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Karima Delli & EAPN

are pleased to invite you to the public presentation of the new EAPN Explainer

"Wealth, inequality and social polarisation in the EU"



Tuesday 4th October 12:00-14:00 European Parliament Room ASP 1G2 Entrance ASP building - Place Luxembourg

SAVE THE DATE: 04/10

Invitation to the public presentation of EAPN's explainer on Wealth, Inequalities and Social Polarisation

Download the publication here.

If you wish to attend, please send your name, date of birth and ID number at <u>karima.delli@europarl.europa.eu</u> and <u>Rebecca.lee@eapn.eu</u> in copy.

EAPN is one of the new members of the Alliance for the 2011 Year on Volunteering See the page here: <u>http://eyv2011.eu/newsletter</u>



NEWS from EAPN

Find latest EAPN news here.

Impact of the economic crisis: the role of innovation in social policy

26/09 - Social Platform and EAPN attended a Ministerial conference of the Polish EU presidency in Wrocław, Poland, to discuss responses to the social impact of the economic crisis and how to intensify the support to innovation within social policies. Katherine Duffy, EAPN UK presented the key findings and outcomes of EAPN's conference: getting out of the crisis together.

<u>Background note and programme</u> here on the website of the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy.

<u>Europolitics article</u> on the event. <u>More information</u> on the EC's website.

EAPN's Conference *Getting out of the crisis together: alternative approaches for an inclusive recovery*

On 23 September, EAPN held a successful conference, gathering and boosting collaboration amongst and between activists, trade-unionists, other NGOs activists, policy decision makers and researchers on the causes and the consequences of the crisis and on possible alternative approaches. As a participative network, the voice of people experiencing poverty was at the centre of the debates which gave a large space to the presentation of members' experiences and mobilizations. <u>Further details here</u>, with presentations!



Read also <u>EAPN's press release linked to the conference</u> "Any revision of the EU Treaties must make Europe more social".

Europe 2020 Strategy: EAPN Briefing note

This briefing aims at giving members of EAPN and anti-poverty activists a clear overview of the functioning of the EU2020 Strategy and an analysis of EAPN's positions and actions. Il also highlights opportunities for EAPN at the EU and national levels. <u>Download the briefing in English and its Annex here</u>.

Volunteering and the Fight against Poverty: EAPN's position

This position paper outlines EAPN's key concerns on volunteering as well as recommendations to all stakeholders, to the non-profit sector, to the European Commission, to Member States and to the business sector. For EAPN, the 2011 European Year of Volunteering should involve raising awareness on the role of volunteering showing the different approaches across Member States, exploring the benefits and risks, and campaigning together to get answers to the common challenges currently on the table. <u>Download the position paper here</u>.

NEWS from EAPN's NATIONAL NETWORKS

All EAPN National Networks' and European organizations' contact details and websites are available on EAPN's website <u>here</u>.

BAPN : 16 October – Action !

On 16/10, on the eve of the International Day against Poverty, a demonstration starting at 1pm at North Station against poverty, but more specifically youth and child poverty. BAPN and its partners call on 3 main demands that you can find in the <u>campaign's text</u> (here in French).

To support this action, individually or with an organisation, sign the campaign's text by sending an email to Karolien Schepens <u>karolien.schepens@bapn.be</u>. All signatories will be mentioned on the campaign's website <u>www.17octobre.be</u>.

FNARS (membre of EAPN France): the *Collectif des associations unies* (group of united associations) meets Prime Minister on 26/09

For more than a year, solidarity organisations, united in the *Collectif des associations unies*, have been calling for a meeting with Prime Minster François Fillon, to discuss the appalling and aggravating situation of the most deprived. <u>Read press release here (in French only)</u>.

EAPN Portugal

- Iberian Seminar on "The Inclusion of the Roma Communities: challenges, opportunities and commitments", Porto, 20-21 October 2011. More info. including programme in: <u>http://www.eapn.pt/agenda_visualizar.php?ID=375</u>
- EAPN Portugal has been developing since July 2011 the ROMI project. This project is financed by the National Operational Programme on Human Potential. It lasts for 29 months (July 2011 to November 2013) and is aimed at Roma women in two municipalities of the Porto District (Santo Tirso and Paredes). The main objective of this project is to foster equal opportunities for Roma women by promoting the practice of an active citizenship, as well as information and awareness raising in local communities about social and cultural realities of this ethnic group. More info. : http://www.eapn.pt/projectos_visualizar.php?ID=122
- 3rd Forum of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion, 17 October, Hotel Tuela, Porto. Based on the National Reform Program, the EU 2020 Strategy and the EYVA, the III National Forum aims to promote the participation of citizens who live (or lived) in poverty and / or social exclusion. The forum will discuss the NRP, promote debate and reflection on some issues related to the fight against poverty and social exclusion. http://www.eapn.pt/agenda_visualizar.php?ID=376

