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EEPA's Mission



Founded in 2003, Europe External Policy Advisors (EEPA) is a Brussels-based centre of expertise on the European Union's (EU) external policies. It works in a wide variety of areas, including the EU's legal framework, annual budget and the use to which its financial resources are put. EEPA promotes a socially responsible European Union, both internally and externally, a Europe based on the values of solidarity and equality with a strong focus on global poverty eradication.

EEPA's objective is to strengthen the participation of actors that can contribute to building a socially responsible Europe. It works with a wide range of actors, both governmental and non-governmental. EEPA explicitly aims to include both governmental and non-governmental actors from the South in its analysis of the impact of EU policies.

Particular effort is given to exploring how new technologies can be harnessed for the benefit of people living in poverty, and to promote inclusive development. In this context EEPA has carried out research and implemented actions in the following areas: EU aid effectiveness; EU budget and laws; human rights (democratisation and good governance); Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); children's rights (including education and child labour); health; gender equality and the empowerment of women; justice; HIV/AIDS; climate change; and trade.

What EEPA offers



Research and monitoring

One of EEPA's principal areas of work is in the field of research and monitoring. We carry out research on a wide range of topics concerning EU development cooperation including EU law, budget and aid effectiveness, trade, human rights, gender, health, education and the Millennium Development Goals. We also monitor EU activities and EU institutions on behalf of our clients with regard to specific development-related issues. We have been commissioned to conduct research and produce reports and briefing papers on these issues. For EEPA publications, please visit our website.

Advocacy, consultation and networking

In the field of advocacy, consultation and networking, EEPA is able to provide specialised contributions to public campaigns and advocacy strategies for NGOs, governments and institutions. We offer consultation on questions related to advocacy activities such as whom to contact, timing of actions, documents to send, publicising events and with whom to collaborate. A main asset is our wide-ranging network of connections with staff from the EU institutions, national governments, EU Member State representations in Brussels, embassies, UN agencies and NGOs, which we have developed through the years and with whom we maintain close relations.

Facilitations of meetings/ conferences

EEPA has the capacity to organise and facilitate various types of meetings, publication launches and seminars, including high-level conferences both in Brussels and across the world. We also organise press releases and produce meeting reports to maximise the impact of meetings.

As part of our work, we organise meetings for our clients with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), officials from the European Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, and with representatives from Member States' missions to the EU. We have organised several visits to Brussels by delegations of civil society representatives from across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Prior to each delegation visit, we organise an itinerary of meetings which is specifically designed to serve the needs and objectives of that particular delegation.

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Introduction: a year of change

During 2014, preparations intensified for what should come after the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) since 2015 was set as the deadline for their achievement. The year also coincided with the start of the European Union's (EU) new budget cycle covering the period 2014-2020, for which the plans of the European Commission (EC) and other EU institutions were being developed and finalised. In addition, elections for the European Parliament (EP) were held in May, with increased representation from political parties that do not support the current concept of the EU, and the new European Commission led by President Jean-Claude Junckers was appointed. On his confirmation, President Juncker described the challenge as being the "last chance Commission".

This took place in the context of continued pressures on the European economy as it continued to struggle with: a) the fiscal fallout of the financial crisis of 2008 and austerity programmes being pursued in response to the crisis, and b) a continued influx of irregular migrants seeking asylum in Europe choosing to take the risky, and all too often deadly, journey across the Mediterranean Sea in overcrowded and unsafe boats.

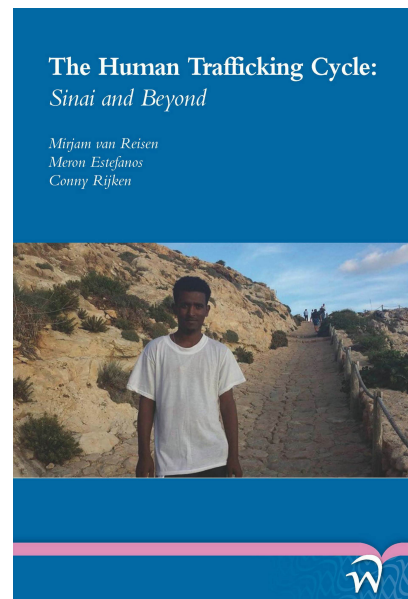
In this changing political and social environment, EEPA continued working on its distinct issues of interest, such as human trafficking, women's leadership, EU-ACP cooperation, health care, and development of rural communities in Africa, while adapting its working modalities and establishing new networks. Thanks to a strong network of partners, particularly Tilburg University, Philips Foundation, Hivos, ICCO and Kerk in Aktie, the year of change has brought to EEPA new ideas and research projects on minor refugees, EU migration policy, and EU policy to support decentralized renewable energy.

