impulse for action. There is always the issue of EOs involvement but on the specific work around 2010 this was less of an issue as we could relay some information to our national members and feedback on their experience to EAPN.</p> <p>Outcomes: the EY appeared to be a success in terms of raising the issue of poverty and social exclusion high on the EU political agenda. It also gave a good incentive to our members to advocate at national level on social inclusion issues. Finally, finishing the year with the Belgium presidency really contributed to a strong momentum for social inclusion (e.g. EAPN’s work on an adequate minimum income, supported by the Belgium presidency, might have laid out the foundations for a very important step forward) but we will be able to look at the real fruits of the year at least in 6 months time, with more distance for a better perspective.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is different for your National Network/European Organisation as a result of the European Year 2010 (for example, you got better visibility, you’ve gained better recognition as a key stakeholder in the year, you’ve managed to strengthen the participation of people experiencing poverty etc)? 	
EAPN Bulgaria	<p>3 times – YES. And this triple yes was big achievement not only for the network, but for all of us (NGOs, poor people, Bulgarians) including the administration of the Ministry.</p>
EAPN Cyprus	<p>EAPN (EAPN Cyprus) was part of the Assessment Committee of the NIB and was already recognised as a key stakeholder even before 2010. Through the various events organised before and during the Focus week we gained much more visibility especially in the media but we were not really able to strengthen the participation of People Experiencing Poverty as it seems they are still unwilling to come out in the open and discuss their problems. What was the most important for us is the recognition that whenever a discussion is organised we should be invited and our views must be heard along with those of the authorities</p>
EAPN Italy	<p>Overall the Italian network had a rather difficult year and did not receive any funds from the NIB. Unfortunately, the process of the participation of people experiencing poverty is at a standstill since it is one of the many initiatives (meetings, conferences, etc.) that cannot be done without a minimum financial support. The asset we gained thanks to the Year has been a “partnership” with the Municipality of Florence through which we were able to organize a press conference prior to the European meeting where we presented our Plan against poverty. For the rest, and unfortunately, people in poverty need financial support for participating in events and this year we had none: few have been the initiatives where we managed to involve people in poverty. As a matter of fact, with no funds it is impossible to travel, to organize meetings. On the other hand, the Italian network was invited to speak at many conferences at various levels and organized by different stakeholders (other organizations, networks of organizations, voluntary associations, research centres, universities...). The year bears its fruits in the cooperation with other networks in the organization of events, mostly conferences. From November 15 to November 20 we</p>

	will be engaged with our Focus week. At this stage it looks like the impact, at least in the city of Bari and the Region of Puglia, is going to be considerable (more at a later stage).
EAPN DK	For the Danish network the year has meant a lot of activities together with other national organisations, and a better recognition in the Ministry of Social Affairs.
EAPN Estonia	Much more coverage in the media: radio, newspapers, magazines; now in EAPN Estonia people are aware of Minimum Income.
ENAR	No big impact on our organisation
EURODIACONIA	On our scale, we are very satisfied with the visibility we got as an organisation at EU level, and the way we were able to encourage our members to act at national level. As an EU organisation, the major outcome of the EY had probably been the establishment of a strong partnership with other EU organisations (Caritas, CEC and Comece). This allowed us to be recognised together as essential actors that cannot be ignored. We observed that some of the major achievements of our members at national level also rested on cooperation and the building of coalitions at national and local level.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For you and your national network/European Organisation members, what have been the positive aspects of the European Year in terms of implementation and expected outcomes? 	
EAPN Bulgaria	Direct contact was established for the first time between poor people and the administration of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (including the highest levels and the Minister). This contact convinced both parties that it is possible to debate peacefully, when each participant openly presents its view and criticism. This contact is an important step in overcoming the fears of decision makers (their representatives) to meet the victims of their decisions and to discuss some decisions.
EAPN Cyprus	The fact that social exclusion was part of the discussions and poverty was not seen as a “financial” issue was the most positive aspect as it gave us the opportunity to discuss about migrants, the Roma and other excluded groups, something difficult before 2010. In terms of implementation we do not see any really positive aspects
EAPN Denmark	The positive aspect has been a growing interest and understanding of poverty and social exclusion in general. Poverty has been high on the public agenda but not so high on the strategic agenda for the development over the coming year. The different political parties have used the year to make positions that were already developed.
EAPN Estonia	The Social democrat party have now included Minimum Income in their platform. No one knew about this before the EAPN campaign.
EAPN Germany	New information material was developed. New cooperation partners were found, networking was promoted (especially among NGOs). Higher attention for the topics poverty and social exclusion by the public. Lots of meetings, conferences, actions etc.
EAPN Italy	As for the national level, we do not see any real positive impact.
ENAR	Policy lobbying and participation of people experiencing poverty
EURODIACONIA	Poverty reduction target, poverty and social exclusion high up on the political agenda, high visibility of our organisation on specific projects (e.g. ecumenical conference on poverty and report on

	the impact of the crisis), progress on adequate minimum income, some clear focus given to specific topics such as homelessness.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For you and your national network/European Organisation members, what have been the negative aspects of the European Year?
EAPN Bulgaria	Generally speaking – Missed Opportunities. We think that it was possible to design the activities during the Year in stronger way with larger impact on poverty and exclusion. But the EU Commission designed the Year in a reduced and theatric way – very similar to our previous “communist” metteurs en scene. Special remark – the media’s activities reflecting the events were not enough, rather very restricted. Amazing – at EU level – more restricted than at national.
EAPN Cyprus	1. We started very late, 2. EAPN (EAPN Cyprus) could not apply for funding as a member of the NIB Committee and 3. The information on project grants was not effectively disseminated to NGOs (we think that not all of the funding will be finally used, even though we had €240,000!).
EAPN Denmark	The negative aspect is related to the poor outcome of the activities on the political level until now. The basic problems coming from very low minimum incomes and insufficient services for long term unemployed seem not to be solved by the recent government, but statements from the opposition indicates that this will be in focus, depending on the result of the coming election to the Parliament in 2011.
EAPN Estonia	Discussions not leading to real change, yet.
EAPN Germany	Politicians were not really interested in a real discussion about the causes of poverty and its effects (EY 2010 as a fig leaf for politics). Inclusion of people concerned could have been more. Concentration and agreement on a general goal did not succeed. There are few landers spreading actions. Too much communication but the media could have been involved in a better, more profound way. So far: no big effects of all the actions and events.
EAPN Italy	The year was played at a very low gear, with scant and few messages all geared toward charity-giving, the slogan being “Help the Italy that helps”. The posters were all about personal giving and charity. But for a few, the projects that were financed under the Year did not contain any innovative aspect: things are worse than they were a year ago. The Round Table that was supposed to be held at the beginning of the year did not take place. The opening of the Year was held in a soup kitchen in Milan...The President of the Council of the Ministries never said a word about the Year. The big media ignored the event.
EURODIACONIA	There had been from the start a frustration related probably to the nature of an “European Year” and how to adapt it to the issue of poverty: many of our members were disillusioned to see that the EY would actually not focus on funding projects concretely but would rather be a (an expensive) communication campaign. At the same line, there might have been a lack of proportionality between the amount of conferences and talks on poverty and a real policy change. We regret the confusion between the NGO coalition and EAPN – this might be a missed opportunity to really raise our voice together as different

	networks and organisations, as the NGO coalition might have appeared as just another form of “EAPN + others” instead of being a strong coalition of NGOs on a equal footage.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Year led to new partnerships? If so which ones? 	
EAPN Bulgaria	Yes: between the state administration and people experiencing poverty and exclusion; between EAPN Bg and MLSP; contacts between the network and poor people became larger.
EAPN Cyprus	Not really.
EAPN Denmark	The year has led to new partnerships between organisations and the network.
EAPN Estonia	New members for EAPN Estonia. Good relations with EAPN Norway. The Ministry is launching a series of TV programmes in November and have invited Kart to talk about poverty.
EAPN Italy	Yes, for EAPN Italy. We were able to establish partnerships, although not formal, with universities, other big organizations, networks of voluntary associations.
EURODIACONIA	Yes – very interesting and strong partnership with Caritas and the churches (Comece and Cec). Partnership with Cec is not new, but such a partnership of our 4 organisations together is quite exceptional. This has given us a good visibility and we hope to be able to continue working together. (Despite comment in answer to question 4) We also enjoyed and find very useful the work in partnership in the NGO coalition.

