



# EAPN IRELAND RESOURCE GUIDE TO EU FUNDING 2011

## INTRODUCTION

This document aims to give an overview of the kind of funding programmes which target poverty and social inclusion directly or lists them among the priorities. The EU has funding programmes in many fields and the list here is not exhaustive, however it includes the most relevant programmes.

For a full list of funding programmes, read the short funding pack produced by the European Commission: [http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/publications/financial\\_pub/pack\\_rules\\_funds\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/library/publications/financial_pub/pack_rules_funds_en.pdf), and select the document: **'New Funds, Better Rules – a beginner's guide.'**

In October 2010, the European Commission launched a review of the EU budget. In view of the need for inclusive growth the Commission stressed that cohesion funding needed to be concentrated on the objectives of Europe 2020 – A European Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth. Consequently, the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development Fund are of particular importance, but also the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and other components of the Community budget. The Commission will also put forward this year proposals for the new Cohesion Policy regulatory framework for the period post-2013 which will simplify access to structural funds for local groups and ensure greater cohesion between EU funds to promote community-based approaches.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

This will depend on the type of funding:

- structural funds are managed at national or regional level and, as a result, applications are submitted to and evaluated by national or regional authorities. Almost all the funding programmes are managed partly by the European Commission and partly by national or local bodies entrusted with this function. For a list of the managing authorities of structural funds in Ireland go to: [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/manage/authority/authority\\_en.cfm?pay=109&list=no](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/manage/authority/authority_en.cfm?pay=109&list=no).

You can access further information about structural funds on our website.

- For EU grants, application procedures are set out in the calls for proposals for specific programmes, and you will apply directly to the European Commission or an executive agency which runs the programme in question.

The details on specific actions and deadlines are in the programme guides which can be found on the web-pages of the programmes mentioned in this document.

Established in 1990, the European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland is a network of groups and individuals working against poverty. It is the Irish national network of the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN Europe), which has two decades of experience in advocating for progressive social change at European level. See: [www.eapn.ie](http://www.eapn.ie)

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FUNDING PROGRAMME	TOTAL AMOUNT FOR 2007-2013 AND TIMELINES	OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES
<b>PROGRESS</b>	<p>€ 743,25 million</p> <p>Project calls once a year and deadline usually June-July.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and youth – tomorrow's Europe</li> <li>• Investing in people: more and better jobs, new skills</li> <li>• Mobility</li> <li>• Longer and healthier lives</li> <li>• Combating poverty and social exclusion</li> <li>• Fighting discrimination and promoting gender equality</li> <li>• Opportunities, access and solidarity on the global scene</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&amp;langId=en">http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&amp;langId=en</a>.</p>
<b>PROGRESS Microfinance Facility</b>	<p>From €100 million to €500 million</p> <p>The Facility is being developed as a response to the crisis.</p>	<p>Micro-credits for up to €25,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• persons who have lost or are at risk of losing their job and want to start their own micro-enterprise, including self-employment;</li> <li>• disadvantaged persons, including the young, who want to start or further develop their own micro-enterprise, including self-employment;</li> <li>• micro-enterprises in the social economy which employ persons who have lost their job or which employ disadvantaged persons, including the young.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.eif.org/what_we_do/microfinance/progress/index.htm">http://www.eif.org/what_we_do/microfinance/progress/index.htm</a></p>
<b>European Social Fund (Including Transnational projects)</b>	<p>€10 billion (only 12% of the total ESF funds is allocated to social inclusion)</p> <p>Timelines vary from country to country and should be checked with national managing authorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptation of workers, enterprises and entrepreneurs</li> <li>• Access to employment &amp; inclusion labour market ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employability measures, including in the social economy</li> <li>- Access to vocational education and training</li> <li>- Community and care services;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Social inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People experiencing social exclusion</li> <li>- Early school leavers</li> <li>- Minorities</li> <li>- People with disabilities;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Human capital ;</li> <li>• Partnerships ;</li> <li>• Institutional capacity.</li> </ul> <p>Transnational and cross-border cooperation projects also cover social inclusion and services for different groups.</p> <p>Interreg IV offers funds to regional and local public authorities and covers employment and SMEs among its priorities.</p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/esf/discover/esf_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/esf/discover/esf_en.htm</a>.</p> <p>For more details go to the EAPN Manual on Structural Funds: <a href="http://www.eapn.eu/content/view/860/34/lang,en/">http://www.eapn.eu/content/view/860/34/lang,en/</a></p>
<b>EU Public Health Programme</b>	<p>€321 500 000 (total amount for 2008-2013)</p> <p>Contact your national focal points to learn more about this programme: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/list_NFPs.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/list_NFPs.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster healthier ways of life</li> <li>• Reduction of health inequalities (a mainstreamed objective)</li> <li>• Addiction prevention (tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs)</li> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• Prevention work for youth out of work and out of school (social workers and vocation training institutions).</li> </ul> <p>For more information on the project application procedure, please read the programme guide: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/funding/funding.html">http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/funding/funding.html</a>.</p>

