

Presentation of the  
**European Minimum Income Network (EMIN)**



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# *European Minimum Income Network - Introduction*

The European Minimum Income Network (EMIN) is an informal Network of organisations and individuals committed to achieve the progressive realisation of adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes

EMIN is organised at EU and national levels, in all the Member States of the European Union and also in Iceland, Norway, Macedonia and Serbia

EMIN is coordinated by the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN). More information on EMIN can be found at [www.emin-eu.net](http://www.emin-eu.net)

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EMIN received funding from the European Commission in the period 2013-2014 to establish its activities. Outputs from this period are available at [emin-eu.net](http://emin-eu.net)

For the period 2017-2018 EMIN will receive financial support from the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) to develop its work in the EU Member States and at EU level. We call this the **EMIN2 project**. Additional funding is sought to engage the EMIN Networks not in EU Member States in this phase

See EaSI programme <http://ec.europa.eu/social/easi>

# *EMIN2 Project*

The EMIN2 project aims at:

- **Strengthening the EMIN Networks and Networking at EU and National Levels**
- **Building awareness** that adequate and accessible incomes are not only good for the people who directly benefit but also for the whole of society
- **Ensuring progress through engaging in relevant policy debates and initiatives at EU and National levels**

# *Partners in the EMIN2 Project*

**Lead Partner: EAPN (European Anti-Poverty Network)**

## **Key partners**

- **European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)**
- **The Federal Public Service for Social Integration in Belgium**
- **The University of Antwerp**
  
- **The National EMIN Networks**
- **The EU Level Supporters Group - Open to organisations and actors committed to ensuring adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes**

## **Role of the European Parliament**

Since the beginning the European Parliament has supported the EMIN Network and regular advisory meetings are held to ensure continued engagement with the Parliament

# *Definitions for the EMIN2 Project*

**Minimum Income Schemes** are defined as, income support schemes which provide a safety net for those who cannot work or access a decent job and are not eligible for social insurance payments or those whose entitlements to these have expired. They are last resort schemes, which are intended to ensure a minimum standard of living for individuals and their dependents when they have no other means of financial support

**Adequacy** is defined as a level of income that is indispensable to live a life in dignity and to fully participate in society

**Accessible** is defined as the minimal amount of necessary and achievable conditions that also facilitate empowerment and participation

# *The Importance of Minimum Income Schemes*

In cash based societies, Minimum Income schemes provide a life line for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion to enable them to:

- Remain active in the society
- Reconnect to the world of work
- Live a life in dignity

Decent and Progressive Minimum Income Schemes form an important base on which to build inclusive and more equal societies, with high levels of social protection and full, quality employment. These elements must be mutually reinforcing.

# *Steps in the path towards adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes*

- **Analyse** current trends and obstacle.
- **Present and exchange** on ‘good’ and ‘unsatisfactory’ practices.
- **Raise awareness** on the EU current frameworks, including the 1992 Council Recommendation and the 2008 Active Inclusion Recommendation, The Social Investment Package and the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- **Build consensus** on the necessary steps towards the progressive realisation of adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes.
- **Contribute to the identification of common EU level definitions, criteria and actions** for adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes.



# *Activities planned in the EMIN 2 Project*

- **Strengthening the European and National level Minimum Income Networks**
- **Context Reports:** National reports outlining relevant developments and opportunities within the Member States and a European Synthesis Report
- **Enhancing cooperation between Public Services in the Member States responsible for Minimum Income Schemes**
- **‘Everyone on the Bus’** a journey through Europe to promote awareness and understanding of the importance of Minimum Income Schemes

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- **Seminars and awareness arising events** in all EU Member States and at EU level
- **3 Peer Reviews:** on the topics of: 1) Take-Up, 2) Reference Budgets and 3) Active Inclusion
- **Closing European Conference:** to assess progress and identify future actions
- **Communication:** a communication strategy will be developed and delivered as a central element of the EMIN2 project

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