3) Responses to the questionnaire

1. In your country, to what extent has the European Year contributed to greater public awareness of...				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The causes of poverty and social exclusion? 				
EAPN Austria			A little	
EAPN Bulgaria			A little	
EAPN Cyprus			A little	
EAPN Czech Republic			A little	
EAPN Denmark	yes			
EAPN Estonia	yes			
EAPN France		No		
EAPN Germany			A little	
EAPN Greece			A little	
EAPN Finland	yes			
EAPN Ireland		No		
EAPN Italy		No		
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes			
EAPN Lithuania	yes			
EAPN Malta			A little	
EAPN Netherlands			A little	
EAPN Norway	yes			

EAPN Poland		no		
EAPN Portugal	yes			
EAPN Slovenia	yes			
EAPN Spain	yes			
EAPN Sweden			A little	
EAPN United Kingdom			A little	
BABELEA		No		
EFSC			A little	
ENAR				Don't know
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes			
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children			A little	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	yes			
EUROCHILD England			A little	
EUROCHILD Finland	yes			
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece			A little	
EUROCHILD Hungary			A little	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	yes			
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy			A little	
EUROCHILD Lithuania			A little	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania			A little	
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland			A little	
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes			
FEANTSA				Don't know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The effects of poverty and social exclusion? 				
EAPN Austria	yes			
EAPN Bulgaria			A little	
EAPN Cyprus			A little	
EAPN Czech Republic			A little	
EAPN Denmark	yes			
EAPN Estonia	yes			
EAPN Finland	yes			
EAPN France		no		
EAPN Germany			A little	
EAPN Greece			A little	
EAPN Lithuania	yes			
EAPN Ireland		no		
EAPN Italy		No		
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes			
EAPN Netherlands			A little	
EAPN Norway	yes			

EAPN Poland				
EAPN Portugal	yes			
EAPN Slovenia	yes			
EAPN Spain	yes			
EAPN Sweden		No		
EAPN United Kingdom			A little	
BABELEA		No		
EFSC			A little	
ENAR				Don't know
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes			
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children			A little	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	yes			
EUROCHILD England			A little	
EUROCHILD Finland	yes			
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece			A little	
EUROCHILD Hungary			A little	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	yes			
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	yes			
EUROCHILD EAPN Lithuania			A little	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania				
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland			A little	
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes			
FEANTSA				Don't know
• If not, why not?				
EAPN France	The causes and effects were well known before the European Year 2010; the problem is not there; it is due to the national austerity policy, inspired by Europe, and the empoverishment of public services which prevent progress. <i>Les causes et les effets étaient bien connus avant l'année européenne 2010 ; le problème n'est pas là; c'est la politique d'austérité, nationale, mais d'inspiration européenne et la paupérisation des services publics qui empêchent de progresser.</i>			
EAPN Germany	The public was interested in the topic in general but it is very difficult to evaluate this question. Thus, the answer is my personal assumption.			
EAPN Ireland	Limited public awareness activities. The fiscal crisis has dominated the discussion and undermined all other messages. Although there is awareness that there is increasing poverty there is no real coverage of the fact that many people were in poverty even during the economic boom, or of structural causes of poverty.			
EAPN Italy	Unfortunately, the last thing our government wants to hear is the existence of poverty and social exclusion. NGOs are in a corner, with			

	no resources for running their regular services and their work in this sector is very hard. The media are geared towards problems that do not relate to people's needs: they are either busy showing that all is going well or the few that are still independent have no public. Television is of no help since most of the public or private channels obey or belong to our Prime Minister. Awareness raising initiatives were mostly managed by NGOs with local impact.
EAPN Netherlands	Everything is linked to the financial and economic crisis, so the structural causes of poverty and Social exclusion are not being identified enough.
EAPN Poland	The European year is almost invisible in EAPN Poland.
EAPN United Kingdom	Difficult to assess this in relation to EY as with the economic crisis and the new United Kingdom government cutting public services and benefits, there has been much public/media discussion of causes and effects of poverty within this context. Negative attitudes to unemployed people experiencing poverty (including disabled people) are supported rather than challenged by government and media – blaming the “undeserving” poor. Opposition to this view has come from civil society but there is no political leadership on this. There was a failure at high level to promote the year – the NIB experienced a change of government, and the PR company contracted to promote the year did little until October!! Individual projects funded by the Year and largely run by NGOs and partners have been more effective in raising public awareness – but this has been to a limited audience. (This response is from my point of view. Others, and particularly those from other nations might have a different perception – but in informal chats with them. I haven’t got this impression.)
BABELEA	In most countries migrants have not been considered by the authorities specifically as living in poverty but rather as people to exclude. <i>Dans la plupart des pays les migrants n’ont pas été spécifiquement considérés comme des pauvres par les autorités mais plutôt des personnes à exclure.</i>
EUROCHILD England	Not enough publicity and attention paid by our Government
2. Sustainable Policy impact	
• Has the Year had an impact on policies fighting poverty and social exclusion in your country?	
EAPN Austria	no
EAPN Bulgaria	A little
EAPN Cyprus	A little
EAPN Czech Republic	A little: (The minister promised to rethink some policy measures)
EAPN Denmark	yes
EAPN Estonia	yes
EAPN Finland	no
EAPN France	No
EAPN Germany	No
EAPN Greece	No

EAPN Ireland		No		
EAPN Italy		No		
EAPN Latvia initiative			A little	
EAPN Lithuania			A little	
EAPN Malta			A little	
EAPN Netherlands			A little	
EAPN Norway			A little	
EAPN Poland		No		
EAPN Portugal		No		
EAPN Slovenia	yes			
EAPN Spain	yes			
EAPN Sweden		No		
EAPN United Kingdom		No		
BABELEA		No		
ENAR	yes			
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes			
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children			A little	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	yes			
EUROCHILD England	yes			
EUROCHILD Finland				Don't know
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece		no		
EUROCHILD Hungary	yes			
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland		no		
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy				Don't know
EUROCHILD Lithuania		no		
EUROCHILD FARA Romania		no		
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland	yes			
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes			
FEANTSA			A little	
• If so, how?				
EAPN Austria	The ministry sometimes seems to claim that it affected the introduction of the new minimum income scheme – but as far as I see this was a "coincidence" as the new system had been discussed/prepared for about 15 years (!)			
EAPN Cyprus	We feel that there has been an effort towards sustainable policies against poverty and exclusion even before the EY2010 as this government has been, since elected, very sensitive on poverty issues. The Year as such has made little additional impact.			
EAPN Czech Republic	A bit higher political interest to listen to the necessary reforms of social policies and practices but no concrete real commitment yet			

	(participation, the reform of the National action plan for social inclusion for the period 2011-2013). The change of parliament also partly stopped many good processes that had started. The new “savings/no debts” marketing of the new government agenda is also not very friendly to these themes due to fear of any public costs and expenses connected.
EAPN Estonia	In discussion about cuts ; government wants a child poverty law .
EAPN France	At best the Year provided a thematic framework to look at what is needed. On the basis of this, the EY2010 Committee asked for a new law against exclusion, in line with the 1998 law. It is too early at this stage to evaluate if EY2010 has had a sustainable impact on public policy and everything makes one think that it may result in a simple communication activity. <i>L'année a permis tout au plus d'avoir une feuille de route des actions nécessaires par thématique. Le Copil de l'AE 2010 a demandé que soit proposée, sur cette base, une nouvelle loi de lutte contre les exclusions, dans l'idée de celle de 1998. C'est beaucoup trop à ce stade pour estimer s'il y a un réel impact durable de l'AE 2010 sur les politiques publiques et tout pense à croire que cela ne se résumera à une simple action de communication.</i>
EAPN Ireland	No. Has produced a range of proposals but because of the austerity measures the changes that are taking place are having a negative impact.
EAPN Italy	See my answer above, the same applies.
EAPN Latvia initiative	By engaging partners from government and municipalities we were able to create better understanding about the needs of the people, however, it did not lead to the significant changes and developments
EAPN Netherlands	Mainly on a local basis, but due to the crisis, there have been a major cutback proposals, especially on the poverty issues. In some municipalities local politicians decided (through the advice of some local client board) to postpone cutbacks on these topics and look to other directions for cutbacks first.
EAPN Norway	Higher awareness in the Ministry and among the parliament + also the union – especially regarding minimum income, Health issues and children rights to participate.
EAPN Slovenia	The EAPN Slovenian government gave particular attention to the increasing poverty even among workers. Many other non governmental organisations have carried out activities linked to awareness-raising about poverty and social exclusion. The mass media talk about this more than during previous years. A law on the social economy is being adopted in the social parliament. <i>Le gouvernement Slovène a attaché une attention particulière a la pauvreté qui augmente même parmi les travailleurs. Il y a beaucoup d'autres organisations non- gouvernementales qui ont fait des activités liées a la prise de conscience sur la pauvreté et l'exclusion sociale. Les masse – media en parlent assez par rapport aux années précédents. Une loi sur l'économie sociale est en processus d'adoption au parlement social.</i>
BABELEA	The national policies have hardened. <i>Les politiques nationales se sont durcies</i>
ENAR	At the European level: impact on EU2020, poverty target, inclusive growth objective + impact on the priorities of BE presidency.

EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children	Contributed to setting up a National Council for Social Inclusion and stronger interest on poverty and social exclusion issues.
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia	Local government become aware of the problem, NGO and government participated together in actions against poverty.
EUROCHILD England	Through the work of the Child Poverty Unit in Central Government and the anti poverty strategies required of each Local authority
EUROCHILD Finland	I answered “I don’t know” since I haven’t got any official results yet. But I believe people now know more about poverty and by that way it may have had impacts on policies fighting poverty.
EUROCHILD Hungary	A new Ministry of State has been formed for the issues of social inclusion and the integration of Roma people. As part of the Presidency Trio Hungary committed itself to combating child poverty.
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland	UK Child Poverty Act requiring targets to be set and monitored at local level and by Scottish Government. Scottish Government Child Poverty Strategy.
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	By observing Nelson’s Mandela’s ‘Education is a way out of poverty maxim’ in practice: promoting free and fair education by making free teacher training and resources the priority.