The most notable achievements of EEPA's activities in 2014 included the publication of *The Human Trafficking Cycle: Sinai and Beyond*, which was the result of several years of successful research. It emphasised EEPA credentials as a trustworthy centre of analysis providing research-based advice to both European media and decision-makers. The 2nd *International Colloquium on Women's Leadership* also resulted in a new publication: *Women's Leadership in Peace Building: Conflict, Community and Care*. The *European Parliament Hearing on Renewable Energy* was a final result of long-lasting cooperation with Hivos that successfully shaped the construction of EU Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI). EEPA continued to leave its footprints on effective development cooperation policy, which resulted in actions to stop EU plans to give financial aid to the authoritarian regime of Eritrea.

The Human Trafficking Cycle

A particular research area at EEPA remained human trafficking and the commodification of the body. Attention continued to be given to the trafficking cycle and the changes taking place in the research countries, including the EU, Horn of Africa, Sudan and South Sudan, Egypt, Libya, and Israel. Increased attention was also given to addressing the trauma of survivors of torture and violence who constitute a substantial proportion of the migrants caught up in the cycle.

EEPA's publication of *The Human Trafficking Cycle: Sinai and Beyond* in December 2013 generated substantial global media coverage that continued into 2014. The outcomes of the research were presented on a documentary film "Sound of Torture", and additionally covered by other European television and radio broadcasts. EEPA's director Prof. Mirjam van Reisen was invited to Spanish, Dutch, and French media projects taking into consideration the human trafficking issue. (For a full list of media coverage, please look at "EEPA in the Media", p. 18). The publication was also presented to EU Commissioner Cecilia Malmström in the European Parliament on 4 December 2014.



The book is the second volume in a series being produced by EEPA in cooperation with Tilburg University, ICCO and Kerk in Actie that seeks to bring increased understanding about the impact of trafficking cycle on the refugees, their families, and the societies from which they come, as well as to identify the implications for a range of policy areas that are affected.

Prof. Mirjam van Reisen was actively involved in the academic community by participating in international conferences on Eritrea and the issue of human trafficking. She gave the presentations of EEPA work on human trafficking and Eritrean refugees at Tilburg University for DIES (20 November 2014), at Cincinatti University (8 March 2015), Mbarara University in Uganda (15 May 2015), and at Diakonische Werke (21 May 2015). From 10 to 12 June 2015, the 28th Sudan and South Sudan Conference in Hermannsburg took place, where Prof. van Reisen chaired a discussion group on human trafficking in the Horn of Africa. The Professor was also engaged with the International Expert Consultation 'Human Trafficking of Girls and Women – a Challenge for Mission and Ecumenism' (23-25 February 2015) at the University of Hamburg.

EU Migration Policy



Prof. Mirjam van Reisen's interview on Dutch television programme Nieuwshuur on the increased numbers of Eritreans arriving in the Netherlands seeking asylum. 20 May 2014. Available at www.eepa.be

During the past years, the EU has been experiencing a significant rise in the number of refugees seeking asylum in Europe. The consequences of the international community's failure to effectively address the issue were dramatically demonstrated in October 2013 with the deaths in the Mediterranean Sea of more than 500 refugees off the shores of Lampedusa. Since most of the victims were from Eritrea, it highlighted the critical relationship that exists between the human trafficking cycle, in which tens of thousands of refugees are caught, and the EU's migration policy.

The need for solid knowledge on the countries of origin of refugees coming to Europe has increased. In 2014 and at the beginning of 2015, EEPA consulted researchers, members of civil society, the media, and EU decision makers, including the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and the European Commission, on the cycle of a refugee journey to Europe, particularly from Eritrea. Informal consultation meetings took place, which have raised awareness among the MEPs of the causes of departure of Eritrean refugees, risks on their journey to Europe, and challenges for the Eritrean diaspora in the EU. EEPA has created an informal network of professionals involved in decision making, consulting, and policy shaping on human trafficking, development, and migration policies in order to facilitate exchange of relevant information and knowledge.

