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### 2018 Board Bucharest



#### Board and Event

We are really pleased to announce that the 2018 Board meeting will be back in Romania in Bucharest during the week of **May 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>**.

The programme is being finalised but the time will be split between the Board discussions, sharing information, updating on developments in community development in each member country and learning more about community development in Romania. Again, thanks to the organiser and our host the **PACT Foundation** for all their work.

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This is an opportunity both to get up to date on what is happening in community development across Europe, to get more involved in shaping that through EuCDN and to reflect on our own practice so get the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you all in Romania in May. If you are not yet a member we have a range of different membership categories to suit from new 'national' members, one from each Council of Europe member nation up to 15 in all, as in the EuCDN constitution, and entitled to Board membership; Network members (networks or alliances that have organisational members who would all receive EuCDN information and be entitled to participate on the same basis as associate members); Public body members: local authorities, municipalities, government and quasi-government agencies with community development policies; Associate member organisations: community development organisations at neighbourhood, city or regional level in Council of Europe countries and Individual members.

If you would like further information or membership application details then just get in touch with;

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## World Community Development Conference



Participation, Power and Progress:  
Community development towards 2030  
– Our Analysis, Our Actions

**24 June – International Induction**

**25-27 June – Main Conference**

**Maynooth University, Kildare, Ireland**

**[www.wcdc2018.ie](http://www.wcdc2018.ie) [info@wcdc2018.ie](mailto:info@wcdc2018.ie)**

**EuCDN** will be running a session at WCDC 2018 - 'Where now for community development in Europe'. We see this as an opportunity to take stock of where we are at various levels. To share the feedback we have been getting from members about the challenges, issues and opportunities they face and we will also launch the 25 case studies we have been collecting as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of EuCDN.

In the last Members Update we shared some background on Mary Robinson one of the keynote speakers at conference. President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. More background on Mary was given in Update 12. Dr Peter Westoby will also be a keynote speaker. He is an Associate Professor in Social Science-Community Development at Queensland University of Technology, Australia; a Visiting Professor at the University of Free State, South Africa; and a Director of Community Praxis – a non-profit cooperative based in Australia. He has over 28 years of experience in youth, community and organizational development work, based in South Africa, Australia, PNG, Vanuatu, Uganda and the Philippines. His research focus has been on conceptual frameworks guiding community development practice.

Anyone interested in attending and taking part in the conference can now register on the website and find more information.

<http://www.wcdc2018.ie/>

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## Citizen Participation University 2018

This year's CPU will be 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The programme is in development but the main themes will be;

**Political action, Popular education/  
critical pedagogy/ non formal  
education and Racism and  
economic exclusion.**

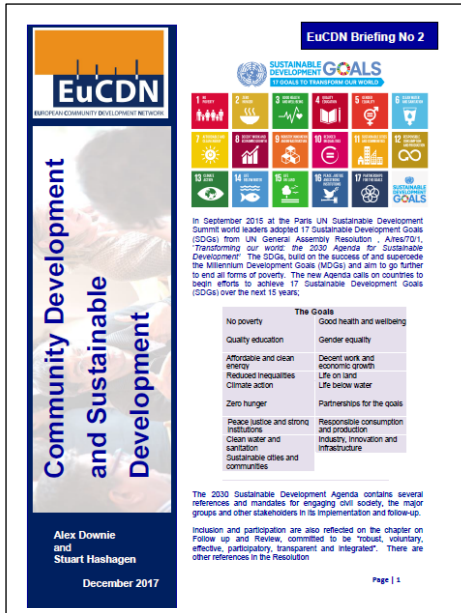
More info about the event will arrive on  
<http://www.cka.hu/cpu/>



**Citizen Participation University 2018**

# Sustainable Development Goals Sustainable Development Goals

## EuCDN



Our latest Briefing was posted on the website;

<http://eucdn.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/SD-Txt.pdf>

It gives the background to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and an account of an event organised by EuCDN, IACD and CWI exploring the role at various levels which community development might take. The Briefing also has a short Bibliography by way of an introduction to the topic.