3. Involving people experiencing poverty

- **Has the European Year led to better dialogue with people in poverty and anti poverty NGOs?**

EAPN Austria	yes			
EAPN Bulgaria	yes			
EAPN Cyprus	yes			
EAPN Czech Republic	yes			
EAPN Denmark	yes			
EAPN Estonia	yes			
EAPN Finland	yes			
EAPN France		no		
EAPN Lithuania	yes			
EAPN Germany	yes			
EAPN Greece		no		
EAPN Italy		no		
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes			
EAPN Malta			A little	
EAPN Netherlands				no
EAPN Norway	yes			
EAPN Poland			A little	
EAPN Slovenia	yes			
EAPN Spain	yes			
EAPN Sweden	yes			
EAPN United Kingdom	yes			
BABELEA	yes			
EFSC		No		
ENAR			A little	
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes			
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children			A little	

EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia	yes			
EUROCHILD England			A little	
EUROCHILD Finland	yes			
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece		no		
EUROCHILD Hungary			A little	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	yes			
EUROCHILD Fondazione L’Albero della Vita Onlus Italy			A little	
EUROCHILD Lithuania			A little	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania		no		
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland	yes			
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International				Don’t know
FEANTSA				Don’t know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, how? 				
EAPN Austria	Direct dialogue with media, researchers and civil servants could be substantially improved via our media project and other occasions; however some small first steps could be taken with regards to continuous dialogue with politicians. During a forum theatre performance in parliament some of the MPs ‘promised’ to see if an annual meeting with the Social Committee and people experiencing poverty in the Austrian parliament could be organised.			
EAPN Bulgaria	For the first time – intensive contacts and numerous debates; proposals for changes; the responses to some proposals were promises to reconsider some measures.			
EAPN Cyprus	Several discussions were organised, together with two big seminars at the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance that involved NGOs for the first time. What is still missing is the participation of people experiencing poverty since they are not organised and it is difficult to invite individuals in the discussions of this centralised form.			
EAPN Czech Republic	The first national meeting of people experiencing poverty was held with media and other awareness raising and attention connected to the theme.			
EAPN Denmark	There have been more meetings and conferences with participation from both NGOs and people experiencing poverty, also meetings organised by people experiencing Poverty.			
EAPN Estonia	Many articles etc about involving people experiencing poverty.			
EAPN Finland	People experiencing poverty have participated in many seminars and panel discussions during the year.			
EAPN France	The question is whether EY 2010 led to greater dialogue between organisations and people experiencing poverty to enter into dialogue with public authorities? As regards associations, I would say no more than usual. The associations were well represented in the Steering Committee for the Year and this was a place where real dialogue could			

	<p>take place, where the associations were listened to and generally taken into account. As regards people experiencing poverty, were there real resources, channels and places to meet in the context of EY2010 to organise this dialogue? The answer is NO.</p> <p><i>La question demande si l'AE 2010 a permis aux associations et personnes en précarité d'engager davantage de dialogue avec les pouvoirs publics? Pour les associations, je dirais pas plus que d'habitude. Les associations étaient bien représentées dans le Comité de pilotage et c'était un réel lieu de dialogue où les positions des associations étaient écoutées et prises en compte d'une manière générale. Par contre, pour les personnes en précarité : a-t-on donné de réels moyens et des canaux ou des lieux dans le cadre de l'AE 2010 pour organiser ce dialogue? NON</i></p>
EAPN Germany	By organising the Focus Week the NGOs worked together more closely and thus established a more frequent dialogue.
EAPN Ireland	Some increased recognition that people themselves have to be engaged in policy making and some attempt to do this in the Year's events. Also a code of practice on participation focusing on guidelines for consultation for departments/agencies is being developed by the Government as part of the year. However, it is unclear what impact this will have when/if completed.
EAPN Italy	People experiencing poverty in EAPN Italy have no minimum income or a viable safety net to rely on: it's impossible for them to participate in the social life of our society. In 2009 we had a small budget (€10 000) for organizing meetings of people experiencing poverty and the results were really great both at NGO level (awareness of the need to involve people experiencing poverty in the decision making process of the NGOs) and at the level of some local/regional authorities that participated in our (5) meetings. Unfortunately, the project we presented for 2010 was not approved.
EAPN Latvia initiative	By engaging them in the events in the programme of the year, by reaching the institutions providing help, and by encouraging through media to come with suggestions/ proposals and to find the support group/and NGOs.
EAPN Netherlands	Nationally there is an accepted group where there is some dialogue, but the main people in this group are not people experiencing poverty, but representations of Unions and welfare (paid) organisations. And because of the changes in politics (just have had an election) there is no change in the situation. Not for the better and not for the worst. We shall have to see what the new government is going to do on this topic.
EAPN Norway	We have met people we not would have otherwise, met new NGOs from new regions – otherwise we are NGOs in our network which are self organised people experiencing poverty.
EAPN Poland	The year has been a chance for local and national government and other bodies to at least invite people in poverty to some conferences or seminar and allowed them to speak.
EAPN Portugal	In all the projects developed on behalf of the European Year we worked directly with people living in poverty and social exclusion and different NGOs.
EAPN Spain	Through awareness-raising and the level of debates. Dialogue between

	NGOs and the government. A travers de la création de conscience, niveaux des débats. Dialogue entre ONG et le gouvernement.
EAPN Slovenia	We organise round tables where people experiencing poverty and NGOs took part (in Ljubljana, Celje, Trbovlje and Ptuj). Zavod Risi-EAPN Slovenia is becoming more and more well known in Slovenia for its efforts to fight poverty and social exclusion. <i>Nous avons organisé des tables rondes auxquelles les personnes en situation de pauvreté et les ONG ont pris partie (dans les villes de Ljubljana, Celje, Trbovlje, Ptuj). Zavod Risi- EAPN Slovenia devient de plus en plus connue en Slovenie dans ses efforts de lutte contre la pauvreté et l'exclusion sociale.</i>
EAPN Sweden	We have been able to build a strategy for dialogue on local/regional and national level and study groups all over the country. The network is strengthened with money and we have today 1,3 persons working with this process. We will have money for the next year as well to make the model more sustainable and hopefully also for a third year.
EAPN United Kingdom	We've had some money to enable activities that bring forward voices of people in poverty. This was welcomed by many people and has developed more interest in the bigger picture – Europe and EAPN. The year gave us an opportunity to develop stronger and wider relationships with small NGOs – and enabled them to speak about their work in terms of combating poverty (new for many to articulate this link) Growth in shared understanding of poverty – not as personal failing but as a structural consequence.
BABELEA	Many NGOs have become aware of the specific problems of migrants. Beaucoup d'ONG ont pris conscience des problèmes spécifiques des migrants.
ENAR	The Belgian presidency made a real effort for greater participation of people experiencing poverty. Not entirely sure if the European year had an impact on that.
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children	If so, how? Contributed to setting up a National Council for Social Inclusion and stronger interest on poverty and social exclusion issues.
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	People in poverty were involved in lots of actions and participated in them.
EUROCHILD England	More engagement in strategic discussions, but many NGOs working in this area are having cuts made to their funding.
EUROCHILD Finland	During the year 2010 the National Institute for Health and Welfare and other relevant stakeholders have organised a lot of seminars on poverty. One of those are seminar series called "Who listens to the poor" where people in poverty and anti poverty NGOs have been able to have their say.
EUROCHILD Hungary	The NGOs concerned and people in poverty could participate in different events and also a meeting of people in poverty was organised but the dialogue was not very effective.
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	More funding for meetings, discussions
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	A few projects aimed at this were awarded funds
EUROCHILD Children in	Events involving and presenting direct experience of groups and

Scotland	individuals living in poverty.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have people experiencing poverty been involved in the Year, at national, or at local level? 				
EAPN Austria	yes			
EAPN Bulgaria	yes			
EAPN Cyprus			A little	
EAPN Czech Republic	yes			
EAPN Denmark	yes			
EAPN Estonia	yes			
EAPN Finland	yes			
EAPN France			A little	
EAPN Germany	yes			
EAPN Greece		No		
EAPN Ireland		No	A little	
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes			
EAPN Lithuania	yes			
EAPN Malta	yes			
EAPN Netherlands			A little	
EAPN Norway	yes			
EAPN Poland	yes			
EAPN Portugal	yes			
EAPN Slovenia	yes			
EAPN Spain	yes			
EAPN Sweden	yes			
EAPN United Kingdom	yes			
BABELEA	yes			
EFSC				Don't know
ENAR				Don't know
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan			A little	
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children			A little	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	yes			
EUROCHILD England				Don't know
EUROCHILD Finland	yes			
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece			A little	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	yes			
EUROCHILD Hungary	yes			
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy				Don't know
EUROCHILD Lithuania			A little	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania		no		
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland	yes			
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes			

