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Editorial: Out of the Box

By Conny Reuter, Secretary General

In Brussels we are used to hearing EU representatives saying that they could advance more if the Member States were not so eager to stick to the inter-governmental method, and in parallel, representatives from Member States arguing against too much community method. This has created a climate where European solidarity is at stake and where national egos are increasingly putting their fingers in the wounds, not of a lack of social cohesion, but of those Member States who are in difficulties. [Read more...](#)

Social Affairs

EPAP Convention on Future Social Investment Package

Last Friday (21 October), the European Commission organised a stakeholder meeting in preparation of this year's European Platform Against Poverty and Social Exclusion (EPAP), taking place from 5-7 December in Brussels. The meeting aims to discuss the integration of the poverty reduction target of the Europe 2020 Strategy in the European Semester and to exchange about the Commission's plans for a Social Investment Pact (SIP). SOLIDAR, and several of the network members, will participate in the meeting to share ideas for an integrated and ambitious EU strategy combating poverty and social exclusion. [Read more...](#)

Round Table: Delivering Positive Change Through Social Services

The [Social Services Europe network](#) – of which SOLIDAR is co-founder - is organising a [round table](#) on 'Delivering positive change through social services' on 9 October in the European Parliament. The event will bring together key experts in three panel discussions to talk about how social services contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and their role in the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy. See the [programme](#). To attend, [register by 2 October](#).

EC Report: Persistent Labour Market and Social Divergence between Member States

The "Employment and Social Situation Quarterly Review (September 2012)" has been published. [Read more...](#)

International Cooperation

Round Table: Mobilising for Freedom of Association - Human Rights Defenders Tell Their Stories

On 17 October, SOLIDAR is organising a [round table](#) in the European Parliament to discuss the need for the International Community to further promote and protect the individual right to be able to come together with other individuals and collectively express, promote, pursue and defend common interests. Join us for this event which will bring together human rights defenders from Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Hong Kong and Colombia, and European Union decision makers and stakeholders to debate the topic. This event will furthermore mark the kick-off a SOLIDAR joint cooperation and policy campaign to promote the freedom of association around the world.

[Find out more and register by 9 October](#).

Migration

Round Table: Protecting Domestic Workers Rights - What Is the Role of The EU?

On 17 October, SOLIDAR is organising a round table and film screening in the European Parliament on domestic workers rights and the EU's role in protecting them. An international standard was adopted in June 2011 finally recognising domestic workers as workers and not helpers (ILO C189). Yet domestic work remains one of the least protected sectors in many European countries and continues to be excluded from most European labour legislation. Join domestic workers' representatives and European stakeholders in debating what role the EU could play to champion the fight for rights at work. [Find out more and register by 9 October.](#)

Education

Lifelong Learning Programme 2013

The European Commission has published the call for proposals for 2013 for participation in the last cycle of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP). The Programme covers actions targeting schools, higher, adult, and vocational education and training, different policy cooperation actions in the fields of languages, information and communication technologies, as well as dissemination and exploitation of results. [Read more...](#)

Secretariat News

Abigail Goundry, SOLIDAR Communications Officer, will be on maternity leave from 1 October to May 2013. In the meanwhile, please contact the Interim Communications Officer, [Matthias Galan](#) with any communications-related issues.

Network News

Have a look at the [latest news](#) from our Italian member **Arci**.

Read the [latest news](#) from UK member **War on Want**.

See this [article](#) on Swedish member **ABF**'s activities.

Belgian member **Pour la Solidarite** is holding a [conference](#) on the participation of foreigners in upcoming elections.

Learn more about [latest activities](#) on voluntary work of German member **Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund**.

Support **Solidar Suisse**'s [campaign](#) for Syrian refugees.

See this [update](#) from our UK member **Banana Link**.

Watch this **call** to the government of Luxembourg by Luxembourg member **Solidarité Syndicale (OGBL)**.

Partners News

Read **FEANTSA's** latest **news flash**.

Join **S&D Group's** **event** "Relaunching Europe" on 3 October in the Auto world in Brussels.

The seventh annual **Partnership Report** - Saving and Improving Lives: Partnership between the United Nations and the European Union in 2011 is out.

Concord will host a **panel** on food security at the EU Development Days.

Alter-EU released a **new article** on the joint 'Transparency Register'.

Agenda

7 October: World Day for Decent Work

16-18 October: SOLIDAR International Cooperation Forum

17 October (10.30-12.30): Round Table- Protecting Domestic Workers Rights: What is the Role of the EU?, European Parliament

17 October (13.30-16.00): Round Table – Mobilising for Freedom of Association: Human Rights Defenders Tell Their Stories European Parliament

18-19 October: Global Network Steering Group

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