EuCDN argues that without community development, the sustainable development goals will be unattainable. They have the potential to begin to better integrate our work with other professions and to demonstrate community development has a significant and critical role to play in delivering the SDGs, a role in engaging the most disadvantaged and vulnerable that we are best placed to undertake.

## SD 3 Good Health and Wellbeing

The European Patients' Forum (EPF) has published a Roadmap with actions that decision makers need to urgently consider in order to achieve Universal Health Coverage for all patients in the EU by 2030. In contrast with Sustainable Development Goal 3, disparities in access to healthcare in Europe are increasing despite universal health coverage being a well-recognised goal for all healthcare systems in the EU. This basic right is not yet a reality for all patients in the EU.



In line with EPF's 2017 Campaign on Access to Healthcare, this roadmap provides decision makers with recommendations to achieve for all patients Universal Health Coverage in the EU by 2030. It calls on Member States and the EU to commit to a long-term vision where equity of access and Universal Health Coverage is a reality for all. The following overarching principles are needed;

- ✓ The right to health
- ✓ Leaving no one behind
- ✓ Person-centredness
- ✓ Inter-sectoral action for health
- ✓ Integrated care
- ✓ Open dialogue with all relevant stakeholders, including patients
- ✓ Adequate and sustainable investment in healthcare and the health workforce
- ✓ Transparency on the cost of healthcare
- ✓ Respecting quality of care standards and their upward convergence
- ✓ Alignment of national development, social and health policies
- ✓ Policy coherence across SDGs
- ✓ Sufficient means for SDG implementation
- ✓ Enhanced SDG monitoring and accountability
- ✓ Paradigm shift driven by political will and social solidarity

<http://www.eu-patient.eu/globalassets/campaign-on-access/taking-action---a-roadmap-to-achieving-universal-health-coverage-for-all-by-2030.pdf>

## Sustainable and Solidarity Economy

Sustainable and Solidarity Economy (SUSY) brings together and shows examples of the solidarity economy. The SUSY online platform maps social and solidarity enterprises and is live and updated with more than 1,200 cooperatives, social initiatives, co-working spaces, food and agriculture initiatives, self-organized and self-managed efforts and any other type of initiative that arises from the sector of the solidarity economy all over Europe.

The SUSY map exhibits through several filters different categories of the solidarity economy that have emerged due to various economic, environmental and social challenges, that not only provide necessary and alternative solutions but also show that different paths are feasible. Categories include finance, active citizenship, fair trade, housing, social inclusion and empowerment, recycle - upcycle - re-use. All can be found here:

<http://www.solidarityeconomy.eu/susy-map/>

The SUSY map also includes some new functionalities via the 17 SDGs, where each goal is correlated with each initiative, showing how the social and solidarity economy directly contributes and moves hand in hand with the SDG achievement.

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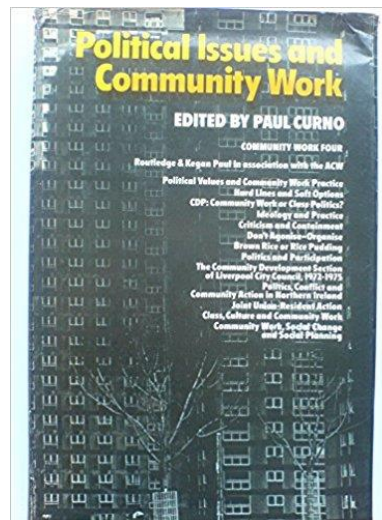
## Community Development in Europe

In advance of the World Community Development Conference and for our website we are in the process of scoping the state of community development across Europe. What are the key issues and challenges? Is there difference between east and west? North and south? How strong, weak is community development in each country? Our core members update at each event but are there other challenges in these countries and what is happening in Greece? Spain? Germany? Bulgaria? Holland?

Any thoughts, comments, feedback will be most helpful and will contribute to a more definitive picture of European community development.