FEANTSA	yes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, how? 				
EAPN Austria	Two representatives of our participation project were part of the NIB, some of the regional conferences involved people experiencing poverty as speakers; many of the NGO projects gave a key role to people experiencing poverty; e.g. the Forum theatre project and EAPN Austria's media project; but also a project led by the lone parents organisation, a film-project of Volkshilfe; a project run by the children's university ...			
EAPN Bulgaria	6 regional meetings of people experiencing poverty; one national meeting of People Experiencing Poverty. All of them – for the first time in Bulgaria.			
EAPN Cyprus	Within the EAPN Cyprus there has been a strong effort to involve people experiencing poverty in discussions and events organised throughout the EY2010 but again, participation was low and not yet to the standard we would have wished.			
EAPN Czech Republic	Yes, nationally, see above.			
EAPN Denmark	In preparation and implementation of meetings and conferences.			
EAPN Estonia	Night of homeless people, and the letter-writing campaign.			
EAPN Finland	People experiencing poverty have participated in many seminars and panel discussions during the year.			
EAPN France	Presence of a person experiencing poverty in the EY Steering Committee + probably a part of the audience at the 3 decentralised conferences in the regions. Some projects promoted by people experiencing poverty received 2010 funding. <i>Présence d'une personne en situation de pauvreté dans le Comité de Pilotage + probablement une partie de l'audience des 3 conférences déconcentrées en région. Certains projets portés par des personnes en précarité ont fait l'objet de financements AE 2010.</i>			
EAPN Germany	They were integrated in the planning and realisation of the Focus Week. Moreover, they attended the events and some had an active part in the programme			
EAPN Ireland	Regional events, national Social Inclusion Forum. Integrated into all EAPN public activities. Very limited involvement through organisations at national level.			
EAPN Italy	The involvement was in the few initiatives organized by civil society were CILAP EAPN Italia was invited and, for practically each of them we insisted to have a representative of people experiencing poverty.			
EAPN Latvia initiative	In various ways –starting from the development of the project and engaging in every activity like it was done by Children's Forum of EAPN Latvia initiative, creating the "Map of Opportunities (resources)", in letting their voices be heard at the press conferences and the events.			
EAPN Malta	By inviting them to share their experiences and hardships during the focus week where all MPs were invited to attend.			
EAPN Netherlands	Because of some more projects than normal. Some people experiencing poverty had some chances to be involved in the year, through some of the projects. But not significantly more than normal at national, or at local level.			
EAPN Norway	They have been responsible for arranging conferences through the networks working groups. Health, housing, international affairs, youth and children working groups.			

EAPN Poland	The people have been involved in some conferences, meeting organised by the national government and also some of them were nominated as Ambassadors of the Year.
EAPN Portugal	We have a great involvement of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion; for example, in the context of local projects and activities (debates, workshops, training courses, campaigns,), but also in the meetings of the National Consultative Body and the II National Forum of people experiencing poverty.
EAPN Slovenia	We organised the EAPN week from December 8 – 14 (<i>or March ?</i>) when people experiencing poverty and social exclusion were invited as well as people from the ministry for work, employment and social affairs. The themes were public health, migration, social economy and housing . <i>Nous avons organise la semaine EAPN du 8 au 14 décembre où les personnes en situation de pauvreté et d'exclusion sociale ont été invitées aussi bien que les membres du ministère du travail, de l'emploi et des affaires sociales. Les thèmes étaient sur la santé publique, les migrations, l'économie sociale, le logement.</i>
EAPN Spain	People experiencing poverty have been involved by taking part in meetings in their regions, in the Congress in November (focusing on fundamental rights) and taking part in the European meeting of people experiencing poverty. <i>Les gens dans la pauvreté one été impliqués à travers la participation à des réunions de discussion dans leurs régions, au Congrès en novembre (en se concentrant sur les droits fondamentaux) et la participation à la rencontre européenne.</i>
EAPN Sweden	By leading the process with the conferences on all levels and by participating in the dialogue we are building.
EAPN United Kingdom	We had regional and national projects – many operated at local and national level – enabling people experiencing poverty to meet initially locally and then take experience and messages further. Not all projects operated like this but we had 4 national themed projects and within the regional projects there was involvement of EAPN members with links to some national fora.
BABELEA	In many countries migrants spoke out and were publicly visible, in particular in the fields of housing and employment. <i>Dans plusieurs pays les migrants ont pris la parole et se sont manifestés publiquement, en particulier dans les secteurs du logement et de l'emploi</i>
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children	A meeting with people experiencing poverty was organised as well as a children's meeting where the majority of children were children from institutions.
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	People that experience poverty were involved in actions for them and they also participated in actions against poverty.
EUROCHILD Finland	Check the earlier answer + there have been many seminars also at the local level.
EUROCHILD Hungary	They were invited to different national and local events and also a national meeting of them was organised. NGOs were much more active in cooperating with them than politicians and decision-makers.
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	Attending meetings, discussions
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland	Attending and presenting at conferences and seminars

EUROCHILD International	Dyslexia	Teachers from less advantaged areas in Belgium and other countries have been involved in the book version of the free teachers' handbook for teaching literacy.
FEANTSA		Participation in the many events -- often also in the preparation
4. Funding		
• Was there a call for proposals for 2010 in your country?		
EAPN Austria		yes
EAPN Bulgaria		yes
EAPN Cyprus		yes
EAPN Czech Republic		yes
EAPN Denmark		yes
EAPN Estonia		yes
EAPN Finland		yes
EAPN France		Yes (calls for projects and not calls for tender. <i>appel à projets et non pas appel d'offres</i>)
EAPN Germany		yes
EAPN Greece		yes
EAPN Ireland		yes
EAPN Italy		yes
EAPN Latvia initiative		no
EAPN Lithuania		yes
EAPN Netherlands		yes
EAPN Norway		yes
EAPN Malta		Finally a call was issued at the end of october 2010
EAPN Poland		yes
EAPN Portugal		yes
EAPN Slovenia		yes
EAPN Spain		yes
EAPN Sweden		yes
EAPN United Kingdom		yes
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan		yes
EUROCHILD National Network for Children	Bulgaria	Don't know
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children"	Opatija, Croatia	yes
EUROCHILD England		No We didn't see one
EUROCHILD Iliachtida,	Greece	no
EUROCHILD Hungary		yes
EUROCHILD One Family	Ireland	yes
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita	Onlus Italy	yes
EUROCHILD Lithuania		yes
EUROCHILD FARA		yes

Romania		
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland	yes	
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes	
BABELEA	Yes in a few countries. Oui dans un certain nombre de pays.	No Babelea wasn't aware of a European call for proposals at European level. <i>Non Babelea n'a pas eu connaissance d'un appel d'offre au niveau européen</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so was your organisation eligible to apply for funding? 		
EAPN Austria	yes	
EAPN Bulgaria	no	The ministry hired us as "experts", but refused to make a contract with the network
EAPN Cyprus		No, as were part of the assessment committee
EAPN Czech Republic	yes	
EAPN Denmark	yes	
EAPN Estonia	Yes see below	
EAPN Finland	yes	
EAPN France	yes	
EAPN Germany	yes	
EAPN Greece	yes	
EAPN Ireland	yes	
EAPN Italy	yes	
EAPN Latvia initiative		no
EAPN Lithuania	yes	
EAPN Netherlands	yes	
EAPN Norway	yes	
EAPN Poland	yes	
EAPN Portugal	yes	
EAPN Slovenia		no
EAPN Spain	yes	
EAPN Sweden	yes	
EAPN United Kingdom		Not EAPN United Kingdom - but some member groups
BABELEA		None of our members who had replied to a call for proposals in their country was successful; they were no doubt too small... and migrants...? <i>Non aucune de nos associations membres ayant répondu à l'appel d'offre dans son pays n'a été retenue; elles étaient sans doute trop petites ...et puis les migrants ?</i>
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes	
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for		Don't know

Children		
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia	yes	
EUROCHILD England		No
EUROCHILD Hungary	yes	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	yes	
EUROCHILD Fondazione L’Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	Yes but we did not apply for a variety of reasons	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania	yes	
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland	yes	
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were you successful in obtaining funding? 		
EAPN Austria	yes	
EAPN Bulgaria	See previous answer	
EAPN Czech Republic	yes	
EAPN Denmark	yes	
EAPN Estonia	Yes indirectly	
EAPN Finland	yes	
EAPN France	yes	
EAPN Germany	yes	
EAPN Greece		No
EAPN Ireland		No
EAPN Italy		No
EAPN Latvia initiative		A little
EAPN Lithuania	yes	
EAPN Malta		No
EAPN Norway	yes	
EAPN Poland		No
EAPN Portugal	yes	
EAPN Slovenia		No
EAPN Spain	yes	
EAPN Sweden	yes	
EAPN United Kingdom	Yes some members were	
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan		no
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia		no
EUROCHILD England		No
EUROCHILD Hungary		no
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland		no
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland		no
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes	
BABELEA		No

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, for what? 		
EAPN Austria	Media project	
EAPN Bulgaria	For a lot of activities – participating in 24 different events during the Year (presenting reports, mediating etc)	
EAPN Denmark	Several projects were funded.	
EAPN Estonia	Direct support for events etc from the Commission’s campaign.	
EAPN Finland	For organizing various events.	
EAPN France	FNARS received support for a practical guide on precarity and mental health, which aims to bring together social action professionals and health professionals. <i>Siège de la FNARS : Un guide pratique sur la précarité et la santé mentale, destiné à rapprocher les professionnels de l’action sociale et les professionnels de l’action sanitaire.</i>	
EAPN Germany	Financial support for the focus week.	
EAPN Italy	Our relationship with the NIB were broken after the participation in the opening conference of the Year in Madrid and we managed to re-open them recently. We think that this situation was at the core of not receiving the funds. But, of course, we may have presented a project on the participation of people experiencing poverty that probably did not reflect our government’s priorities for the year.	
EAPN Latvia initiative	There was a grant from the European Commission Representation in EAPN Latvia initiative for the “Map of Opportunities (resources)” ~ 3500 EUR and for the public debates and some other events hosted in EU House in Riga. And there will be a contract with Ministry of Foreign Affairs that is leading the information campaign about EU issues	
EAPN Norway	Salary for coordinator, arrangements in four cities over four weeks.	
EAPN Portugal	For raising great public awareness on the issues of poverty and social exclusion – seminars, workshops, public session in schools, audiovisual materials, exhibitions, publications and other information materials.	
EAPN Spain	« Convention III of the sector for Social Action ; proposals for a Strategy for social cohesion and inclusion, 2011-2020" (September 30, involving 280 people) and congress for the participation of people experiencing poverty and fundamental rights" (18 – 20 November 2010). « <i>Convention III du secteur de l’Action Sociale. Propositions pour une stratégie de cohésion sociale et l’inclusion, 2011-2020" (Septembre 30, impliquant 280 personnes) et « Congrès de la participation des gens qui vivent dans la pauvreté et des droits fondamentaux » (18 à 20 Novembre 2010)</i>	
EAPN Sweden	See above!	
EAPN United Kingdom	EAPN United Kingdom members projects: Scotland – project for events and grassroots capacity building England – regional (and local) events and grassroots activities in London, East Midlands and North West EAPN United Kingdom – Working Age poverty project – local listening meetings, media campaign	
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia	Because the organizations which work directly in social welfare activities had primacy. We work on participation of children in fight for poverty.	
EUROCHILD Hungary	The reason was the limited fund.	
EUROCHILD Romania	FARA	We don’t know yet

