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to EU-level NGO networks having signed a FPA for 2014-2017 being active in the area of social inclusion and poverty reduction or microfinance and s

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Microfinance for social and financial inclusion in Europe	413 708,62	72,45	VP/2015/010/0001

Summary of the action

The social and economic crisis in Europe and the long term objectives for microenterprise development and for reducing poverty, make microfinance a key tool for the future. Microfinance refers to the provision of financial services to financially and socially excluded people. It includes micro credit defined as a loan of less than €25 000 with no collateral, aimed at supporting the development and/or creation of microenterprises. The European Union has understood the potential of microfinance in relation to the Social Investment Package for Growth and Cohesion and the implementation of the Europe 2020 agenda, and has started to translate this recognition into crucial financial and regulatory initiatives.

Nevertheless, coverage of microfinance in Europe is patchy and provided by institutions very diverse and mostly very small. The European Microfinance Network (EMN), created in 2003 and representing 93 members from 21 countries (by December 2012) will focus its activities in providing common ground and coordination, and push for national-level favourable regulation as well as for enhanced funding for microfinance institutions.

In that context the action aims at strengthening the whole sector in order to give the opportunity to a growing number of European citizens to get access to adequate financial instruments in order to create, develop and sustain their economic activities or to better respond to shocks in the future. By making EMN a strong network with members involved in its activities, with a higher visibility, with a better understanding of the potential of microfinance for create new business and employment (especially for the youth, women, senior, migrants and ethnic minorities) and by supporting the crucial EU initiatives for microfinance, it is expected that the action will succeed in reducing poverty and increasing social, and financial inclusion.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
RESEAU EUROPEEN DE LA MICROFINANCE	10 RUE DE L INDUSTRIE 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
CARES- Caritas Actions Reinforce the European Social Dimension 2016	742 673,91	70	VP/2015/010/0004

Summary of the action		
<p>CARES - Caritas Actions Reinforce the European Social dimension</p> <p>With the 4-year FPA and the present work programme, Caritas Europa seeks to optimise the participation of its 49 members -present and active in all 28 EU MS and beyond - in the social dimension of the European project.</p> <p>The objective is to reinforce the understanding of the key processes of the EU 2020 Strategy among the Members of CE to stress the importance of this for achieving a more inclusive EU, and for bringing the reality of the most vulnerable to the attention of the European and National stakeholders and decision makers.</p> <p>Participation and contributions from the grassroots level, providing first hand evidence of the national realities will be sought to underpin our advocacy and lobby actions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •consultation and cooperation with Caritas' MOs and external stakeholders; •monitoring the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy as well as the social impact of the crisis; and •developing proposals for the future development of social welfare systems in Europe. <p>CE addresses poverty issues at all levels and specifically focuses on mainstreaming child and family poverty, as well as the effects of poverty on women.</p> <p>CE's innovative approaches for tackling poverty and fostering employment will be identified and promoted through the analysis and dissemination of promising social innovation practices and projects.</p> <p>CE's members are supported and empowered allowing them to use their expertise to make a difference at the European and National level. The capacity building actions foreseen are based on an on-going learning cycle: learning paths on organisational development and advocacy have been designed and will be delivered; a mapping system to know about the key activities of MOs have been developed and national poverty research observatories will be supported; accompaniment of MOs will be ensured, training on accessing EU funding will be organised as well as annual fora around a key theme.</p>		
Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
CARITAS EUROPA	RUE DE LA CHARITE 43 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Addressing the needs of informal carers throughout the EU with particular reference to social inclusion, poverty reduction and the development of sustainable and inclusive long-term care systems in Europe	305 511,00	76,92	VP/2015/010/0017