Prof. Mirjam van Reisen took part in the panel discussion '*Heading to Europe: Safe Haven or Graveyard? Migration by Sea in the Mediterranean*' at **Safe Haven** on **16 May 2015** where she shared EEPA's analysis of the irregular migration issues in the Mediterranean Sea, in particular the causes of Eritrean refugees' departure. On 19 May 2015, a Worldconnectors round table on boat refugees was organized in The Hague where the director of EEPA was invited.

Unaccompanied Minor Refugees

The outcomes of EEPA's previous researches on human trafficking cycle have revealed an issue of increasing numbers of unaccompanied minors taking the risk of a "journey to Europe" alongside the adults. In cooperation with Tilburg University, the University of Amsterdam, and the University of Kassel, EEPA has decided to focus a separate research on unaccompanied Eritrean minors and their involvement in emigration, and especially in the human trafficking cycle. This group of irregular migrants and refugees is very vulnerable and needs a special research approach.

At the end of 2014, the planning and coordination works - led by EEPA's director Prof. Mirjam van Reisen - were implemented. A newly established research group - involving academics, students and research assistants from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Israel, and Uganda - organized the research preparation meetings, finalized with a research strategy. The researches plan to conduct interviews with unaccompanied Eritrean minor refugees in their asylum countries in Europe.



Video. Rwanda to absorb thousands of Israel's asylum seekers. Available at www.cctv-america.com

Prof. Mirjam van Reisen organized the research visits and gave the presentations for Dutch and German refugee organisations, including Centraal Orgaan opvang Asielzoekers (COA) (25 June 2015), NIDOS (20 April 2015 and 5 June 2015) in the Netherlands, Diakonische Werke in Germany and Dutch Refugee Council in Amsterdam (3 July 2015).

The implementation part of this research project is planned to start in the second half of 2015. From this research, EEPA aims to add knowledge in the theoretical and practical frames pertaining to the issues of the experience of trauma, documenting of routes and minor refugees' expectations.

Future of ACP-EU Cooperation



7th ACP Summit for Heads of State, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 2012. Photo of ACP Group.

In 2012, EEPA undertook a study to assist the ACP Group to prepare for the expiry of the Cotonou Agreement in 2020 and its future in the post-2020 era. The study supported the work of the Working Group on the Future Perspectives of the ACP Group by examining options and delineating scenarios on the basis of a comprehensive review of the essence and value of the ACP Group. The assessment on the future of the ACP group is examined from three dimensions: the internal evolution of the ACP group; the external changes that impact on the group; and future scenarios for harmonizing these internal and external challenges.

In 2014, EEPA continued to support the Working Group by coherently participating in a process of drafting the ACP post-2020 strategy. Prof. Mirjam van Reisen remains among the independent consultants on ACP-EU cooperation. (For more details about history of ACP-EU relations look at *Window of Opportunity. The EU development policy after the Cold War*, by M. van Reisen, 2009). EEPA has been assisting the ACP Working Group with its analysis and solid knowledge of EU development and cooperation policy, and separately also both the EU and ACP's institutional development. (For more information, please look at www.eepa.be).

Aid, SDGs and Financing for Development

Since 2014, EEPA has been preparing for three major international events bound to shape the course of the post-2015 development agenda. The Addis Ababa conference *Financing for Development* in July has opened a marathon of events dedicated to sustainable development. The Post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be discussed in New York in September; and the challenges of climate change will be discussed at the UNFCCC COP21 in Paris in December. Financing for Development will form a major part of the financial framework for the outcomes of these conferences.

In cooperation with the Dutch Advisory Council on International Affairs (ACIA), where EEPA's director Prof. Mirjam van Reisen holds an advisory position on development, EEPA took part in the consultations of ACIA to the Dutch government and made an analysis on the compliance of EU aid with the regulatory framework and, according to [Lilianne Ploumen](#), Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, made a 'positive contribution to the debate on modernizing the definition of development cooperation and the future of international cooperation in general'. On 19 May 2014, Prof. Mirjam van Reisen gave an official presentation of an *ODA Advisory Letter* in the Dutch Parliament.



European Development Days in Brussels, 3 June 2015

Stop EU Aid to Eritrea

On 24 March 2015, Reuters published a statement, saying that according to EU diplomats, the EU is planning to provide a substantial bilateral aid package worth € 312 million to Eritrea with which it hopes to curb the growing migration from the country Eritrea via development aid. However, the report of the UN Commission on Inquiry of Human Rights in Eritrea (COI), published on 8 June 2015, showed gross violations of human rights perpetrated by the Eritrean government, which may constitute crimes against humanity.