EUROCHILD International	Dyslexia	teacher training courses – FR and E	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were you able to secure other funding linked to the year? 			
EAPN Austria		yes	
EAPN Bulgaria			No
EAPN Cyprus		yes	
EAPN Czech Republic		yes	
EAPN Denmark			No
EAPN Estonia		yes	
EAPN Finland			No
EAPN France		yes	
EAPN Germany			No
EAPN Greece			No
EAPN Ireland		yes	
EAPN Italy		yes	
EAPN Latvia initiative			No
EAPN Lithuania			No
EAPN Malta			No
EAPN Netherlands		yes	
EAPN Norway			No
EAPN Poland		yes	
EAPN Portugal			No
EAPN Slovenia		Yes, from EAPN (sic?)	
EAPN Spain			No
EAPN Sweden		yes	
EAPN United Kingdom		yes	
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan			No
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children			No
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia		yes	
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece			No
EUROCHILD Hungary		yes	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland			No
EUROCHILD Lithuania			No
EUROCHILD FARA Romania			Not yet, awaiting decision
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland			No
EUROCHILD International	Dyslexia	yes	
BABELEA			No, we funded DVDs of witnesses of ‘migrants words’ through our own resources (membership fees). Non nous avons financé sur nos ressources propres (cotisations des membres) des

		DVD témoignages “paroles de migrants”
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan		No
EUROCHILD England		No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, from who and for what? 		
EAPN Austria	We participated in a project on developing regional plans ... (however, we had a minor role in this – and the outcome is not very satisfying); We also managed to secure funding from a private foundation to produce a DVD on the forum-theatre project.	
EAPN Cyprus	From the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance to organise two events during the focus week in October.	
EAPN Czech Republic	Soros OSI private donation and linkage with the Progress Napsi together project strengthened the 2010 goals communication.	
EAPN Estonia	EAPN Estonia Open Foundation has provided support to the network, as from Oct 8 th .	
EAPN France	Production of a documentary film about the actions of FNARS in Brittany in the context of a project on ‘sensitive pathways’ which addresses the question of precarity and access to culture. This project brought together 8 CHRS (centres for housing and social reintegration) from Rennes and music festivals in Brittany (Rennes Transmusicales festival, the Route du Rock, and the l’association Electroni[k]). <i>La réalisation d’un film documentaire qui retrace les actions menées par la FNARS Bretagne dans le cadre du projet « Parcours sensibles » qui aborde les questions de précarité et d’accès à la pratique culturelle. Ce projet rassemble 8 CHRS (centres d’hébergement et de réinsertion sociale) de Rennes et les festivals de musiques en Bretagne (Trans musicales de Rennes, la Route du Rock et l’association Electroni[k]).</i>	
EAPN Ireland	European Commission PROGRESS Awareness funding for two years March 2009- March 2011.	
EAPN Italy	Very little at the local level for organizing the focus week which is being organized by voluntary work.	
EAPN Latvia initiative	A project in the Youth in Action Programme for Children’s Forum of EAPN Latvia initiative, but many good ideas were refused, but all Consortium partners used the voluntary work, resources provided by their supporters and voluntary contributions that upon request were given by some local authorities and regional planning administrations	
EAPN Norway	We got additional funding during the year of 25.000€	
EAPN Poland	When we didn’t get the money from the official call for proposals we met with our NIB and tried to negotiate some money for us. We got about 6000 euro for preparing a social campaign about poverty and we negotiated that the NIB (The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs) will publish “The diaries of people experiencing poverty” prepared by EAPN Poland.	
EAPN Sweden	From the government.	
EAPN United Kingdom	In East Midlands and London we drew in more money from partners (voluntary and statutory sector) – for events to raise public awareness EAPN England were awarded grant of £10,000 from BIG Lottery to increase awareness and grassroots involvement in the year.	
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia	From our local government for children that are involved in the participative activities for children	
EUROCHILD Hungary	We used our own means.	

EUROCHILD International	Dyslexia	Book versions of the training courses FR and E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you, or do you expect to, receive new funding in future as a result of the Year? If so for what and from who? 		
EAPN Austria	yes	
EAPN Bulgaria	Don't know	
EAPN Cyprus		No
EAPN Czech Republic		No
EAPN Denmark		No
EAPN Finland		No
EAPN France		no
EAPN Germany		No
EAPN Greece		No
EAPN Ireland		No
EAPN Italy		No
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes	
EAPN Lithuania	yes	
EAPN Malta		No
EAPN Netherlands	yes	
EAPN Norway		No
EAPN Poland		No
EAPN Portugal		no
EAPN Slovenia		No
EAPN Spain		no
EAPN Sweden	yes	
EAPN United Kingdom		No
BABELEA		No
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan		no
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children		no
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	yes	
EUROCHILD England		No
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece		no
EUROCHILD Hungary		no
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland		no
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	Possibly at European level	
EUROCHILD Lithuania		no
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland		no
EUROCHILD International	Dyslexia	yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, from who and for what? 		
EAPN Austria	We hope to receive additional funding to continue the forum theatre and the media project	

EAPN Czech Republic	EAPN Czech Republic is currently negotiating with Molsa to fund national PEP meetings each year.	
	The Year is over ...	
EAPN France	This is the problem with this kind of finance, which, when one has ideas and a bit of ambition, to launch new ideas and synergies which are totally interesting but then at the end their sustainability does not follow. <i>C'est bien tout le problème de ce genre de financement qui permet, lorsque l'on a des idées et un peu d'ambition de lancer des démarches et des synergies tout à fait intéressantes mais la question de la pérennité se pose à l'issue.</i>	
EAPN Latvia initiative	All 6 Consortium members and Children's Forum of EAPN Latvia initiative as implementing NGO for the biggest project of the year expect to have administrative grants/participation fees in the European networks and also apply for funding within EU 2011 activities.	
EAPN Lithuania	As the result of implemented action we are going to prolong this activity over the next few years we are trying to receive funding from Swiss, EEA and EAPN Norway financial mechanisms and from the Ministry of labour and social affairs as well.	
EAPN Norway	We have core funding through the state budget.	
EAPN Sweden	See above. From the Social Funds.	
EAPN United Kingdom	Don't expect it - but we are citing it in funding bids. EY2010 funding will enable us to show successful activity and has helped us build profile with potential funders for our organisations and for anti-poverty activity.	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	From our local government for children that are involved in the participative activities for children	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania	We don't know yet	
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	We are applying for European Commission funding for teacher training.	
5. New partnerships		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of your 2010 activities have you developed new partnerships with the public sector, the private sector, foundations and/or other NGOs? 		
EAPN Austria	yes	
EAPN Bulgaria	yes	
EAPN Cyprus		no
EAPN Czech Republic	yes	
EAPN Denmark	yes	
EAPN Estonia	yes	
EAPN Finland	yes	
EAPN France	yes	
EAPN Germany	yes	
EAPN Greece	yes	
EAPN Ireland	yes	
EAPN Italy	yes	
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes	
EAPN Lithuania	yes	
EAPN Malta		No
EAPN Netherlands	yes	