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## The Articles, Texts, Resource that made a difference



My key text which helped shape my practice was **Political Issues and Community Work** edited by Paul Curno.

**What was yours?**

Let us know what made a difference for you? A book? An article, A particular resource

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## News from our Members

### Samenlevingsopbouw Vlaanderen vzw

The International Day for the eradication of Poverty was marked by a campaign whose central theme was 'Health do not tolerate delay'. People in poverty have more health problems, lower life expectancy and often make doctor visits for financial reasons.

[www.samenlevingsopbouw.be](http://www.samenlevingsopbouw.be)



## Scottish Community Development Centre

The Scottish Government, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and the Scottish Refugee Council have published the 2018-2022 New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy. It sets out key principals for supporting refugees and asylum seekers and acts as a platform for organisations to develop their work around. The strategy, which has been endorsed by the United Nations Refugee Agency, was developed through a series of engagement events and input from more than 700 refugees and asylum seekers.



SCDC is currently working on a research programme to better understand community development activity across Scotland which supports refugee integration. 'Widening the Welcome' is assessing what learning support might be needed and exploring the existing models and contributing to the development of new tools and techniques which can be shared. The work is based around the new strategy, underpinned by four key outcomes:

1. Refugees and asylum seekers live in safe, welcoming and cohesive communities and are able to build diverse relationships and connections.
2. Refugees and asylum seekers understand their rights, responsibilities and entitlements and are able to exercise them to pursue full and independent lives.
3. Refugees and asylum seekers are able to access well-coordinated services, which recognise and meet their rights and needs.
4. Policy, strategic planning and legislation, which have an impact on refugees and asylum seekers, are informed by their rights, needs and aspirations.

The strategy takes a rights-based approach focusing on seven themes, with specific objectives and actions for each. There are also commitments to support refugee integration around the implementation of legislation such as the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. You can get the strategy here.

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/01/7281>

[www.scdc.org.uk](http://www.scdc.org.uk)

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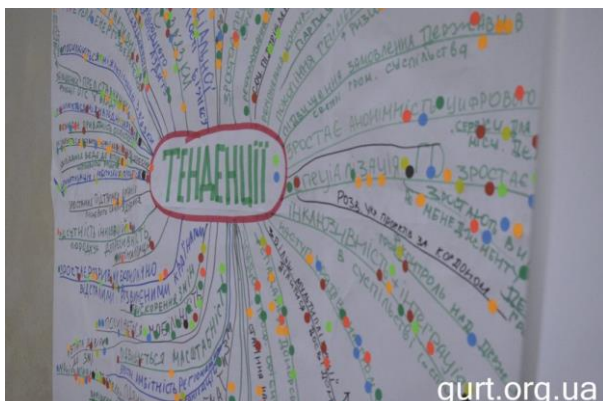
## GURT Resource Centre

Jobs and entrepreneurial thinking: the results of small business support projects in Ukraine were shared at an event organised by the GURT Resource Centre. Participants spoke about the development and stimulation of small business in Ukraine, as the economic basis of sustainable development of communities and the foundation of civil society. During both Revolutions, the small business was the key driver of social change and the basis of the volunteer movement.



The contribution of small businesses to the development of local communities is growing every year and becoming more and more visible.

From 30 November to 2 December 2017 Ukraine hosted a conference 'Future of the National Network of Ukrainian Civil Society Organizations' organised by the GURT



Resource Centre in cooperation with the Kyiv office of the Kennan Institute, the Estonian NGO Network (NENO) and the Ukrainian Catholic University, with the financial support of the Governments of Sweden and Estonia. It united more than 80 participants from Ukraine, as well as guests from abroad. The event gathered leaders of CSOs — leaders of numerous public organisations and charitable foundations.