Summary of the action		
<p>Europe's overall increase in life expectancy and ageing demographic is generating a growing incidence of age-related diseases and demand for health, social and long-term care. In Europe, 80% of this care is provided by family and friends. The contribution of these informal carers clearly constitutes a great resource for our society but their role is not always recognised as it should. Delivering a wide range of support services such as personal care, housekeeping, transportation, care and financial management as well as emotional support, carers often offer the most comprehensive and desirable option for people in need of care.</p> <p>Caring for a loved one can be a source of great personal satisfaction but it does create its own set of challenges. These can include physical and mental health problems, a feeling of isolation, difficulty in balancing paid work with care responsibilities, perhaps even financial worries as social provisions are cut back. Advances in medicine also mean that carers find themselves having to deliver more and more sophisticated levels of care, with very little training and minimal support. If society expects informal carers to keep providing care, their vital role and contribution must be recognised and their support needs must be addressed.</p> <p>Our work and activities in 2016 and beyond will aim to contribute to the recognition of carers' contribution and to the development of equitable and sustainable social, health and long-term care systems in Europe.</p>		
Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EUROCARERS-ASSOCIATION EUROPEENNE TRAVAILLANT AVEC ET POUR LES AIDANTS NON-PROFESSIONNELS	RUE ABBE CUYERS 3 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Reaching Out!	484 419,20	78,52	VP/2015/010/0019

Summary of the action

The only real limitation when building a truly inclusive society is our willingness to reach out and connect with one another. We should work together - service providers, people with disabilities, authorities at EU, national and local level and all other relevant actors in society.

This is why EASPD's strategy is to 'reach out' and proactively and horizontally connect with different stakeholders and cooperate on the ground, with extended focus from the disability sector to the social sector and to mainstream actors in employment, education and independent living (housing).

We define our strategy through strategic choices that will make our organisation more effective and stronger.

The EXTERNAL strategic issues for EASPD are:

1. The EU and the SOCIAL SERVICES OF GENERAL INTEREST

2. The SYSTEMIC ECONOMIC FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL CRISIS have affected social services and the vulnerable people they support

3. THE NEED FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION, instigated by SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS by:

3.1 Co-operation between actors in HOUSING, health and disability

3.2 Co-operation between mainstream actors in EDUCATION and the disability sector

3.3 Co-operation between mainstream actors in EMPLOYMENT and the disability sector

3.4 Targeted research on QUALITY OF LIFE, QUALITY OF SERVICES AND FINANCING and level of correlation

4. A PARADIGM SHIFT

4.1 From support driven services to demand led, PERSON-CENTRED services

4.2 From Patients to CITIZENS

5. The impact of DIGITISATION and DEMOGRAPHY: 'Think European, Apply Local'

Our INTERNAL strategic issues are:

1. Lack of financial stability and sustainability of EASPD as an organisation

2. Lack of knowledge, capacity and involvement of EASPD members to follow policy discussions and developments and to respond and act accordingly.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AISBL	AVENUE D AUDERGHEM 63 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Roma included: Roma recognised as equal stakeholders in the policies targeting them	404 286,00	78,75	VP/2015/010/0023

Summary of the action

ERGO Network(www.ergonetwork.org)was built to empower Roma in Europe,and its members have a long experience in working together. ERGO Network brings together organisations from 20 European countries,both Members States & Accessing Countries.We function as liaison between Roma organisations,decision-makers at European,national&local level.Our approach creates opportunities for Roma to shape the policies affecting them,setting crucial preconditions for more successful outcomes of EU inclusion policies Throughout our FPA we carry out activities to:Support the European Roma Framework by providing Roma civil society knowledge&expertise;Strengthen cooperation between EC&Roma Civil Society Organisations;Capacitate ERGO members to get involved in EC & MS policy process &play an active role in ESF and CLLD funding In Y3 we will in particular:Map and monitor CLLD and ESF for Roma/Social Inclusion;Advocate for the results of theY2 researches on Equality Bodies & Youth Guarantee

The work develops in various phases

1-preparation&overall coordination: Agreement on Annual Work Plan and Y2 feedback.Development of Terms of References for work packages &agreement with the members on approaches&final deliverables.Staff members of ERGO Network &affiliated organisations coordinate the activities at European&national level

2-Implementation phase-core activities

-Roma Civil Society Working Group(RCSWG)and the European coalition meetings to coordinate the input towards institutions,build expertise,exchange information&meet with decision-makers

-National RCSWGs in 5 countries(BG,RO,HU,SK,CZ):meetings,information exchange&dissemination,advocacy and capacity building

-Capacity building through ERGO staff visits to members,peer exchange visits among national Roma organisaitons,ERGO academy,continuous coaching&targeted support

-Collect data&evidence through CLLDmapping,researches&scorecards

3-Dissemination of information on EU processes&Communication: websites,social media& material