EAPN Norway	yes	
EAPN Poland	yes	
EAPN Portugal	yes	
EAPN Slovenia	yes	
EAPN Spain		No. But we made stronger the partnership we had.
EAPN Sweden	yes	
EAPN United Kingdom	yes	
BABELEA		No. We didn't have the human and financial resources. Non, nous n'en avons pas les moyens, humains et financiers
EFSC		no
ENAR		No
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes	
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children		no
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	yes	
EUROCHILD England	yes	
EUROCHILD Finland		no
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece	yes	
EUROCHILD Hungary		no
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland		no
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	yes	
EUROCHILD Lithuania		no
EUROCHILD FARA Romania		no
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland		No but have been actively involved with organisations we already worked with
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes	
FEANTSA	yes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, with whom? 		
EAPN Austria	Journalists; adult education organisations, MPs, ..	
EAPN Bulgaria	Poor people from local communities; local NGOs; MLSP	
EAPN Czech Republic	Yes – Molsa, Ogilvy, Pleon, People in need, SKOK, Nový proctor and many other NGOs.	
EAPN Estonia	With other NGOs and also with private companies	
EAPN Finland	The National Institute for Welfare and Health was in charge of coordinating the year with the Finnish Federation for Social Welfare and Health and EAPN-Finland.	
EAPN France	For example regarding culture and precarity, with the Ministry for	

	culture (also member of the Steering Committee) and the associations of professionals in the field of culture. <i>Sur les questions de culture et de précarité par exemple : avec le Ministère de la culture (membre du COPIL) et les associations de professionnels de la culture.</i>
EAPN Germany	Mostly the NGOs with themselves because they organised the focus week together. Especially Politicians were very reluctant to come to the events. It seemed that they were not interested in a sustainable discussion.
EAPN Greece	Ministry of labour, National Centre for Social research (EKKE).
EAPN Ireland	Our Awareness project involves five other partners four of which are NGOs inclusion the Northern EAPN Ireland Anti-Poverty Network. The fifth partner is a local authority Social Inclusion Unit.
EAPN Italy	Local chapters of Caritas, Europe direct, Universities, other NGOs.
EAPN Latvia initiative	More than 156 institutions including 42 municipalities are aware of the year, engage in the activities and share information and knowledge
EAPN Netherlands	With an old partner from the past, renewed our partnership. With someone out of the private sector (yet to explore the possibilities).
EAPN Norway	New regional NGOs where the network has not been represented before. Future members of the network?
EAPN Poland	With some universities.
EAPN Portugal	Local authorities, schools, universities, foundations and some private and profit organizations.
EAPN Slovenia	The municipalities of Ptuj, Krško . The NGO SLOGA which looks after international cooperation and humanitarian aid. Les municipalités de Ptuj, Krško. L' ONG SLOGA qui s'occupe de le coopération dans le domaine de la coopération international et l'aide humanitaire.
EAPN Spain	For the Convention II of the sector for social action we had an excellent partnership between EAPN, the platform of volunteers and the Platform of NGOs for social action. However this alliance is not new, but was reinforced by the European Year. <i>Pour la Convention du III secteur d'Action Sociale nous avons eu un excellent partenariat entre EAPN, Plate-forme des bénévoles et Plate-forme des ONG d'action sociale. Cependant, cette alliance n'est pas nouvelle, mais a été renforcé par l'Année européenne.</i>
EAPN Sweden	Yes to some extent and we have also strengthened the network itself.
EAPN United Kingdom	See above
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	Different firms, NGOs engaged in poverty and Azerbaijan State Commission struggling against poverty.
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	With local government
EUROCHILD England	Central Government Child poverty unit
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece	Rotary Club, Pancyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Coucil
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	European institutions: European Commission (Italian Representation), the Council of Europe; NGOs, national associations: in the area of non accompanied minors, and in the area of migrant families
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	We contacted ministries of education of over 190 countries and coordinated a first World Dyslexia Forum: Best practice in teaching reading and writing to (for) all.
FEANTSA	See NGO Coalition

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the quality of the collaboration that you and your network have with the National Implementing Body in your country? 			
EAPN Austria			Indifferent
EAPN Bulgaria	Good		
EAPN Cyprus	Good. As part of the assessment committee we had a very good rapport with all other members.		
EAPN Czech Republic	good		
EAPN Denmark	good		
EAPN Estonia	Good: invited to round tables and other meetings by different organisations.		
EAPN Finland			Indifferent
EAPN France			Indifferent
EAPN Germany			Indifferent
EAPN Greece			Indifferent
EAPN Ireland	good		
EAPN Latvia initiative	Good now, but very difficult in 2009 – during the preparation		
EAPN Lithuania	good		
EAPN Malta	good		Indifferent
EAPN Netherlands			Indifferent
EAPN Poland	good		
EAPN Portugal	yes		
EAPN Slovenia	good		
EAPN Spain	good		
EAPN Sweden	good		
EAPN United Kingdom	Good: It was good in development of the year because we worked hard to help shape it		Indifferent to BAD. Under the new Coalition government – lost part of the programme as part of cuts.
BABELEA			Indifferent, via EAPN national networks. <i>Indifférente x via les EAPN nationaux</i>
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	good		
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children			indifferent
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia	good		

EUROCHILD England	good X just recently		
EUROCHILD Finland	good		
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece	good		
EUROCHILD Hungary	good		
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland			Indifferent
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	Good but still superficial		
EUROCHILD Lithuania			Indifferent
EUROCHILD FARA Romania			Indifferent
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland			Indifferent
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	good		
FEANTSA		Bad. In most countries there was or no real cooperation with the NGO sector or there was cooperation with a privileged part of the NGO sector.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you been part of a national consultative committee or similar body for the Year? 			
EAPN Austria	yes		
EAPN Bulgaria	yes		
EAPN Cyprus	yes		
EAPN Czech Republic	yes		
EAPN Denmark	yes		
EAPN Estonia	yes		
EAPN Finland			no
EAPN France	yes		
EAPN Germany	yes		
EAPN Greece			no
EAPN Ireland	yes		
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes		
EAPN Lithuania	yes		
EAPN Malta			No
EAPN Netherlands			no
EAPN Norway	yes		
EAPN Poland	yes		
EAPN Portugal	yes		
EAPN Slovenia	yes		
EAPN Spain	yes		
EAPN Sweden	yes		
EAPN United Kingdom	yes		
BABELEA	Yes via EAPN in several countries. <i>Oui via EAPN dans plusieurs pays</i>		

EFSC		no
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia		no
EUROCHILD England		No
EUROCHILD Bulgaria National Network for Children		no
EUROCHILD Finland		no
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece		no
EUROCHILD Hungary	yes	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland		no
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy		no
EUROCHILD Lithuania		no
EUROCHILD Children in Scotland		no
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes	
FEANTSA		No. In most countries our members were not approached
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, how has this worked? 		
EAPN Bulgaria	Weak activity and effectiveness. Decision making was concentrated in one person in the Ministry, but we have to recognise that the person was ambitious and rather effective.	
EAPN Cyprus	Not very well in terms of outcome. We had two meetings of no real essence, except to assess and approve 2 projects. There was no chance to work together on any issue or really exchange views.	
EAPN Czech Republic	It was rather a well done work (task) of the Molsa stuff (government clerks), no political "passion". Rather a rational task than a "movement".	
EAPN Denmark	Satisfactory. EAPN has influenced the work of the consultative committee, organised meetings in ministries, contributed to leaflets etc.	
EAPN Germany	It did not work very well because in the end the NIB decided on the projects which were chosen for the funding. So, the consultative committee was a show which was even left by some NGOs.	
EAPN Estonia	Well.	
EAPN France	Member of the Steering Committee for EY2010 (FNARS, EAPN France, Secours Populaire, UNIOPSS etc). <i>Membre du comité de pilotage de l'AE 2010 (FNARS, EAPN France, Secours populaire, UNIOPSS, etc.)</i>	
EAPN Ireland	Four meetings were held and mail used to report on the developing programme and its implementation with an opportunity for updates from members	
EAPN Italy	It's hard to say. We had good relations until the opening conference in Madrid and we opened up the collaboration now. We were part of the consultative committee but the input of this committee was nil.	
EAPN Latvia initiative	I am a vice-chair of the Management Committee, all consortium	

	members plus other NGOs are in the MC, and all other consultative bodies of Ministry of Welfare have been involved and consulted, more than 20 NGOs and their networks were directly involved in planning and carrying out the national plan, which was drafted by the NGOs. The Consortium discussed and engaged a big part of the civil society.
EAPN Lithuania	Before 2010 there were meetings and discussions involved in the creation of the programme. Since June 2010 we are as implementers of the programme.
EAPN Norway	The government handed over almost all responsibility to us and other NGOs to arrange the year. They had the main responsibility for the opening and closing conference.
EAPN Poland	Not very good. We were invited and took part in some meetings but our comments weren't taken into account..
EAPN Slovenia	Our member (Ibrahim Nouhoum) is a member of the NIB, which hasn't been as active as we expected. Notre membre (Ibrahim Nouhoum) est membre du NIB, qui n'a pas aussi actif comme on se l'attendait.
EAPN Spain	The group on social inclusion, employment and the rural environment, which is part of the national council of NGOs, acted as a 'committee for consultation and participation' for the European year. It consists of NGOs and the government. It is chaired by EAPN Spain; the Directorate General for social policy acts as vice president. <i>Le Groupe sur l'inclusion sociale, l'emploi et l'environnement rural, qui fait partie du Conseil national des ONG, a agi comme un "comité de consultation et de participation" pour l'Année européenne. Il est composé d'ONG et du gouvernement. Il est présidé par EAPN-ES ; la Direction générale de la politique sociale exerce la vice-présidence.</i>
EAPN Sweden	Good. We have had most of our suggestions accepted.
EAPN United Kingdom	A few EAPN United Kingdom members have been involved (as project promoters) in the EY2010 Stakeholder Group convened by the large NGO funded to carry out Technical Assistance. We have experienced great frustration by their lack of real commitment to the Year and to the European social agenda. Government official/s from the NIB attend the meetings and are generally supportive but operating in a difficult and new political context. Significant failure to promote the year to potential decision making stakeholders and through national media or to build a strong web presence for the whole programme. Lack of informed and committed leadership - so kicking ourselves that we didn't go for the contract... We have concerns about lasting legacy???
BABELEA	<i>Well/Bien</i>
ENAR	We have been part of the EU stakeholders meetings
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	We did not get exact result but we continue our activities in this area.
EUROCHILD Hungary	As a member of the national consultative committee we could have effect on the priorities and the programs of the year.

