



## EAPN Romania – National Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Network (RENASIS)

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### Press Release

EAPN Romania – National Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Network (RENASIS), organized **Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**, the workshop **“Measures and interventions to combat poverty and social exclusion among Youth in Romania”**.

The RENASIS initiative to organize this workshop takes place in the context of the celebration of the *International Day for the Eradication of Poverty* that marked each year on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

During the past few decades, young people have represented one of the categories most exposed to poverty and exclusion, Romania being one of the countries which register alarming numbers of young people affected by poverty. According to *National Youth Policy Strategy 2015-2020*, “more than ¼ of the people aged between 18 and 24 live in relative poverty (28.1% in 2011), which places Romania’s situation among the top three gravest in the UE-27. At the same time, in the recent years the poverty rates has registered an increase. More than a third of the youth population is at risk of poverty or social exclusion, respectively 40.3% as opposed to only 24.3% in EU-28.”

The purpose of this event was to promote and raise awareness regarding the need of intervention and collective action in order to eradicate poverty, and also to facilitate discussions related to the empowering of the young generation through participation and dissemination of best practices for inclusive labor market for youth, to the program “School after School” - a priority measure in the National Anti-Poverty Package, to the economy and social inclusion as useful tools in combating poverty, marginalization and discrimination among young people.

In this context, the participants had the opportunity to present and discuss about the measures and instruments to combat poverty and social exclusion of youth and to identify means of collective action within the National Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Network.

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