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STICHTING ERGO NETWORK	ACACIASTRAAT 7 6573 WZ BEEK UBBERGEN	NL - Netherlands

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Together for Social Europe (T4SE): Investment in social innovation and quality employment	370 014,20	80	VP/2015/010/0027

Summary of the action

The recovery after the crisis remains weak, inequalities are rising and the number of people at the risk of poverty or social exclusion is besetting. A strong response by civil society is needed more than ever. SOLIDAR will continue with "Together for Social Europe" to promote investment in social innovation and quality employment. With the first two years of our "Together for Social Europe" programme, SOLIDAR has set up 15 national EU strategy groups and is committed to further increase their number, strengthen their capacity and support them in monitoring social progress, the impact of reforms and producing recommendations for policies at national and EU level. SOLIDAR will continuously build upon these networks and use their input to publish annual national progress updates as well as thematic publications on EU policies; continue and foster the cooperation with the high-level scientific advisory group; disseminate briefing papers and e-mail updates; organise European conferences, expert round tables and the Training Academy; organise study visits; develop thematic collections of case studies. In 2016, SOLIDAR - with a focus on most vulnerable groups such as young people and migrants - suggests to concentrate within the mentioned activities on:

- Promoting high-level social protection throughout the EU as a key to achieve social justice, sustainable and inclusive economic development and more cohesive societies; based on high social safeguards and the social investment approach as implemented by the social services and social economy sector as well as the implementation of the reviewed Employment Guidelines and socially responsible structural reforms.

- Contributing to the achievement of a reinforced social dimension of the European Union, based on shared values, which provides social justice and full access to fundamental rights (especially economic, social and cultural rights) for everyone, creating equal opportunities and promoting plurality of society.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
SOLIDAR AISBL	RUE DU COMMERCE 22 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Eurodiaconia Work Plan 2016	514 050,12	79,93	VP/2015/010/0031

Summary of the action

This action is designed to be year three of a four year programme to develop our capacity in the social policy field, provide high quality input to the European Commission on social policy questions and enabling and empowering our members as participants in the main EU driven social policy processes. Through our members at national, regional and local level we can both disseminate information on policy and actions and gather input (data, best practice, failed practice, social policy innovations) into the policy process based on our members' experience as long term providers of social services and actors for social justice and equality. We can also build support for social inclusion initiatives such as the inclusion pillar of Europe 2020 and the approach to social policies that ensures investment across the life cycle. To do this we need to be advocates and capacity builders. We will work with our members, partner NGOs and the European Institutions to promote the development, adoption and implementation of social policies that overcome the challenges facing people in Europe with regards to poverty, inequality, social exclusion and unemployment. We will also work with our members to provide

training and knowledge transfer on both the architecture of European social policy development, adoption and implementation but also on content and orientation, equipping our members to be effective advocates and implementers of effective and where necessary innovative social policies.

To support this we need to be a network that is well organised, well resourced, well governed and well understood. Our work plan for 2016 shows how we will continue to effectively work with our membership, with other partners, with European institutions and with the research community. It also shows how we will develop capacity, develop policy input, increase the data and knowledge basis of our organisation and effectively disseminate our findings using our communication tools for maximum impact.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EURODIACONIA AISBL	RUE JOSEPH II 166 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
2016 – NEW POLICIES FOR 21ST CENTURY FAMILIES	462 954,30	80	VP/2015/010/0034

Summary of the action

COFACE pays attention to the needs of all families in Europe. COFACE's focus is on the social and family policies including labour market policies that impact the lives of children and families, and we work on the mainstreaming of the family dimension into all policy areas. COFACE is working in particular in the fields of social protection and inclusion, safeguarding the rights of disabled and dependent persons, preventing and fighting child poverty, reconciling family and work life, housing, education such as the prevention of early school leaving and youth unemployment, health, care and other services to families, migration, information and communications technologies, consumer policies and other relevant policy areas. The three main pillars of the work are services to families (childcare, elderly and care for the disabled), time arrangements (working time, leave schemes, opening hours of services) and resources (financial, tax-benefits, allowances, and income).