6. EAPN support for national networks and European Organisations during 2010

- **Has the National Focus Week calendar been helpful in organising your events for 2010?**

EAPN Austria		no
EAPN Bulgaria	yes	
EAPN Cyprus	yes	
EAPN Czech Republic		No

EAPN Denmark	yes	
EAPN Estonia	yes	
EAPN Finland	yes	
EAPN France		No
EAPN Germany	yes	
EAPN Ireland	yes	
EAPN Italy	yes	
EAPN Latvia initiative		No
EAPN Lithuania	yes	
EAPN Malta	Yes	
EAPN Netherlands		No
EAPN Norway	yes	
EAPN Poland	yes	
EAPN Portugal	yes	
EAPN Slovenia	yes	
EAPN Spain		No
EAPN Sweden	yes	
EAPN United Kingdom		No
BABELEA		No
EFSC	yes	
ENAR		No – the European focus weeks were not very helpful
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan		no
EUROCHILD Society “Our Children” Opatija, Croatia		no
EUROCHILD Finland		no
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece	yes	
EUROCHILD Hungary	yes	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	yes	
EUROCHILD Fondazione L’Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	yes	
EUROCHILD Lithuania	yes	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania		no
FEANTSA		no
FEBA	Yes organisation of three events in EAPN Slovenia. Oui, organisation en Slovénie de 3 manifestations pendant cette semaine	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the NGO website for 2010 www.endpoverty.eu been helpful? 		
EAPN Austria	yes especially the common logo was helpful	

EAPN Bulgaria	yes	
EAPN Cyprus	Yes, very much so	
EAPN Czech Republic	yes	
EAPN Denmark	yes	
EAPN Finland	yes	
EAPN France		No
EAPN Greece	yes	
EAPN Ireland	yes	
EAPN Italy	yes	
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes	
EAPN Lithuania	yes	
EAPN Malta	yes	
EAPN Netherlands		no
EAPN Norway	yes	
EAPN Poland	yes	
EAPN Portugal	yes	
EAPN Slovenia	yes	
EAPN Spain	yes	
EAPN Sweden		no
EAPN United Kingdom	ye	
BABELEA	yes	
EFSC	yes	
ENAR	yes	
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia	yes	
EUROCHILD England	yes	
EUROCHILD Finland	yes	
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece	yes	
EUROCHILD Hungary	yes	
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland	yes	
EUROCHILD Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus Italy	yes	
EUROCHILD Lithuania	yes	
EUROCHILD FARA Romania	yes	
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes	
FEBA	yes	
• Could EAPN better support your activities during the last three months of the European Year?		
EAPN Austria	yes	
EAPN Bulgaria		No. Difficult question. Within the general frame of the Year's design

		- probably no.
EAPN Cyprus		No. We feel you have been as helpful as possible in terms of sending information updates and keeping us in the big picture.
EAPN Czech Republic		no
EAPN Denmark		no
EAPN Estonia	yes	
EAPN Finland		no
EAPN France		no
EAPN Germany		no
EAPN Italy		no
EAPN Latvia initiative	yes	
EAPN Lithuania	yes	
EAPN Netherlands		no
EAPN Norway		no
EAPN Poland	yes	
EAPN Portugal	yes	
EAPN Slovenia	yes	
EAPN Spain	yes	
EAPN Sweden		No. Everything is managed and fixed already.
EAPN United Kingdom	yes	
EFSC		no
ENAR		no
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	yes	
EUROCHILD Society "Our Children" Opatija, Croatia		no
EUROCHILD England		no
EUROCHILD Finland		no
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece	yes	
EUROCHILD Hungary		no
EUROCHILD One Family Ireland		no
EUROCHILD EAPN Lithuania		no
EUROCHILD FARA Romania	yes	
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	yes	
FEANTSA	yes	
FEBA	Yes by getting food aid better known. Oui, en faisant mieux connaître l'aide alimentaire	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, please tell us how? 		
EAPN Austria	It would have been great if more efforts could have been put into	

	organising one bigger “joint” activity (even if it would have taken place at different places) – the changing of date and other factors but also maybe to little focus related to the Human Ring Action made it difficult to join in and to implement something “bigger” across Europe.
EAPN Cyprus	But not for the three last months. We feel that better financial support should have been there for the national networks, especially the ones that could not have obtained funding from the EU funds.
EAPN Estonia	Continue advice and help with our questions.
EAPN Ireland	Current level of support is good. Ongoing support needed to help the network to engage with Europe 2020 developments. Also important to look at the legacy from the year.
EAPN Italy	1. It was good to know that we had made a commitment for the focus week so that we were “forced” to try to do something! 2. a good website for gathering information, getting to know what's going on at the European level, just as always. 3. We received all the support that can possibly be expected.
EAPN Latvia initiative	By helping to create the successor for the Consortium and build the leadership necessary. To help to develop PROGRESS project for that purpose.
EAPN Netherlands	I do realise that the policy to try to support the national networks is just beginning. After 20 years of saying the EAPN Brussels has to look at possibilities to support their national networks, it seems that this message is finally coming through. Probably because more and more national networks are having difficulties to survive and some of them just to be the ones with a lot of national (and EU funding) support. So the necessity of supporting the national networks has become a important issue for EAPN Brussels, because a network without strong national networks is in fact a hollow network.
EAPN Norway	EAPN has been a good helper for us during the focus week.
EAPN Poland	We could receive some information what is going on the European level and maybe some “good practises” or examples from other countries. Because it was quite a long summer break between the Exco or working groups meetings, we didn’t got some update what is going on. The website was very useful but still some update or information would be useful.
EAPN Portugal	Giving us more information about the activities and the achievements (ex. exchanging materials) of EY on the other National Networks.
EAPN Slovenia	EAPN should continue to give support to the national networks (technical and financial support, contacts with the national governments). <i>EAPN doit continuer son support aux réseaux nationaux (soutien technique, financier, contacts avec les gouvernements des pays..)</i>
EAPN Spain	EAPN Europe provides us with important information for the development of activities around the European Year. Particularly the conferences on Minimum Income and Active Inclusion, as well as elements for lobbying at European level on different subjects related to ‘getting out of the crisis without deepening the impact on the most vulnerable’ produced during the year. <i>La EAPN Europe nous a fourni avec des informations importantes pour le développement des activités concernant à l’Année Européenne. Particulièrement, des colloques sur le Revenu minimum et l’Inclusion Active, ainsi que des éléments pour</i>

	<i>faire des activités de lobbying à niveau européenne sur différentes sujets relatifs a « la sortie de la crise sans approfondir encore plus l'impact sur des gens plus vulnérables », qui ont été produits pendant cette année.</i>
EAPN United Kingdom	EAPN has been supportive. We have not always been able to “take advantage” of your strengths and our projects finish end of November. The web info is good to refer people to. Will need to talk to others about how you could specifically help.... We are linking the year with Year of Volunteering – stressing how volunteering is strong in poor communities and may be putting in bid for activity with member Migrant Voice. Have you got anything at European level making the link??
BABELEA	By indicating to us financing possibilities to collect other witnesses of migrants to put on DVD in different European languages, other than French and English. <i>En nous indiquant des financements possibles pour récolter d'autres témoignages de migrants diffusables en DVD dans plusieurs langues européennes autres que le français et l'anglais.</i>
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	If our proposal related to struggling against poverty are financed and if there is a condition for our participation in a number of events, then our activity will be more effective and we will get good result.
EUROCHILD Iliachtida, Greece	They could promote us through their website and their colleagues in order to be funded.
EUROCHILD FARA Romania	There is little attention about poverty in Romania. Maybe more pressure could have put on the Romanian government?
EUROCHILD Dyslexia International	By re-visiting the importance of education as an agent for social integration, self-development and broadening of horizons.
FEANTSA	By making sure that the NGO coalition is represented in terms of message (see common message) and in terms of delegates at the remaining events of the EY2010 - especially the Final Conference. We are hopeful that Ludo Horemans will speak as representative of the coalition at the Final Conference and not as president of EAPN... By publicising more the common message of the NGO coalition.
FEBA	Communication with social inclusion networks, and associations. Communication avec les réseaux d'inclusion sociale, les associations
7. Further comments: Please comment on other aspects of the running of the Year	
EAPN Austria	Overall the year leaves us with mixed feelings. Again, NGOs managed to do much with very little budget, while there's no lasting policy impact in sight and the learning experience of the government close to zero. Somehow many of the “other stakeholders” could be reached but few politicians seem to have really noticed the year. Some first steps towards more regional work were taken (e.g. some mayors and city councils could be reached) and there was good media attention overall. However, the new minimum income system remains weak and a priority on the fight against poverty and social inequalities can hardly be found in the 2011 national budget. The involvement of media/event agencies etc. and the production of – more or less – useless marketing article has been very questionable, to say the least.
EAPN Bulgaria	Please pay attention – there are some very interesting and perhaps – useful results of the Year (especially – from the meetings of the poor people). It is of primordial importance to identify them and somehow