EAPN Estonia: <u>3 EAPN explainers now available in ESTONIAN!</u>

NEWS from the EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

Find all EU institutions news on EAPN's website here

> Access all events and news of the Polish Presidency here

G20 Labour-Employment Ministers in Paris to discuss how to strengthen employment and social policies

26/09 - The two days of discussions will focus on employment policies, especially youth employment and vulnerable groups. In the current difficult economic environment, the role of the Employment Ministers and their contribution to the overall <u>G20 discussions</u> is particularly important. Ministers are also looking at how to strengthen social protection, promote social and labour rights and improve coherence among international organisations as well as between economic, employment and social policies. Read <u>more on the EC's website</u>.

EP Public Services Intergroup: liberalisations must be evaluated

20/09 - In a conference organized by the EP Public Services Intergroup, together with the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services (CEEP), academics and stakeholders discussed how to evaluate liberalizations of network industries in the EU. Prof. Lenk of Leipzig University showed that the employment and the cohesion dimension have been totally ignored by the evaluations undertaken so far. Read <u>full press release here</u>.

In its <u>response to the Single Market Act</u>, the Social Platform called on the Commission to carry out a social impact assessment of the liberalisations of network services.

EU disengaging from food aid for the most deprived

20/09 - At the Council on Agriculture and Fisheries of September 20, member states could not reach an agreement to renew the EU programme on the distribution of food products to the most deprived. Six out of the 27 member states were against it. The total value of funds for the 2012 programme for the supply of food for the most deprived persons in the EU has been set at €113 million, a sharp reduction from the near € 500 million awarded in recent years The 2012 food aid scheme will be based exclusively on existing intervention stocks. Read Council's full press release here.

The role of the EU in the new austerity measures demanded from Greece

19/09 - The Greek newspaper VIMA published a leaked email that contained 15 demands from the EU, ECB and IMF troika that Greece has to comply with if it wants to receive the next eight billion tranche of its EU/IMF loan. These demands call for further economic austerity measures and are likely to put even more pressure on Greece's social sustainability. Read more on the issue or see a translation of the 15 demands by the BBC's Business economics correspondent in his blog.

European Commission promotes cross-border volunteering

20/09 - The European Commission announced plans to further improve the recognition and promotion of volunteering in the EU. In the context of European Year of Volunteering 2011, the Commission's Communication on EU Policies and Volunteering outlines a range of measures that will help foster voluntary activities in the EU, including the creation of a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps and the development of a 'European Skills Passport'. Significantly, this is the first time the European Commission has adopted a policy document dedicated exclusively to volunteering. <u>Read More</u>

Vice President Reding presents the Victims' Package to the Parliament

15/09 – Victims' rights are also fundamental rights, including the respect for human dignity, private and family life and property. These rights should be safeguarded, along with the rights of others involved in criminal proceedings, such as those accused of a crime. Read <u>more on Social</u> <u>Platform's website</u>.

European Parliament Adopts Resolution on EU Homelessness Strategy

14/09 - The European Parliament adopted a resolution calling for an EU homelessness strategy. With this resolution, adopted by a large majority, the European Parliament sends out a strong political message that homelessness is an urgent issue, on which the EU must step up its co-ordination and support of Member States' policies. <u>Read more on the EP's website</u> and <u>FEANTSA's</u> <u>press release</u>.

ECRE: New Frontex mandate approved by European Parliament

Under a new mandate approved by the European Parliament last week, the EU Borders Agency Frontex will be able to acquire its own assets, such as helicopters, to monitor the EU's borders. Frontex will also appoint a human rights officer to monitor whether human rights are respected at border checks. MEP Helene Flautre of the European Greens called attention to the fact that the independent observation and impartiality procedures which are used to avoid the violations of human rights are not yet in place. Furthermore, a "consultative forum on fundamental rights" will be established to assist the agency's management board. The consultative forum will be open to the EU Fundamental Rights and Asylum Support agencies, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and NGOs specialised in this field. <u>Read more on ECRE's website</u>

NEWS from NGOs and OTHERS

Find all news from NGOs and others here.