The network of civil society organizations in Ukraine can be an important channel of horizontal communication and a mechanism for the introduction of innovation. The network will increase the capacity of individual organizations that are part of it, will help to influence the authorities, donors and society. The network will strengthen each participant and provide opportunities for growth and efficiency gains. The network will allow Ukrainian civil society to become a parity participant in dialogue with central and local authorities, as well as national and international donor organizations. Conference took the first step towards developing a common vision of the national network of civil society organizations in Ukraine

You can find information about the conference at; <http://conference2017.gurt.org.ua/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gurt.org.ua/> and Jobs and Entrepreneurial thinking at; [www.global.gurt.org.ua](http://www.global.gurt.org.ua)

### Community Work Ireland

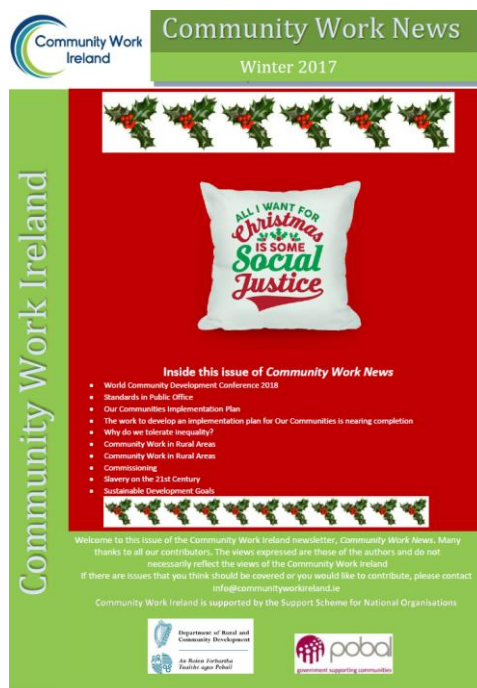
The Winter Issue of the CWI Newsletter, among a series of interesting news and articles an account of a roundtable discussion on community work in rural Ireland. Among the main issues highlighted were;

- The hidden nature of poverty and deprivation
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Homelessness
- Education and Unemployment
- Migrants and refugees
- Illegal money lending
- Lack of services

Also in the newsletter under the heading of 'National Implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals gets Underway', CWI called for the Government to ensure The National Implementation Plan;

- Clearly outlines the role of local stakeholders
- Addresses barriers to participation for marginalised and disadvantaged groups
- Links awareness raising efforts with existing community development and participation structures
- Explores and test innovative community development approaches

<http://www.communityworkireland.ie/cwc-winter-2017-newsletter/>



### The CAL Association

CAL with the Industry Personnel Service are running a 'Fair Play' project in a number of districts in Warsaw. It is based around 'Fair Play' - a Warsaw model of counteracting social exclusion.

The project is a cross-sector partnership with Agencja Rozwoju Mazowsza,



the Association of Local Activity Support Center, CAL and "WM-Sport".



The aim is socio-professional reintegration of at least 120 families (450 people - 254 adults and 196 children), including large families, poor families with children, families with people with disabilities, families with other dependent persons and single parents. Project activities are based on the concept of 'fair play'. The project offers:

for adults

- job placement and help in finding a job
- vocational training and courses tailored to individual needs
- the opportunity to obtain qualifications and qualifications
- individual counselling and therapeutic support
- support for social animators and coaches
- catering and refund of travel costs

for children

- football training conducted by FC Barcelona coaches Escola Varsovia
- participation in a summer football camp
- football sports equipment
- Family participation in the Polish National Football Team match
- participation in football family picnics
- reimbursement of travel costs for sports activities

For more information:

<http://www.cal.org.pl/projekty-2/regionalne/fair-play-warszawski-model-przeciwdzialania-wykluczeniu-spolescznemu/>

## PACT Foundation

In Romania, almost half of children are at risk of falling into poverty and social exclusion. The state of their housing is deplorable, left alone by parents who emigrate, they are out of school, victims of violence or have health problems. Terre des hommes (Tdh), PACT and NESsT Foundation Romania are helping vulnerable populations in Romania, such as the Roma, to improve their situation by creating small businesses in areas where there are few jobs.



Through the project "zefiR - Together for Autonomy", we support the development of 12 communities with a large Roma population. Since 2013, more than 5,200 children have benefited from progress in education, health and housing. We are helping 28 families start a new small business or develop the one they already have.

