**Report of IFSW Europe Regional Representative/Commissioner**

**For Delegates Meeting in Oslo, 2025**

**Please complete and send this report to** [**europe@ifsw.org**](mailto:europe@ifsw.org)

**by 24th September 2025**

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| **Your name** | **Birthe Povlsen** |
| **Your association** | **Danish Association of Socialworkers** |
| **Commission, institution or network where you represent IFSW Europe** | **EAPN**  **European Anti Poverty Network** |
| **Date of report** | **24th September 2025** |
| **When did you start being the representative?** | **2021** |
| **Do you have a support person/group?** | **Yes** |
| **Do you wish to continue for the year 2025/26?** | **Yes** |
| **If you wish to continue, do you need a new support person/group?** | **yes** |
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| **Please list the main events and meetings you attended between October 2024 and September 2025** | Strategic meeting 23.10.24 in Brussels  People`s Summit 28.11.24 in Brussels.  People´s Summit 28.3.25 in Porto  Executive Committee meetings 29/30.11.24 in Brussels, 27.3.25 in Porto, 20.6.25 online.  General assembly online 27.6.25 |
| **Please describe other work you undertook in your role (e.g. policy work, writing, contributing to webinars etc)** | Took part in an advocacy action by writing to national MEPs to help secure their group’s support for re-establishing an Intergroup on Combating Poverty |
| **What have been your main achievements in this role in the last year?**  Been part of EAPN’s work in drafting their proposal for an EU Anti-Poverty Strategy. Together with my support group, prepared a first draft report as a contribution to the development of the EU’s first Anti-Poverty Strategy from a social worker’s perspective, and sent this draft to the rapporteur and other members of the Intergroup on Combating Poverty.  Currently continuing the work on the final report as an independent consultation response from IFSW, which will be discussed at the upcoming delegates’ meeting. | |
| **What themes and opportunities should the IFSW Europe representative to this institution, commission or network focus on during the next year?**  Submit the final consultation response on the Anti-Poverty Strategy based on questionnaire responses and discussions at the delegates’ meeting in October.  Develop proposals for further work on local and national poverty strategies within member organizations. | |
| **If you wish to continue in your role, please list your personal objectives/aims for the next year.**  **\*** Strengthen national poverty strategy work  \* Enhance social workers’ knowledge and participation  \* Support initiatives improving outcomes for people in poverty  \* Promote collaboration and knowledge-sharing across member organizations | |
| **Any other information you wish to share**  [**https://www.eapn.eu/anti-poverty-day-2025-call-for-workshop-proposals/**](https://www.eapn.eu/anti-poverty-day-2025-call-for-workshop-proposals/) | |