The main activities of COFACE are the following:

- a) Monitoring and liaising with our members and other organisations at Member States' and grassroots level, channelling their needs, concerns and ideas to the EU level, and communicating back about EU level policies to the COFACE members and the broader stakeholder base.
- b) Representing its member organizations towards the European institutions, and towards other organizations operating at European and international level (UN, OECD, NGOs, forums, platforms).
- c) Developing and carrying out advocacy campaigns for families and family organisations wherever the interests of families and their members are at stake.
- d) Developing and coordinating European projects, programmes, activities and initiatives together with the Member Organisations
- e) In partnership with academia and research organisations carrying out studies and research in the areas of social and family policy, the demographic situation, the changes in family forms and structures

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
CONFEDERATION DES ORGANISATIONS FAMILIALES DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE AISBL	RUE DE LONDRES 17 1050 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Financial Inclusion for Inclusive Growth in Europe	186 274,00	80	VP/2015/010/0038

Summary of the action

MFC proposes the current action in order to further advance the inclusive finance agenda in the EU. The proposed programme will build on the MFC access to finance strategy for Europe and it will encompass the experience MFC has in promoting financial inclusion in Europe. The program will build on the strategic objectives presented in the 2013 quadrennial strategic plan and linked to the Framework Agreement priority areas. The program will also utilize lessons learnt in the implementation of the two years of the programme.

The MFC conference in Albania in May 2016 will be the pivotal event linking different access to finance initiatives, offering forum for discussions for feedback to the EC and promoting EU policies as well as discussing trends. Furthermore MFC will use opportunities of various conferences, meetings to collect views from practitioners regarding financial instruments and programs offered to financial institutions. The planned office in Brussels will help to increase communication and make it more effective when engaging with representatives of the European Commission and other international networks and organizations. MFC will continue its capacity building programme focusing on the responsible finance agenda, and in particular on assisting financial institutions measuring its social impact and equipping them with new services (Borrow Wisely financial education campaign) which can help them serve clients more responsible. . MFC plan to further strengthen its cooperation with EMN and other networks e.g. MFC staff will participate in EMN WG, EMD will be organize jointly by MFC and EMN. To The research part will focus on disseminating results from research conducted within first two years of the programme and developing positioning papers with recommendations. MFC will continue meetings with microfinance providers to increase their understanding of financial inclusion and the relevant EU policies .

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FUNDACJA MICROFINANCE CENTRE	UL STANISŁAWA NOAKOWSKIEGO 10/38 00 666 WARSZAWA	PL - Poland

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Delivering on EU social fairness agenda - FEANTSA workplan 2016	966 579,12	80	VP/2015/010/0039

Summary of the action

This action contributes to the fight against homelessness as an EU social inclusion priority under the Europe 2020 Strategy, the Social Investment Package, and the Social Policy Agenda that is currently being developed by Commissioner Thyssen in the following way:

FEANTSA will facilitate ongoing transnational dialogue/cooperation between all relevant actors involved in the fight against homelessness (NGOs, EU institutions & agencies, research community, local, regional & national authorities, "neighbouring" sectors such as the housing and health sectors,...) to ensure implementation of measures to fight homelessness (and related measures) as outlined by EC/EU (in SIP for instance).

FEANTSA will promote the exchange of information, experience & good practices with the aim of improving policies & services taking account of the difficult budgetary context and in line with the needs and aspirations of homeless people.

FEANTSA will conduct research (through the European Observatory on homelessness), monitor homelessness, build capacity for data collection & share knowledge so as to inform evidence-based policy at EU level and in MS. We will focus on innovative approaches to homelessness such as HousingFirst which is a very promising cost-effective way of soiving (chronic) homelessness.

FEANTSA will continue to contribute to the development of an EU framework that supports in the most effective way possible MS' policies (national/regional/local) to address homelessness.

See detailed work plan 2016 (annex) & quadrennial strategic plan for full list of activities covering policy development, mutual learning & research.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
FEDERATION EUROPEENNE D'ASSOCIATIONS NATIONALES TRAVAILLANT AVEC LES SANS-ABRI AISBL	CHAUSSÉE DE LOUVAIN 194 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation – Operating Grant 2016	855 230,24	80	VP/2015/010/0041

Summary of the action

The action aims to improve European social policies through cities involvement in designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies. Cities are responsible for a large part of public investments and deliver the majority of public services. Their inputs, in terms of data and good practices, will help significantly in identifying trends, social challenges, in identifying and testing potential solutions and in providing a more complex illustration of socio-economic challenges that Europe is faced with nowadays.