COFACE and FAMILYPLATFORM publish roadmap for future research on families

22/09 – FAMILYPLATFORM, which the Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union (COFACE) is part of, published "Research Agenda on Families and Family Wellbeing for Europe", a <u>roadmap</u> for future research on families, providing an important touchstone for researchers, policy makers and civil society organisations working to improve the wellbeing of families in Europe.

Read also COFACE's press release 08/09 <u>COFACE calls for a reduction of VAT on children's</u> products and services to reduce family burdens.

EDF welcomes EESC opinion on Disability Strategy

22/09 - The European Disability Forum <u>welcomes the opinion by the EESC</u> on the European Commission disability strategy for the next 10 years and calls on the European Commission to react accordingly.

ENAR fears new Frontex mandate

22/09 - The European Network Against Racism (ENAR) welcomes the new measures adopted by the EP concerning Frontex, towards more respect for human rights, but is concerned that these will not seriously address the human rights breaches often committed within Frontex operations as a result of its mission to "monitor and control" Europe's external borders.

Read also ENAR press release: Danish elections: Game over for Danish People's Party

IFSW launches Charter of Rights for Social Workers

22/09 - The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW Europe) launched the Charter of Rights for Social Workers and a DVD celebrating their achievements. Social workers undertake a wide range of challenging responsibilities on behalf of the rest of society, yet all too often they do not receive the level of support from their employers and society at large that is required to undertake such an important and demanding role. The Charter summarises the support that social workers require to practise safely and secure the best possible outcomes for those using their services.

Socialists and Democrats Group in the EP: Progressives set out 10-point social strategy for EU

21/09 - The European Parliament's main progressive group today adopted an ambitious, ten-point social policy strategy for Europe aimed at improving people's quality of life. The group rejected the notion that social policy cuts are an inevitable result of the crisis, condemning them instead as "a deliberate political choice by the right-wing majorities that currently dominate all European institutions." Read <u>full press release here</u>.

EU must put an end to 'hypocrisy' and go from talk to effective action to end violence against women and girls in internal and external policies, say MEPs and NGOs

21/09 - 'We all have the right to live free from violence, and women face so many forms of violence. We just have to end it, and we know the EU has the means to do so.' With these words Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the house (EPP/FI), opened the Roundtable in the European Parliament organised yesterday by the European Women's Lobby (EWL), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the 11th International Women's Health Meeting to explore and challenge the EU's current internal and external policy approaches to violence against women and girls. Read more on the EWL website.

AGE: Intergroup meeting on 'Enhancing the participation of older volunteers through EYV2011'

21/09 – In the context of the European Year of Volunteering (EYV 2011), the Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity has held a meeting today to highlight the important contribution that older volunteers bring to society and to reflect on how best to remove the current obstacles to volunteering among older people. Read <u>full AGE press release</u>.

Achieving decent work and quality jobs through effective industrial relations

21/09 - A <u>SOLIDAR Round Table</u> hosted by MEP Evelyn Regner (S&D), stressed the importance of effective and strong industrial relations to promote decent work and quality employment. Examples from various EU Member States illustrated cases where flexibility measures and precarious employment had led to workers' not accessing enough social security, a decrease in trade union representation, low wages and the non-respect of rights at work. <u>Read more on Solidar's website</u>.

EWL event in EP draws strong commitments from policy-makers for effective action to end violence against women and girls in internal and external policies

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Social Platform: Convention on Poverty: We call for civil society to take part in the ministerial debate

15/09 - Social Platform has questioned the partnership and visibility of civil society in the proposed agenda of the first Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion. We pointed out the need for the participation of a representative of the independent CSOs in the opening session to talk about the implementation of the poverty target. It is not satisfactory for this to be done by the Commission's DG representatives. Read more on the SP website.

See also <u>16/09 Social Platform adopts its recommendations on Care</u>.

ILO Director-General addresses the European Parliament : Time to recover trust of people and address rising inequalities!

14/09 - The Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Juan Somavia, addressed the European Parliament during its special meeting on the social dimension of globalization on 14 September in Strasbourg. Mr Somavia underpinned the importance of putting productive investment in the real economy at the heart of policy making. Within the major employment and social challenges in the EU, Somavia said it was time to recover the trust of people and to address the rising inequalities. He underlined that crises should not be made a pretext for weakening basic labour rights and the application of ratified ILO Conventions, citing the example of Greece. Somavia said the upcoming G20 leaders meeting presented an opportunity for leaders to reconnect with the real economy. You can <u>watch the recording of the debate on the European Parliament website</u> and read <u>ILO's full press release</u>.