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<b>Fundamental Rights and Justice (including Daphne III; Fundamental Rights and Citizenship)</b>	<p>€ 542,90 million of which €114,40 million is for Daphne III and €93,8 million for Fundamental Rights and Citizenship.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Daphne III</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protection of children and women against violence and sexual exploitation (including grassroots work, media violence, peer violence etc.);</li> <li>• drug trafficking;</li> <li>• anti discrimination.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm</a></p> <p>Fundamental rights and Citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fight against racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism;</li> <li>• integration of third-country nationals;</li> <li>• fostering a sense of ownership of the European Union;</li> <li>• enhancing tolerance and mutual understanding.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm#part_1">http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm#part_1</a></p>
<b>Europe for Citizens Programme</b>	<p>€215 million of which approximately 31% will go for Action 2.</p> <p>Deadlines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action 1, measure 2.1: Citizens Projects : 01/06/2011</li> <li>- Action 1, measure 2.2: Support Measures: 01/06/2011</li> <li>- Action 2, measure 3: support to projects initiated by civil society orgs: 01/02/2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing together people from local communities across Europe to share and exchange experiences, opinions and values, to learn from history and to build for the future;</li> <li>• Fostering action, debate and reflection related to European citizenship and democracy, shared values, common history and culture through cooperation within civil society organisations at European level;</li> <li>• Bringing Europe closer to its citizens by promoting Europe's values and achievements, while preserving the memory of its past;</li> <li>• Encouraging interaction between citizens and civil society organisations from all participating countries, contributing to intercultural dialogue and diversity.</li> </ul> <p>Permanent themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- future of the European Union and its basic values</li> <li>- active European Citizenship: participation and democracy in Europe</li> <li>- inter-cultural dialogue</li> <li>- people's wellbeing in Europe: employment, social cohesion and sustainable development</li> <li>- impact of EU policies in societies</li> </ul> <p>All the actions have to be transnational.</p> <p><a href="http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2011/index_en.php">http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2011/index_en.php</a></p>
<b>European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals</b>	<p>€6,005,00</p> <p>Deadline for 2012 likely to be mid-January 2012.</p>	<p>This fund is available to national, regional and local authorities, NGOs, public or private bodies, university departments, research departments and international organisations.</p> <p>The fund supports projects which aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create more inclusive neighbourhoods;</li> <li>• enhance immigrants participation in the democratic process;</li> <li>• enhance integration measures targeting different immigrant groups;</li> <li>• explore the link between admission policies and the integration process.</li> </ul> <p>Further information is available at :</p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/call_20101108/call_20101108_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/call_20101108/call_20101108_en.htm</a>.</p>