The objectives are to make social inclusion policies and public spending more effective and more efficient, to identify factors of success in public intervention and to support policy transfer and mutual learning. The grant will be used to undertake collection of good practices, peer-reviews, mutual learning exchange and study visit, focus groups and survey, preparation of technical and political documents. The grant will also support the organization of workshops and events for in-depth discussion and for disseminating results amongst European stakeholders and city practitioners.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EUROCITIES ASBL	SQUARE DE MEEUS 1 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
EuroHealthNet - the EU Partnership for Health and Social Equity	496 674,32	79,61	VP/2015/010/0042

Summary of the action

Social inequalities in health are not only unfair, they also have a huge economic and social cost. Estimates suggest that inequality-related losses to health amount to more than 700,000 deaths per year and 33 million cases of ill health in the EU. These losses account for 20% of the total costs of healthcare and 15% of the total costs of social security benefits. Our action aims to use EU policies, programmes, and instruments to tackle their underlying causes.

Health systems alone cannot reduce health inequalities as these stem from social, economic and environmental factors. Investments in early childhood, education, better employment conditions and inclusive social protection systems can all contribute to health equity. Acting upon the underlying causes of health inequalities makes economic sense as well as contributes to sustainable societies. The Social Investment Package provides a tool to address these issues at EU level and in 2016 we will contribute to its follow up.

We will build alliances with key stakeholders and promote integrated approaches against health and social inequalities. Health systems contribute to delivering the EU's employment priorities. There are important links to be considered with equity in access, discrimination and gender equality in health systems. EuroHealthNet will act as a knowledge broker between health and social protection systems, develop capacity building, facilitate policy learning and make sure public health communities engage with EU priorities. In 2016 we will build on in-country experiences to facilitate exchanges with public authorities to support the implementation of the Country-Specific Recommendations and social investment approaches. This work will be complemented by an interactive conference to stimulate knowledge sharing amongst members at senior level. With EU and national decision makers, we aim to demonstrate that health and social investments are integral parts of the Europe 2020 strategy.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EUROHEALTHNET ASBL	RUE DE LA LOI 67 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Framework Partnership Agreement Reference number VS/2013/0478 _ ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2016	130 507,00	80	VP/2015/010/0043

Summary of the action

At EU level ENSIE will continue working with the European Commission, interested directorates and expert groups as well as with the European Parliament, European Presidencies of the EU Council and trade unions organisations in order to contribute to social and employment policies through its participation in relevant European meetings and conferences. The network will also contribute to the European policy framework through consultations, press releases and policy recommendations. The collaboration with other EU networks active in the social economy and fight against poverty such as Social Economy Europe, Social Platform, RIPESS Europe or other social NGO networks will reinforce ENSIE's activities. The development of the network will continue with the research of new members, a new fundraising strategy and the organization of different meetings with the members. ENSIE will reinforce the communication process with its members and other European organisations and institutions through newsletters, leaflets, website and social media tools.

At national level ENSIE wants to work in a strong and fruitful cooperation with its members to contribute in the implementation of the main political EU driven processes. The team will thus support the members in taking action with relevant actors involved in the structural and investment funds and European Semester processes. The members will also be supported by the team in the monitoring of EU projects and transposition of EU Directive on public procurement.

In order to provide evidence for the formulation of adapted and proper policies, ENSIE and its members will update the WISEs data base, exchange on social and economic impact measurement and on practices related to social and professional integration of migrants and youth. ENSIE represents networks, enterprises but also workers and will maintain a focus on the disadvantaged workers, through the exchange on practices to improve empowerment and citizenship of WISEs workers.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION ENTERPRISES	RUE BOTANIQUE 75 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Working towards a Europe Free of Poverty	997 168,21	80	VP/2015/010/0044