FEANTSA: European Parliament Adopts Resolution on EU Homelessness Strategy

14/09 - With this <u>Resolution (B7-0475/2011)</u>, adopted by a large majority, the European Parliament sends out a strong political message that homelessness is an urgent issue, on which the EU must step up its co-ordination and support of Member States' policies. This requires building on previous work at EU-level in order to deliver an ambitious, integrated European homelessness strategy that can make concrete progress in the fight against homelessness. Read <u>full FEANTSA's press release</u>.

Cecodhas Housing Europe: Good news to clarify State aids rules for social housing

After the summer break, the Commission have sent to Member States its draft decision to define in what condition a provider receive State aids to deliver social housing and other SIEG, does not have to notify it to EU. And the good news is that this new decision is integrating all demands of CECODHAS Housing Eu-rope. Read <u>more on Cecodhas September newsletter</u>.

Campaigns:

Sign the petition for a UN enquiry and to stop rape and sexual violence as weapons of war!

The Global Fund for Women have launched a campaign to demand a United Nations Commission of Inquiry on the use of rape and sexual violence as a weapon of war in Burma. The EWL works for the rights of women in conflict and the full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. Please sign this petition and take a stand again the abuse of women in conflict! More info and petition to sign here.

European Prize:

European prize on energy poverty: how to get out ?

The European local inclusion and social action network ELISAN, and the corporate Foundation GDF SUEZ commit themselves to fighting this problem and launch a call for European experiences. The call for experiences is aimed at collecting the most efficient and innovative initiatives launched at local level to fight against energy poverty: preventive measures, specific tools, trainings and so on. Deadline: 15 Nov. Read <u>more on Elisan's website</u>.

PUBLICATIONS

Find all publications on EAPN's website here.

2 ETUI publications

Inequality, poverty and the crisis in Greece

As a result of the austerity and the wider recession, 5% of the Greek population saw their 2010 incomes fall below the 2009 poverty line, swelling the ranks of those who were already – and remained – in poverty (another 20% of population). However, while the crisis has raised the demand for social protection, the supply of social benefits has been reduced rather than increased. To prevent the economic crisis from turning into a social catastrophe, a concerted effort is needed to tighten the social safety net and to shield the weakest groups from its adverse effects. This paper was also circulated by EAPN Greece during EAPN Conference on the Crisis on 24 September. Download the policy paper on ETUI's website.

New book: The Sustainable Company- a new approach to corporate governance

In a new book published by the ETUI an alternative approach to corporate governance is presented by members of the GOODCORP network of researchers and trade unionists. Key themes in the book are the need for workers' 'voice' in corporate governance and for a binding legislative framework to promote sustainability. Read <u>more</u>.

New Eurostat Paper on the effect of economic crisis on government revenue and expenditure

Eurostat has just released this <u>report on the crisis and public spending</u> "The effect of the economic and financial crisis on government revenue and expenditure".

AGE launches position on active ageing through older volunteering

22/09 - <u>AGE</u> Platform Europe <u>launches its position paper</u> which explores the links between the European Year of Volunteering 2011 and the upcoming European Year 2012 on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations, to encourage stakeholders to build on the momentum to foster active ageing in the community during 2012 and promote better recognition of the value that older volunteers bring for societies.

Work, Organisation, Labour & Globalisation Journal - New issue "Passing the buck: corporate restructuring and the casualisation of employment"

Casual labour is often thought of as a hangover from the bad old days, when agricultural workers were hired by the day, homeworkers slaved hidden away in back rooms and street vendors eked out a living in urban slums. Modernisation, new technology, industrialisation and economic development, it might be thought, are doing away with such primitive conditions. Unfortunately, as this volume shows, this is far from being the case. Read <u>more on WOLG's website</u> and see previous issues.

European Commission's new Social Europe Guide

<u>The Social Europe guide</u> is a bi-annual publication aimed at providing to an interested but not necessarily specialised audience a concise overview of specific areas of EU policy in the field of employment, social affairs and inclusion. It illustrates the key issues and challenges, explains policy actions and instruments at EU level and provides examples of best practices from EU Member States.

European Commission's September Labour Market Fact Sheet

Divergence continues to prevail between Member States' labour markets. Despite a recent slowdown in unemployment, the number of Europeans looking for work is rising again, albeit moderately. According to the latest Monthly Labour Market Fact Sheet published by the European

Commission, the decrease seen in unemployment by 705,000 across the EU between April 2010 and March 2011 was followed by an increase of 83,000 in the following four months. <u>Read more here ion the EC's website</u>.

