

First steps of the network



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- **June 1989:** Paneuropean meeting against poverty of 200 NGOs supported by the EU. They took the decision to establish the European Antipoverty Network
 - **December 1990:** the statutory general assembly took place
 - **1992:** the first exco is elected!

What is EAPN?



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- At national level, it is an independent coalition of NGOs and non formal groups which are active in fighting poverty,
 - At EU level, it is a big network of national members as well as of european organisations.

Principles



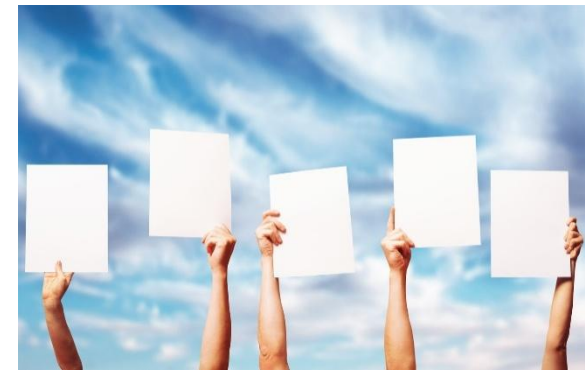
- **Respect of Human Rights**
- **Active participation**
- **Cooperation and solidarity**
- **Mainstreaming
(Modern Social trends)**



EAPN activities



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- It sets up coalitions on issues concerning the eradication of poverty
 - It develops the Network at a European and national level, empowers its members and provides training to its member organisations



A few words about the Greek Antipoverty Network



- It is a founding member of the European Network.

- Its members are approximately 33 organisations from different parts of Greece.

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Participation in European programmes against social exclusion

- **Multiplicar–Strategies, Tools and actor (CIARIS):** CIARIS is a methodological tool accessible online used for the design of programmes against social exclusion. During the programme small projects were designed by various organisations and the strong and weak points of the tool were detected.

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- **Equal possibilities – equal opportunities:** The aim of the project was ensuring inclusive interventions for women

Project coordinators:

- 1. KMOP-Social Action and Innovation Center**
- 2. DIOTIMA-Center for Gender Rights & Equality**

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- Participation in the actions of the European Network:**
It is represented in the working groups on the drafting of proposals to the European Commission, such as on
- structural funds,
 - employment,
 - developmental policy,
 - participativeness of socially vulnerable groups,
 - impact of globalisation on the increase in the number of people experiencing poverty etc.

A few words on the Greek Antipoverty Network



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- Translations of texts
 - Participation of the Greek delegation to the yearly meetings of people experiencing poverty in Brussels
 - Poverty Watch

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Participation in other networks

- Greek Housing Network
- European platform of ngos
- Monitoring Committee of the E.P. “Health-Welfare 2000-2006”) (by the then Ministry of Health & Social Solidarity)
- Delegation of the European Network in the Global Social Forum and the European Social Forum

A few words about The Greek Antipoverty Network



present and future

“Participation equals social integration”

- 2 programmes by the Ministry of Employment
 - ❖ Municipality of Kallithea
 - ❖ Municipality of Aghia Varvara

The 2008 campaign

*Everyone deserves a
satisfactory and
decent level of life*



The 2008 campaign



EU member states should:

- Recognise Minimum Guaranteed Income as a basic element of the social system of protection and the solid ground on which a decent society will be built.

The 2008 campaign



EU member states should:

Not only recognise the right to a Minimum Income as basic as well as guarantee it.

Foundations for Futures Europe



Partners and thematic of their activities

Ireland: MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY: CITIZEN ENGAGED LEARNING PROGRAMME

Sweden: URKRAFT: PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

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Hungary: PECS UNIVERSITY : ENGAGED LEARNING PROGRAMME

Serbia: NOVI SAD UNIVERSITY: ENGAGED LEARNING PROGRAMME

Greece: HELLENIC ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK: PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

Aim: to develop a network of Higher Education and Civil Society (NGOs) Partners to engage citizens in debates and discussion groups around the future direction of the European project.

The **expected outcomes** are:

- establishment of an online platform for citizen engagement and solidarity.
- A co-created resource pack for citizen participation.
- The development of an open access journal for community engaged research.

- www.antipoverty.org.gr
 - www.eapn.eu

Building a Network to Boost Social Secure Europe

BOSS



OBJECTIVE

The BOSS has set four objectives aimed at reducing poverty and social exclusion, at strengthening social rights and gender equality, namely:

- 1) to establish a cooperation network for the promotion of social security, to summarize the partners' past experience and recommendations for future work,
- 2) to strengthen the capacity of this Network through the joint strategic action of the partners;
- 3) to increase the understanding and knowledge of social inclusion strategies