Small family businesses offer a possibility for better living conditions, but they also represent a long-term



investment. "I am proud to give an example to my daughter, show her the value of work, the importance of earning a living and managing her finances. I hope she will go to university in town when she is an adult, but even if she stays here and works in agriculture, she will have something to start and develop," says Costica Safta, Roma father of a little girl still out of school (in the picture), who built her first greenhouse thanks to the zefiR project.

The project in Romania creates models of economic development through training, advice, coaching, facilitation and budget allocation. We show an example of how businesses can grow and contribute to the well-being of families in small, vulnerable communities.

This is a summary of a more detailed account at;

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=152565775373665&id=100018607296616](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=152565775373665&id=100018607296616)

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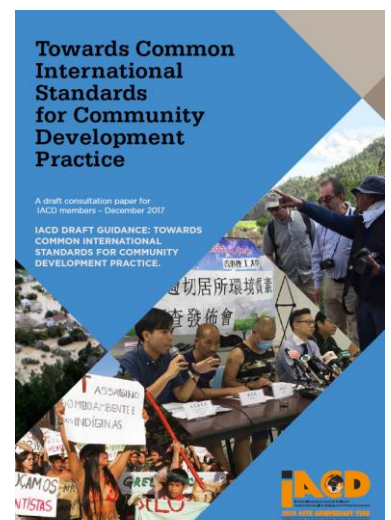
## IACD

A discussion paper has been prepared for IACD to provide guidance as to common international standards for community development practice. The paper presents the key themes and areas common across community development practice wherever it might take place.

IACD is keen to get views on this draft Guidance. The intention is to then publish Guidance on a set of Common International Standards for Community Development Practice required by stakeholders working in this field. Send comments no later than the end of March to [charliesmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:charliesmccconnell@gmail.com). Please mark your email IACD Standards Guidance:

More information can be had here:

<http://www.iacdglobal.org/2018/01/08/dont-forget-to-respond-to-the-international-cd-standards-consultation-by-31st-march-2018/>



The Special Birthday Issue of IACD's magazine **Practice Insights** is now available to download. This Special Issue reflects upon some of the key influencers and shapers of the community development profession and movement since 1953.

<http://www.iacdglobal.org/2018/01/09/practice-insights-magazine-now-out-special-65th-anniversary-issue/>

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## News from Around the Networks

**European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities: EASPD** have commented on the High-Level Taskforce on Investing in Social Infrastructure in Europe who presented their report on how to boost investment in healthcare, long-term care, education and social housing in the European Union, in January. The taskforce highlighted important underinvestment in these areas and recommends practical steps the European Union and relevant stakeholders should take to meet the funding gap.



The main findings of the report are that investments in Social Infrastructure have decreased by 20% since 2009 in the EU and that the investment gap is estimated at €150 billion per year for the next ten years.

The report recommends to:

- set-up geographic and/or thematic investment platforms for social sector investments to help bundle projects;
- create new financial instruments, suitable to the specificities of the sectors (social outcome contracts, social bonds, etc)
- develop far-reaching systems of technical assistance to build capacity at local, national and EU level
- improve data collection for Social Infrastructure
- Facilitate and simplify the blending of resources in the EU 28 (public, private, local, national EU)

The report can be had here;

[Boosting Investment in Social Infrastructure in Europe](#)

EuCDN members have reported significant reductions in investment in social infrastructure and we are concerned that this is hindering organisations across Europe seeking to develop sound community development practice. We, with EASPD and others, welcome the report and urge the EU to consider the recommendations and act. It is imperative to do this in the context of EU on sustainable development, poverty, employment and wellbeing within which community development has a key role to play in engaging the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Geographic and/or thematic investment platforms need to target these groups. Given the 'public' nature of social infrastructure, public procurement is the most widely used contractual arrangement but many very capable Civic Society and Third Sector organisations experience barriers to accessing or participation. We welcome both new financial instruments, suitable to the specificities of the sectors (social outcome contracts, social bonds, etc) and urge they are developed with consideration of the needs of civic society organisations and with the necessary technical assistance to build capacity at local, national and EU level. We will monitor the progress and where appropriate contribute to boosting investment in social infrastructure by advocating for parallel investment in community development.