EUCIS-LLL Annual Conference report on "the role, place and value given to volunteering in education and training"

You can download it from their website: <u>http://www.eucis-III.eu/pages/events/conferences</u>

European Policy Centre publications

- Where have all the flowers gone? Europe's strategic puzzle in the Mediterranean
- The unacceptable status quo: global hunger and malnutrition What response from Europe?
- Roadmap to a resource-efficient Europe
- Resource efficiency Task Force
- The rise of anti-EU populism: why, and what to do about it
- Yes, but defining a vision after the Karlsruhe verdict

AGENDA ...!

Check calendar of events on EAPN's website here.

Check out the Polish Presidency Calendar here

October 2011

01 Oct: Europe against austerity conference, London.

01 Oct: European Commission, <u>European Job Days</u>, Brussels.

3 Oct: Cecodhas Housing Europe <u>Affordable Rental Housing for the Young - International Tenent's day / UN</u> <u>World Habitat Day</u>, Brussels.

3-4 Oct : EIPA seminar A Practical Guide to the European Neighbourhood Policy, <u>Programme</u> | <u>Online</u> registration | <u>Complete information package</u> (pdf).

4 Oct: The European Network of Independent Legal Experts in the non-discrimination field and the European Network of Legal Experts in the field of gender equality, <u>Legal seminar on the implementation of EU law on equal opportunities and anti-discrimination</u>, Brussels.

5-8 Oct: <u>14th European Health Forum</u>, Bad Hofgastein, Austria.

6 Oct: <u>EC Youth@Work Roundtable</u>, Brussels.

6 Oct: UDENFOR Projekt, conference <u>"Down and Out in Europe – Homelessness and Free Movement"</u>, Copenhagen. You can also cotnact: Mail: <u>tf@udenfor.dk</u>

6-7 Oct: asbl Flora, <u>Du Je au Nous</u>, <u>Parcours Outils et Perspectives pour stimuler la participation citoyenne</u> dans un groupe, Brussels.

7-9 Oct : The Italian Region Friuli Venezia Giulia, the Volunteer Support Centre of Friuli Venezia Giulia and CSVnet, <u>International Conference "Italy - Central and South Eastern Europe Volunteering and institutions in comparison</u>", Gorizia, Italy.

11-14 Oct: 18th Regional Social Insurance, Pension and Provident Fund Conference "<u>Meeting today's</u> challenges in social protection and retirement systems", Nicosia, Cyprus.

12 Oct: EC Stakeholder Seminar: The Future of Families, Brussels.

13-14 Oct: EIPA, Seminar on eHealth: Innovation, Implementation and Transferability, Maastricht. <u>Programme</u> | <u>Online registration</u> | <u>Complete information package</u> (pdf).

13-14 Oct: EIPA, Seminar on Making Sense of Migration Statistics: Comparing Data and Practical Application, Maastricht. <u>Programme</u> | <u>Online registration</u> | <u>Complete information package</u> (pdf).

13-15 Oct: The Collaborative Research Centre CRC 600 "Strangers and Poor People" (SFB 600), the Cluster of Excellence at the Universities of Mainz and Trier, and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology <u>Conference "The Resilience of People in motion: Processes of immigration, transmigration, and remigration in the wider Europe"</u>, University of Trier, Germany.

17 Oct: International Day against Poverty and Social Exclusion

- 16 Oct : demonstration organised by the Belgian Anti-Poverty Network
- Symposium Enfants consommateurs et pauvreté (in French only), Huy, Belgium
- 17 Oct in Charleroi

17-18 Oct: First Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion. The Convention, to be organised on 17-18 October in Cracow, will review the progress made towards the headline target of reducing poverty and social exclusion by at least 20 million by 2020 and the implementation of the European Platform against Poverty. It will also debate suggestions for future actions.

18 Oct: FUTURAGE road-map launch conference, Meeting the grand challenge of ageing: the European

Research Agenda, Brussels.

17-21 Oct: MIRACLE: International training course for teachers working with migrant students, Berlin.

19-21 Oct: <u>CEV Symposium 'Volunteering and Active Citizenship-Two Sides of the Same Coin?</u>', Berlin.

23-25 Oct: Council of Europe's 3rd International Roma Women Conference, Granada, Spain.

26-27 Oct: Institut für Sozialarbeit und Sozialpädagogik e.V., Conference on "<u>Volunteering and paid work in</u> <u>Europe</u>", Munich, Germany.