Summary of the action

EAPN will work to support Europe 2020 strategy towards the realization of the poverty target and the promotion of social inclusion across the EU. EAPN will undertake actions to disseminate relevant and up-to-date information about EU policies and strategies aimed to combat poverty and inclusion. In this context, EAPN and its national member organisations will input their knowledge and information into the European Semester process. In order to strengthen the voice of people and groups who experience the impact of policies first hand, EAPN will continue to work in key alliances with major stakeholders to collect and disseminate information to advocate for a more Social Europe. EAPN will undertake extensive actions to support the functioning of EAPN as a representative network of anti-poverty organisations operating in 31 European countries and engaging 18 European Organisations. These actions will support the capacity building of EAPN members to engage with key EU processes and will strengthen in particular actions to support the direct participation of people experiencing poverty in EU debates and strategies as well as at national level.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
RESEAU EUROPEEN DES ASSOCIATIONS DELUTTE CONTRE LA PAUVRETE ET L'EXCLUSION SOCIALE	SQUARE DE MEEUS 18 1050 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
European Social Network's Annual Work Programme for 2016	918 866,71	80	VP/2015/010/0045

Summary of the action

The European Social Network (ESN)'s programme for 2016 takes account of the EC political priorities on jobs and modernising social protection through the life-course, the themes highlighted by our members in 2013, and carry forward the work started in previous years. In this light, the programme will include two additional meetings of the working groups on ageing and care and disability, a second workshop on youth, continuation of the work on evidence, a seminar on social services workforce and the launch of the report on children's services.

A second workshop on youth will bring together some of the issues raised in the 2015 workshop around joint work between social services, education and employment for young people with complex needs, with a specific focus on young people in the criminal justice.

After 3 years, the project Investing in children's services, improving outcomes is brought to an end with an event at the European Parliament to launch the final report, including 14 country profiles. We will also take the opportunity to meet and discuss future work on child protection, identified by ESN members as a priority in the 2013 members forum.

In line with a fairer and more social economic union, members of the ESN's Reference Group on the European Semester will continue to analyse their national government's reform programmes and EC's country specific recommendations and provide input for our annual report.

Aligned with the modernisation of social protection systems and services, the Secretariat and our external expert Ann Buchanan will work with members, who wish to do so, to implement the 2015 assessment framework in some of their services.

In connection with a renewed focus on jobs, we will organise a seminar on social services' workforce, which will bring together issues around service planning and coordination, new technology for planning and training, joint work between professionals, workforce's role in quality, and mobility.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EUROPEAN SOCIAL NETWORK LBG	QUEENS ROAD VICTORIA HOUSE BN1 3WB BRIGHTON	UK - United Kingdom

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Eurochild operating grant	874 710,86	78,91	VP/2015/010/0047

Summary of the action

Eurochild is a network of organisations and individuals promoting the rights and well-being of children and young people in Europe. Our goals are: to put the rights and well-being of children at the heart of policy making; to build a community of professionals that integrate children's rights and well-being into their daily work; to give a voice to children and young people; and to develop the network to deliver a powerful force for change.

The operating grant of the European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation enables Eurochild to mobilise its members towards better implementation of Europe 2020, and more particularly the EC Recommendation on Investing in Children and broader Social Investment Package.

Our activities are therefore:

1. To support, influence and monitor EU driven processes to improve outcomes for children at national and sub-national levels. We aim to fully exploit the opportunities offered through EU-processes including the Social OMC, the European 2020 semester, and European Structural and Investment Funds. With this experience we also aim to make the link with EU processes led by other DGs such as DG Education, DG SANCO and DG Justice.
2. To improve the network's outreach to its members and the members' advocacy capacity. In particular Eurochild will work towards increasing the contribution and ownership of members to be involved in development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of EU processes.
3. To strengthen the internal working of the network as well as our external representation to improve our rigor, integrity and excellence and increase our impact in the above mentioned goals.
4. To pool evidence and relevant information for our policy and advocacy work through our membership and partners. The aim is to gather strong evidence-base both on trends and situation of children and their families in Europe, as well as on practice and implementation of policies relevant for children's well-being

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EUROCHILD AISBL	AVENUE DES ARTS 1-2 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Transnational Solutions to Local Challenges: Addressing the Social Inclusion Needs of Undocumented Migrants to Build a More Cohesive Europe	638 840,00	77,93	VP/2015/010/0048

Summary of the action

PICUM will monitor and evaluate social progress, developments and policy changes affecting EU objectives in the areas of employment, social affairs and inclusion, in order to implement transnational and multi-level joint actions, in the following priority areas:

- the disproportionate impacts of health inequalities on women, young people and children;
- undeclared work and social dumping in precarious occupations, in-work poverty, and prolonged periods of irregularity and social exclusion;
- well-being of children and young people;
- gender-based violence and discrimination in the justice system;
- policies resulting in extreme forms of social exclusion; and
- homelessness.