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**European Network Against Racism:** New research with migrants in five European Union countries – Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Sweden – has revealed particularly bad housing conditions and low life satisfaction. The survey begins to explore how ethnicity and nationality impacts on the life chances of migrants. EU Member States need to develop appropriate anti-discrimination policy responses in the areas of employment, housing and criminal justice, and to improve the effectiveness of integration programmes.

Respondents reported high levels of discrimination and verbal abuse, feelings of being treated worse than their colleagues at work, and being victims of crime on the basis of their ethnicity or migration status.

Some key survey findings:

- Life satisfaction is very low for all respondents, but particularly so for all groups in Greece, and for Black Africans, undocumented people and asylum seekers in the other countries.
- A majority of respondents experience difficulties finding a home to live in (77% overall) and overcrowding is most common in reception and detention centres in Greece and Italy.
- 36% of respondents who were the victims of crime felt the crime was committed because of their ethnicity and 53% overall because of their migration status.  
Reporting crime is an issue, in particular for undocumented migrants due to fear of deportation. The

- highest reported distrust of the police is in Hungary (23% of respondents).
- Being overqualified for a job is commonly reported amongst those on a study permit; and those who came to Europe for family reunification reasons (54%). Reasons preventing them from doing jobs which match their qualifications included language barriers and legal status.

Read more at;

<http://www.enar-eu.org/Survey-reports-appalling-living-conditions-for-migrants-in-Europe-77>

EuCDN produced a Briefing on Community Development and Migration following an event in Hungary. It outlined the position of asylum seekers and refugees at that time and explored community development practice in 4 member countries. It also included a short, annotated bibliography.

It can be had here;  
<http://eucdn.net/resource-type/cd-and-migration/>

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**Social Platform:** The European Commission adopted its 'Autumn Package', including the Annual Growth Survey (AGS) 2018 and the Draft Joint Employment Report (JER), and a proposal to amend the Employment Guidelines to bring it in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights in late November. The main message and this is echoed elsewhere is that from the AGS 2018 the EU is showing positive signs of recovery, and that structural reforms have yielded tangible results, enabling an opportunity to improve growth and jobs, and promoting economic and social convergence.

The Pillar of Social Rights is said to be fully integrated, focussed on skills, equal opportunities in the labour market, fair working conditions, increasing labour productivity to support wage growth and adequate and sustainable social protection. It is meant to be a 'compass' for the Semester.

Social Platform points out though, the 3 priorities remain almost unchanged from previous years - 1) boosting investment, 2) pursuing structural reforms and 3) ensuring responsible fiscal policies - with no mention of Europe 2020 targets including poverty reduction, concerns are raised about how far economic policies will be adapted to 'put social rights first', or whether the EU will continue to prioritize growth, relying on 'trickle-down' to promote social rights and inclusion, despite strong evidence of the failure of this approach.

They call for 5 priorities for action:

1. Ensure macroeconomic policies are coherent with social rights
2. Set out a roadmap with EU funding to implement the Social Pillar and reduce poverty
3. Give equal weight to adequate minimum income and social protection as a right, ensuring adequate financing
4. Promote quality jobs, as part of integrated Active Inclusion approaches
5. Make Civil Society equal partners in the Semester!

Read more:

<https://mailchi.mp/eapn/delivering-on-the-promises-of-a-better-social-europe-eapns-response-to-the-annual-growth-survey-package-2017?e=3817505b10>

EuCDN approves of these 5 priorities. We highlight the observation that on '*trickle-down*' to promote social rights and inclusion, despite strong evidence of the failure of this approach. Perhaps not surprisingly we would advocate a further priority to address this failure. Community development as outlined in the EuCDN Statement:

- Identifies, together with local people, community problems;
- Increases the empowerment of local people so that they can organise themselves in order to solve problems;
- Turns its attention primarily to people struggling with social deprivation, poverty, inequality and exclusion;
- Contributes to a sustainable community based on mutual respect and social justice;
- Challenges power structures which hinder people's participation;
- Contributes to the socio-cultural development of the neighbourhood through local people.