27 Oct: Energy Investment Day in Romania: sustainable energy projects and the European structural funds, Bucharest, Romania.

27-28 Oct: EIPA Seminar <u>EU Financial Services Law: New Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for</u> <u>Insurance</u>, Luxembourg.

November 2011

01-03 Nov: Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland, <u>International Conference 'Ageing</u> <u>Globally - Ageing Locally'</u>, Dublin.

07 Nov: AGE Platform Europe, together with the Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity, <u>Towards a successful EY2012</u>, European Parliament, Brussels - 14.00 - 17.00.

17-18 Nov: EIPA <u>Migration Seminars: Management & Control Structures</u>, <u>Making Sense of Migration</u> <u>Statistics</u>, Maastricht.

18-20 Nov: <u>ECRE Training on Introductory European Legal Network on Asylum course: The International</u> <u>Protection of Refugees</u>, Lisbon.

22 Nov: <u>CHES Policy Dialogue</u>, Looking ahead to the 2012 European Year of active ageing – and health? , Brussels.

23 Nov: EPC Breakfast Policy Briefing, The priorities of the Danish Presidency of the EU, Brussels.

23-25 Nov: European Social Tourism Forum, Malta

25-26 Nov: <u>PES Progressive Convention</u>, Brussels.

24-26 Nov: PES Council and the PES Progressive Convention, Brussels.

30 Nov-02 Dec: Eurochild's 8th Annual Conference 2011 - Tackling child poverty through supporting and strengthening families, Cardiff, Wales. Programme: Click <u>here</u>. Registration: Click <u>here</u>.

29-30 Nov: International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), <u>Global Forum on Migration &</u> <u>Development Civil Society Days (GFMD CSD)</u>, Geneva, Switzerland.

December 2011

06 Dec: <u>EPC Conference Shrinking rights for undocumented migrants: The impact of restrictive</u> migration policies and the responsibility of the media, **Brussels**.

TENDERS and GRANTS

Find all funding opportunities on EAPN's website here.

Calls for proposals

- Find here <u>all calls</u> concerning the 7th Framework Programme (FP7).
- <u>Pilot projects on employment of persons with autism spectrum disorders</u> no deadline specified.
- <u>Youth in Action</u> Programme (2007 2013) Deadline: from 01 February 2007 up to the end of 2013. Deadlines vary according to Action. Please contact the European Commission or your National Agency).
- Lifelong Learning Programme 2011 Call Several deadlines throughout 2011
- <u>Call for proposals: Europe for Citizens Programme: Active Citizens for Europe, Active civil</u> society in Europe and Active European Remembrance – Several deadlines throughout 2011
- <u>Preparatory action "Your first EURES job"</u> Deadline: **20 Oct 2011**.
- Pilot Project: <u>All-Inclusive Cooperation between Public Authorities</u>, <u>Commercial Firms and</u> <u>Social Enterprises for Social Inclusion and Integration into the Labour Market</u> – Deadline: 15 Nov 2011.
- <u>Call for proposals for social experimentations</u> Progress 2011 Deadline: **15 Dec 2011**.
- <u>Advancing Roma Inclusion Through Arts & Culture</u> Deadline: Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis through **Dec 31, 2012**.

Call for tenders

- <u>Pilot project social solidarity for social integration</u> Deadline: **30 Sept 2011**.
- Framework Contract for services in support of communication activities in the field of employment, social affairs and inclusion – Deadline: **30 Sept 2011**.
- Establishment, organisation, management and coordination of a European network of legal experts in the field of labour law – Deadline: **30 Sept 2011**.
- <u>Study on Mobility, Migration and Destitution in the European Union</u> Deadline: **18 Oct 2011**.

Call for participants in a study on older employees with a migrant background

ENAR is in the process of coordinating a study on older employees with a migrant background and is looking for people over 45 years old who would be ready to be interviewed on their experiences in the context of this study. If you are interested, please contact Sophie Kammerer: <u>Sophie@enar-eu.org</u>.

SHARING INFORMATION

Do you wish to share information, announce an event or a publication? Please, send it to team@eapn.eu

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- providing analysis and policy advice on employment, social solidarity and gender equality policy areas;
- monitoring and reporting on the implementation of EU legislation and policies in employment, social solidarity and gender equality policy areas;
- promoting policy transfer, learning and support among Member States on EU objectives and priorities; and
 - relaying the views of the stakeholders and society at large.

For more information see: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en</u>

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