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<b>Lifelong Learning Programme (including Grundtvig for adult education)</b>	<p>A total of €7 billion Euro for the whole programme.</p> <p>For priorities and deadlines, contact the national agency in your country:  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm</a></p> <p>Or alternatively;  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:290:0013:0014:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:290:0013:0014:EN:PDF</a></p> <p>- Deadlines begin in February 2011.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of people in adult education to 25,000 by 2013 and improve the quality of their experience, whether at home or abroad;</li> <li>• Improve conditions for mobility so that at least 7,000 people per year by 2013 can benefit from adult education abroad;</li> <li>• Improve the quality and amount of co-operation between adult education organisations;</li> <li>• Develop innovative adult education and management practices, and encourage widespread application;</li> <li>• Ensure that people on the margins of society have access to adult education, especially older people and those who left education without basic qualifications;</li> <li>• Support innovative ICT-based educational content, services and practices</li> <li>• Under this priority projects should give rise to concrete and publishable outputs (methods, tools, materials);</li> <li>• Developing alternative learning approaches to integrate or reintegrate marginalised and disadvantaged citizens into society and the labour market.</li> </ul> <p>The programme is implemented by the EU Executive Agency and National Agencies for the Lifelong Learning Programme.</p>
<b>Youth in Action Programme</b>	<p>€885 million</p> <p>Deadlines for project submissions vary. Check the National Agency and Eurodesk national office in your country.</p> <p>Application deadlines generally throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 01/04/2011                      - 01/09/2011</li> <li>- 01/06/2011                      - 01/11/2011</li> </ul>	<p>Youth in Action is the EU Programme for young people aged 15-28 (in some cases 13-30) and target primarily youth groups and organizations as well as youth workers and policy makers.</p> <p>Among the permanent priorities of the programme are European Citizenship, Participation of young people and inclusion.</p> <p>For more information, check the programme guide:</p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc443_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc443_en.htm</a> and also <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc/how_to_participate/programme_guide_11/programme-guide_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc/how_to_participate/programme_guide_11/programme-guide_en.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>European Regional Development Fund</b>	<p>A total of €375million allocated to Ireland.</p>	<p>The purpose of this fund is to bolster economic and social cohesion, address regional imbalances and support cross-border and transnational cooperation.</p> <p>The fund supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local development funds;</li> <li>• networking, cooperation and exchange of experience between regions and towns;</li> <li>• local economic development and employment through strengthening research, developing on-line public services and communications;</li> <li>• supporting neighbourhood services to create new jobs;</li> <li>• environmental initiatives and tourism.</li> </ul> <p>For further information:</p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/informat/country2009/ie_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/informat/country2009/ie_en.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development</b>	<p>€96,3billion</p> <p>Deadlines: Not yet published.</p>	<p>Amongst other aims, the fund seeks to improve the quality of life in rural areas and the diversification of the rural economy.</p> <p>Please visit :</p> <p><a href="http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/agriculture/general_framework/l60032_en.htm">http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/agriculture/general_framework/l60032_en.htm</a>.</p>

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## ARGUMENTS TO BE USED AND ADAPTED IN YOUR DIALOGUE WITH AUTHORITIES ON FUNDING:

### CIVIL SOCIETY ARGUMENT

- An integral part of any democracy is the right and operational ability of interests to organize themselves and contribute to the common good. The promotion of civil society requires a certain level of investment for those communities of interest which, unaided, lack the financial resources to champion their cause. Without some such support, the ability of these groups to contribute to the greater good is impeded or prevented.
- Bring added value to policies due to direct contact with people experiencing poverty and social exclusion. Empower people to effectively engage with policy-making. This helps to promote greater accountability in policy making and credibility to the civil dialogue and participatory democracy processes.
- Contribute to stronger democracy and better social cohesion through promoting a rights-based approach and a better understanding of the causes of poverty in society and better social justice.
- Bridge the local, regional, national and EU agenda.

### POLICY ARGUMENT

- Public decision-making is improved by taking in the widest possible range of views, opinions, analyses and proposals. Investment in organisations that can present to policy makers and public administration the views of those most disadvantaged in society will improve the quality of public administration and decision-making.
- Organisations can develop expertise, support the development of evidenced based information and act as a barometer on issues of social importance. They complement the official statistics by monitoring the reality that exists, whilst identifying the causes and new issues to be taken on board by policy makers.
- Bring focus to cross-cutting issues such as gender and non-discrimination, ensuring that policies propose coherent solutions.

### SERVICES ARGUMENT

- NGO's play a crucial role in aiding the state to implement its own policies effectively.
- Provide a variety of social services and services of general interest to those affected by the relevant issue, for e.g. poverty.
- Organize awareness-raising and training activities for organizations and the people they represent.
- Create employment opportunities and offer lifelong learning opportunities, which increase the active citizenship of various disadvantaged groups and individuals.

### "VOICE" ARGUMENT

- It is important that a 'voice' be given to a broad spectrum of groups in order to achieve economic harmony, a sense of common purpose and prosperity. This will in turn strengthen the capacity of Irish society to respond to the social crisis.
- Reach the most excluded groups, support their empowerment and accompany them into a more active participation in society.
- Raise awareness of the existence of disadvantaged groups in all societies; rich or poor.
- Increase social cohesion and promote the sharing of economic benefits.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information on accessing EU funding please refer to:

[www.ngoeuconnect.ie](http://www.ngoeuconnect.ie)

<http://www.iro.ie>

[http://ec.europa.eu/civil\\_society/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/civil_society/index_en.htm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm)

[www.nweurope.eu](http://www.nweurope.eu)

[www.eapn.ie](http://www.eapn.ie)

EAPN Ireland is a network of groups and individuals working against poverty and is the Irish national network of the European Anti Poverty Network. We aim to put the fight against poverty at the top of the EU, national and local agenda through a range of actions including community development, policy analysis and lobbying, campaigning and participation. EAPN Ireland aims to build the capacity of its membership to engage with national and European policy making through training, information dissemination, collective action and networking.