	to disseminate them= I mean for instance the ideas of the poor people about the causes and consequences of poverty; about the social inclusion etc.
EAPN Cyprus	We think that the Year was helpful and that it did place the spotlight on issues that otherwise could not have been discussed or revealed – this in our country at least. Yet the funding process could have been different and not such that would either put the national network in a committee – gaining recognition and status – or just getting funds for a project like any other NGO or authority. Thank YOU!
EAPN Czech Republic	The preparation phase, the information given by EAPN Europe in advance (from the year 2008 already minimally) was really helpful and encouraged our interest, initiative and practical decisions significantly. The rather pan-European “empty” PR style of EU years is always a weakness, but I had a feeling that despite this fact there was at least some positive, authentic and inventive atmosphere around it in the Czech Republic.
EAPN Denmark	There have been quite a lot of activities about poverty and a good debate in the public, in particular organised by NGOs. However, the political positions are unchanged. In some municipalities poverty research has been up-dated.
EAPN Finland	I was not a member of the National Implementing Body and do not have the knowledge to say how well the group really worked. For this information you should contact EAPN-Fin’s representative in the NIB: ari.saarto@a-klinikka.fi or the representatives of the Finnish Federation for Social Welfare and Health: kirsi.vaatamoinen@stkl.fi riitta.sarkela@stkl.fi
EAPN Greece	We postpone the national focus week for December because of the local elections.
EAPN Ireland	There is a large awareness of the 2010 Year among the community and voluntary sector. EAPN Ireland has played a big part in this and began engaging with and raising awareness about the year in 2008. This was important.
EAPN Latvia initiative	Latvian NGOs are more visible, but drained up. We look forward to the new challenges.
EAPN Lithuania	As this project is the first project of EAPN Lithuania, hope that it would be a great step for further activities receiving funds from National and international supporters for the organizational activities.
EAPN Netherlands	Because they didn’t like our comment on our website that we were excluded in this year, we were invited to join in the jury for the journalist award (Dutch contribution). Although we felt like saying NO – we decided to accept this invitation for our own sake. We found it more important for our people to see that EAPN Netherlands is still alive and kicking. Bearing in mind that in (still) a rich country as the Netherlands, and being never supported at all in the total years of existence, and coming out of grass roots organisations, which are almost brought to extinction, we have done everything possible without any financial support of funding. A new list of the total of our activities will be send to you in December 2010. I (Quinta) appreciated all the moral support I’ve received from members of the staff and from my colleagues of other national networks. We hope with the coming of some new volunteers and hopefully some more recognition of our

	work (financial) that 2011 will be a new and successful beginning for EAPN Netherlands.
EAPN Malta	It is unfortunate to say that Malta missed an opportunity in this particular Year 2010 especially for networking with NGOs and creating partnership with interested parties.
EAPN Poland	I think there was a little lack of the communication between the countries about what they do or what kind of feelings they have concerning the Year. Also some feedback from EAPN could be useful. In EAPN Poland the year was not a big success at all. It was another thing to do for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and it doesn't have any impact on public awareness, social policy etc. Any visibility or impact of the Year on anything in EAPN Poland (from NIB).
EAPN Slovenia	We think that 2010 hasn't really contributed to the eradication of poverty, though there have been enough activities, but not enough solutions. We notice a tendency to a reduction of the rights of workers and an increase in poverty. After 2010 we must double our efforts to find and acknowledge solutions in the fight against poverty and social exclusion. <i>Nous pensons que l'année 2010, n'a pas vraiment contribué à l'éradication de la pauvreté, certes il y a eu assez d'activités, mais il n'y a pas eu assez de solutions. On remarque une tendance à la diminution des droits des travailleurs et une augmentation de la pauvreté. Après 2010, nous devons doubler d'efforts pour chercher et faire valoir les solutions de lutte contre la pauvreté et l'exclusion sociale.</i>
EAPN Spain	We were supported in our work through the work of EAPN EU during this European year for Combating poverty and social exclusion. <i>Nous avons été confortés dans notre travail à travers le travail d'EAPN EU en cette Année européenne de lutte contre la pauvreté.</i>
EAPN Sweden	The Year has been a breakthrough for the Network and we have had our first funding ever. It has been important to be a European Network knowing the European agenda- no one else has got this competence so they turned to us already in the planning phase asking for ideas. Our plan was accepted as a whole and we have also been in the National Implementing Body. We think that the work we did during the Swedish Presidency was important as we also in that process were outstanding in handling the European Agenda and having the contacts with EAPN Europe. It gave us the opportunity to show good and sincere commitment to the Government and other actors. The problems we have had in EU2010 is due to persons, especially at the Social Funds Secretariat and a very late planning. We got the decisions about the funding very late, and that has meant that we could have done better, reached more people and could have had more people involved if everything was not so much done in the last minute. EAPN Sweden has also had new member organizations during the year, and I guess the reason for that is that we are more visible. This year has also in that way strengthened the network.
BABELEA	The 'migrant dimension' does not seem to have had the space we sought during 2010. National policies have supported this (in particular financially) more by setting up security systems, by closing frontiers and by sending back (so called) 'illegals' than in welcoming and integrating them into the host countries. Babelea is a European

	<p>network of small associations active in the field of the welcome of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; their size does not allow them to easily respond to calls for proposals and to access European funds.</p> <p><i>La « dimension migrants » ne semble pas avoir eu la place souhaitée dans cette année 2010. A noter que les politiques nationales y ont plus été soutenues (en particulier financièrement) dans la mise en place de systèmes de sécurité et de fermeture des frontières et dans le renvoi des illégaux que dans les aspects accueil et accompagnement pour une bonne intégration dans le pays d'accueil. Babelea est un réseau européen de petites associations nationales actives dans le domaine de l'accueil et de l'accompagnement des migrants, réfugiés et demandeurs d'asile ; leur dimension ne leur permet pas de répondre facilement aux appels d'offre et d'avoir accès aux financements européens.</i></p>
ENAR	Thanks for EAPN coordination of the NGO coalition and for all the great work!
EUROCHILD Azerbaijan	<p>We consider that this was very good initiative and will lead to the change of the lives of millions of people. This paves the way for new ideas. We consider that all NGOs will take an active part in this area. At the same time, new information and ideas received during this event will be applied in their own country. The mission of Center Women and Modern World : to render practical help to women from all over Azerbaijan, liquidation of all forms of violence and discrimination against women, to cooperate with partners in the sphere of gender problems, planning family and reproductive health, partnership in reduction of the level of poverty among women and prevention of conflicts. Strategically, the work of CWMW is based on highlighting values such as justice and gender equality, and the will to improve the state of women rights of poor and marginalized women. We have the generated team of trainers and we are engaged in training and education on women rights professionally. We use the most progressive methods and experience, we develop own techniques. Our work is not single actions, but the regular long-term program on women rights. Our projects are not closed on large cities, and cover the remote regions of Azerbaijan and include local partners at a level of communities. Our organization consists of highly skilled trainers, experts and advisors, who successfully combine the public activity with the practical work due to own specialties that provide a qualified and contemporary approach to work process. We suppose that our organization has sufficient experience in that field. If we join this program, our human resources will give the people opportunity to benefit from our resources. And we want to take an active participation in this campaign.</p>
EUROCHILD Finland	We just got some preliminary results from a survey that was done during 2010. So now it is a bit too early to say what are the impacts of the Year. In Finland we have Parliamentary elections in April 2011 so then it is interesting to see if poverty is one of the main topics.
EUROCHILD Hungary	In Hungary the elections and the change of Government in the middle of the Year caused some difficulties. It took some time until the new Government structure has been developed and they began to work with the EU Year issues. But there was a positive step also that they

		reopened the sources for a second round of applications so more NGOs could receive funding for their programs related to the Year. (It is a pity we were not among them...)
EUROCHILD Romania	FARA	FARA only became Eurochild member 6 months ago so haven't participated or been involved that much. Saying that, I think it would have been helpful if there was more attention for the current situation in Romania
EUROCHILD Scotland	Children in	Re question7 – we have been involved at EU level through Eurochild and its End Child Poverty Campaign. As we did not get funding we did not run any events ourselves. We did participate in events in Scotland run by others e.g. I presented a workshop at an event held by the Poverty Alliance. Decision-making about EY2010 was not devolved to Scottish Government so seemed a bit remote.
EUROCHILD International	Dyslexia	Since Europe has a presence through its field offices in some of the poorest countries of the world - eg Lesotho, Mali, Bangladesh and so on, more sensitivity to poverty in these countries should be taken into account. Poverty surely exists and is even rife in the so called 'advantaged' countries but in our globalised world, poverty should be viewed in relative terms to other so called 'less-advantaged' countries.
FEANTSA		<p>We have invested a great deal of time in the EY2010 - through the NGO coalition, through bi-lateral cooperation with EAPN, through the stakeholders forum, through the communications advisory panel in MOSTRA - and it has not delivered much. Just some examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Media/Communication strategy around the EY - see for instance thematic mile stone. Minimal support from MOSTRA and little impact. ▪ Ambassadors - was announced as a real publicity tool for the EY. We have not seen much - especially not from the EU ambassadors (who are they?!) ▪ Political messages from the EY -- we are still in total darkness about them... ▪ Visibility and impact of the NGO coalition?! ▪ Media focus week. Did it happen? ▪ Big event/concert/mobilisation linked to Final Conference -- might still happen?? <p>Some of our members are quite happy with the results. But at EU level it was very poor. The coordination of the NGO coalition could have been better, considering the money available (6 million €) the communication was very poor, the promised support from MOSTRA for some European NGOs did not really happen ... The labelling worked well - many organisations used the logo of the EY. But we think it would be a mistake to count all events with the logo as EY events. A lot of it would have happened anyway. So we can not hide that we are quite disappointed...</p>
FEBA		The last point applies to 2011 and the following years. Ce dernier point est aussi valable pour 2011 et les années suivantes.