Within these priority areas, the 2016 work plan has further specific objectives outlined in D4.

PICUM will support frontline organisations working to address the urgent social protection needs of undocumented migrants in its EU-wide network. PICUM's thematic working groups and task forces will address specific social inclusion challenges affecting undocumented migrants, enabling members to build the evidence base; evaluate laws, policies and practices; stimulate transfer of promising practices; develop recommendations for reform; and coordinate joint actions. The Annual General Assembly and Members' Workshop will further strengthen and build the capacity of PICUM's membership to effectively engage in policy processes and enact social progress.

To advance informed, effective, and non-discriminatory social policies, PICUM will continue to reach out to and work with a wide range of stakeholders and strategic partners to mainstream its concerns within key civil society initiatives and increase impact through multiplying the stakeholders and engaging new constituencies. PICUM will produce high quality, reliable and accessible evidence and recommendations. PICUM will continue to improve its internal processes, and further develop efficiency and efficacy, as well as good governance.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
PLATFORM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS ASBL	CONGRESSTRAAT 37 41 5 1000 BRUSSEL	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Operating Grant under the Call VP/2015/010 for the year 2016	101 601,40	80	VP/2015/010/0049

Summary of the action

In 2016 EPR will focus on engaging members further in its activities, including building their capacity on EU policy and processes. EPR will map all potentially relevant Commission initiatives in order to well inform members and prioritise future policy work focusing on employment, disability and social inclusion. EPR will deliver training and services to its members on key EU policy issues to increase their capacity to inform and influence policymaking, as well as on relevant EU funding opportunities. EPR will assist members to develop and pilot innovative services in response to policy priorities, with a view to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of social protection systems. The 2016 comparative analysis on empowerment will include good practice examples and evidence-based policy recommendations. The European benchmarking and benchlearning events (section C.6) will facilitate peer learning and highlight and help Member States disseminate good practices.

To support synergies between stakeholders the secretariat will enhance its structural collaboration with the members of Social Services Europe, particularly in the field of employment and the European Semester. EPR will develop new partnerships with other organisations such as Mental Health Europe, Autism Europe and ENSIE. EPR will continue to run four 'thematic stakeholder committees' and the annual public affairs event. At national level, EPR members will organise a series of multi-stakeholder awareness-raising events and focus groups on specific themes in 4 countries. One event will be in a country not yet covered by EPR.

The annual conference is key to strengthening the internal capacity of EPR and in 2016 will address the ageing of persons with disabilities. A new membership fee structure is expected to have been agreed, and a recruitment strategy will be implemented, particularly seeking new members in non-covered countries and those providing social care. The E-learning platform will be developed

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"Strengthening and supporting a European eco-system for social enterprise finance"	599 067,00	78,92	VP/2015/010/0050

Summary of the action

EVPA has an experience of more than 10 years in developing formats and approaches so that social finance practitioners (SFP) become more effective and that the number of SFP increases all over Europe . The proposal for our third year builds further on our achievements and our lessons learned – and takes into account how the sector has evolved these last years. As a result, this proposal presents some new elements with as sole purpose to increase the impact of our work, and of the partnership with the Commission.

Increased attention will be given to disseminate case studies, best practices and research, to strengthen local dynamics and to formats which strengthen the exchange between policymakers the and practitioners.

This proposal remains in line with the PROGRESS axis of the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and in accordance with the Framework Partnership Agreements it concluded for the period 2014-2017 (FPA) (cf. call VP/2013/006). EVPA will continue to:

- Assist the EU in its outreach through a combination of exchanges, webinars, digital instruments and written communication materials;
- Reinforce the capacity of its members through creating connections to share, learn and develop partnerships across borders; bringing in new experiences from a larger group of countries; offering facilities for resource-strapped practitioners; and strengthening local dynamics
- Voice the concerns and expectations of its members by collecting those concerns and expectations including the creation of a hub; and by voicing them through a diverse set of external communications including position papers towards institutional actors
- Provide data /research on developments and priority topics, by providing access to data, producing research on key VP/SI-related topics as well as investing in effective dissemination of sector-relevant research.

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