<http://eucdn.net/statement/>

We will therefore be working to ensure the AGS;

**Promotes and invests in services, projects and infrastructure which generates growth from the bottom up, based on these community development concepts.**

**Social Platform** have also listed their Highlights for 2017 as we move in 2018. We would draw attention to their first which is an important step in promoting social and community development.

1 Pushing 'Social' to the top of the agenda.

The momentum around social policies was driven by the European Pillar of Social Rights, which we have been highlighting in the last **Members Updates**. It promotes equal opportunities and access to the labour market, fair working conditions, and social protection and inclusion. At the start of the year the European Parliament voted in support of the Pillar and its aims, and the year ended with the Pillar being proclaimed by the Parliament, the European Commission, and the Council of the European Union.

The proclamation signing was the concluding moment of the EU Social Summit in Gothenburg, Sweden on 17 November. The Summit marked the first occasion in 20 years that social policies have been exclusively discussed by EU Heads of State and Government.

<http://www.socialplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-piece-by-piece.pdf>

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**AGE Platform Europe:** AGE Platform Europe launched the full version of their online Older Persons self-advocacy handbook', which empowers older people to better know their human rights and to claim them, on the occasion of the Human Rights Day, in December.

Adopted on 10th December 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is one of the most influential documents in the world. The Universal Declaration has been translated in more than 500 languages and has inspired regional and national human rights documents, including the European Convention on Human Rights. It is now 70 years old and to mark this anniversary the United Nation (UN) is launching a yearlong campaign to reaffirm the enduring relevance and power of human rights.

The last chapter of the handbook focuses on EU mechanisms that help support the rights of older people within the Union and in relations with third countries.

<http://www.age-platform.eu/press-releases/human-rights-do-not-retire-older-age>

<http://publications.age-platform.eu/>

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**European Association for the Education of Adults:** EAEA has launched policy messages to highlight ways to support refugees through adult education. This new campaign draws attention to the linkages between adult education and refugee integration.

The policy messages underline the ways to support the integration of refugees through adult education. The messages focus on ensuring classroom diversity by bringing together refugees and local population, when possible, on ensuring non-formal and flexible learning opportunities for refugees, and on ensuring accessible and affordable learning opportunities as soon as possible after the refugee's arrival.

- Message 1: Ensure diversity in classrooms - bring locals and refugees together
- Message 2: Ensure non-formal and flexible learning opportunities
- Message 3: Ensure accessible and affordable learning opportunities as soon as possible
- Message 4: Ensure recognition of diplomas and validation of prior learning for refugees

<http://www.eaea.org/en/policy-advocacy/adult-education-and-the-refugee-crisis.html>

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**European Social Network:** ESN's latest annual report Bringing together Europe and local communities: Social services priorities for the European Semester 2018 contains country profiles, cross-country analysis and policy recommendations based on analysis by ESN's Reference Group on the European Semester.

A number of trends and themes emerge from the country profiles, with social services across Europe often tackling similar issues. These include the effects of the financial crisis, which remains a critical issue for social services, with cuts having a considerable and enduring impact on families and vulnerable groups. The effects of the financial crisis are evident, for example, in high youth and long-term unemployment, with social services highlighting the need to introduce measures which can improve people's competences and quality of life.

Housing exclusion has been highlighted as an increasingly severe issue. For example in Dublin, Ireland, 6,314 homeless adults accessed emergency accommodation between January and December 2016, 42% of whom were doing so for the first time. It is clear that this is no longer affecting just the most vulnerable groups, and that it will remain a salient issue in the future.

Group members highlighted the role of EU funds in supporting community-care, the creation of new social services and aiding the implementation of social inclusion strategies for specific populations, such as the Roma or refugees. However, they also emphasised that the EU places too much focus on outputs rather than actual outcomes, which often leads to poor implementation.

Despite the picture presented by the Commission of improving socio-economic conditions, ESN's Reference Group indicates that social services at the local level are tackling a number of pressing challenges. The analysis of the situation in their countries and their policy recommendations provide the Commission with a valuable local perspective on these issues, as the Commission prepares the country reports which are the next step of the European Semester and due to be published in February 2018.

<http://www.esn-eu.org/news/994/index.html>

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## **Publications**

**European Social Network Report 'Promoting the social; inclusion of migrant children and young people: the duty of social services'**.

The report is the result of an online questionnaire first developed in March, as well as presentations and group discussions held at an ESN seminar in October. The questionnaire was submitted to public social services, local authorities and third sector organisations working with migrants and migrant children. The report explores the issues that emerged as crucial for social services when supporting the integration of migrant children and young people in their host societies. The publication also discusses the barriers and success factors connected to the **integration of children of refugee families**, as well as best practice in terms of support for **young migrants turning 18** with a focus on

aftercare plans and access to education and vocational qualifications. Each chapter includes practice examples that illustrate how peers from other countries are supporting the social inclusion of unaccompanied children, migrant families and young refugees.

<http://www.esn-eu.org/news/1014/index.html>

### **Working and Poor - EAPN's position paper on In-Work Poverty**

Poverty is often seen primarily as a problem of low incomes, associated with not being engaged in paid work. In recent years, an increased focus has been placed on employment as being the only route out of poverty. A great deal of attention has been placed on quantity (namely, how many people can be pushed into jobs), while quality of work, comprising key aspects such as living wages, security, and working conditions, among others, has not been made a priority. This has contributed to a sharp increase in the numbers of the so-called "working poor", or people experiencing in-work poverty. Whilst it is true that the risk of poverty may decrease when an individual is in paid employment, for many people the experience of employment leaves them little better off than being unemployed, or, sometimes, even worse-off. Presently, an estimated 9.5% of the workforce in the European Union, or more than 15 million people, are affected by in-work poverty (Eurostat 2012). The latest comprehensive report from EAPN defines in-work poverty, describes the policy responses, explores the role of the EU and others and sets out a series of recommendations.

<http://www.povertyalliance.org/userfiles/files/2013-EAPN-in-work-poverty-position-paper-web.pdf>

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## **Consultations**

### **EU funds in the area of migration**

In 2018, the Commission will make comprehensive proposals for the next generation of financial programmes for the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework, which is the EU's long-term budget. The Commission's proposals will be designed to make it possible for the EU to deliver on the things that matter most, in areas where it can achieve more than Member States acting alone. This requires a careful assessment both of what has worked well in the past and what could be improved in the future. This consultation is an integral part of the process and its objective is to collect the views of all interested parties on how to make the most of every euro of the EU budget.

The consultation is open to 8<sup>th</sup> March and the questionnaire and further information can be had here; [https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/eu-funds-area-migration\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/eu-funds-area-migration_en)

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## **End Bits**

### **SWSD2018**

Dublin will host the Joint World Social Work, Education and Social Development Conference, for the first time, on the 4-7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Royal Dublin Society. This major world conference is being organised on behalf of the International Federation of Social Workers, the International Schools of Social Work and the International Council on Social Welfare.



The theme of the 2018 conference is Environmental and Community Sustainability: Human Solutions in Evolving Societies and over 2,500 delegates are expected to attend. The conference scientific programme aims to build on the successes of the previous world conferences with sub-themes built around the sustainable development of our environment and our communities. Discussions will consist of lectures, oral presentations, workshops, symposia, poster rounds as well as exhibition space.

The conference will bring together practitioners, academics, educators, policy makers and users of services from around the world to discuss key issues that affect their lives and those of the individuals,

families and communities with whom they work

You can view further information here:

<https://www.swsd2018.org/>

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