Petitioning Council of the European Union

STOP EU FUNDING of ERITREA'S REPRESSIVE REGIME - THE ROOT CAUSE OF REFUGEE CRISIS

Concerned Eritrean Civic Groups, Opposition Organizations and Individuals



Sign this petition

1,822 supporters

678 needed to reach 2,500

First name

Last name

Email

Belgium

Brussels

EEPA stands against any financial development aid to the Eritrean regime. In cooperation with 22 scholars and human rights activists from all over the world, including the director of EEPA, Prof. Mirjam van Reisen, EEPA published a statement denouncing

the EU's plans of development aid to Eritrea. Moreover, 2 online petitions were launched and have been signed by more than 2,000 people in just a few months from when they were launched at the beginning of April 2015. (You can look at the petitions on [EEPA website](#)).

Appeal letters from Prof. Mirjam Van Reisen were sent to the EU officials, including Martin Schultz (President of the EP), Jean-Claude Juncker (President of the EC), Frans Timmermans (Vice President), Federica Mogherini (Special Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the EU), Neven Mimica (Commissioner on Development Cooperation and Development), Dimitris Avramopolous (Commissioner on Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship). In this letter, Prof. van Reisen asks the EC to put on hold its preparations for an aid package to the Eritrean government until the human rights situation in this country has been well investigated by the COI.

International Colloquium on Women's Leadership



Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Lilliane Plouman and Liberian Minister for Gender and Development, Julia Duncan-Cassell, discussing the fight against Ebola, 2014

In 2014, EEPA led the preparations and organisation of the 2nd International Colloquium on Women's Leadership in Peace Building. The first such Colloquium was held in 2009, hosted in Liberia by President Johnson Sirleaf together with Finnish President Sauli Niinistö. This second Colloquium was prepared with the support of Cordaid, and brought together key international actors with a view of linking actions taking place to strengthen Women's leadership to address conflict and build peace in local communities, with the roles that women can play in promoting policies and practices at national, regional and international levels to support Women's leadership.

The Colloquium was organised in two segments, with the organisation of a dialogue in Zimbabwe hosted by Zimbabwe's National Association of Women's Clubs that involved Women leaders from local communities, and an International meeting in Utrecht, Holland, held in conjunction with Leiden University's Africa Studies Centre.

A collection of contributions about the role of women and women's leadership in a variety of different circumstances, at local, national and global levels, in Africa as well as in Europe, was published in a volume entitled *Women's Leadership in Peace Building: Conflict, Community and Care*. 2-3 June 2014 presentation at Women's Leadership Institute training in The Hague Cordaid.

Resolution on Ebola



Prof. Mirjam van Reisen visits Liberia, 2013

In 2014, the International Colloquium on Women's Leadership in Peace Building took place in Zimbabwe and continued in The Netherlands later. This conference was supported by EEPA. One of the products from the second session was the adoption of a resolution on Ebola. The resolution called for coordinated, deep and immediate action on the Ebola Crisis in Liberia. The resolution, initiated by EEPA director Mirjam van Reisen, called for the appointment of a special European Envoy on the Fight against Ebola with immediate effect. The appeal was signed by many politicians and scientists. The resolution was addressed to the European Council President, the European Commission President, EU High Representative, President of the European Parliament, two EU Commissioners and EU heads of state.

In addition, a call was made for more women in the leadership to fight against Ebola, noting that 75% of the victims are women. Women are the predominant care-givers of the sick and as a result are at greater risk; yet women are largely absent from leadership positions.

An answer to the resolution was received from the President of the European Parliament, Mr. Schulz, and from the European Commission President, Mr. Barroso, ensuring that the resolution would be taken into consideration.

Rural Community Access to Sustainable Energy

During 2014, EEPA worked with Hivos towards ensuring that the EU would increase the priority given to enabling access of remote rural communities to energy through the promotion of decentralised renewable energy in developing countries. This was the second phase of an action pursued under the title *Influencing EU policy to support decentralized Renewable energy*. The first phase sought to ensure that the legal arrangements regulating the implementation of the policy of the European Commission on Development Cooperation were such that they would allow and promote the funding of decentralised Renewable Energy in developing countries to benefit especially small farmers and remote and poor rural areas, where energy access is very low (long). This was pursued during the EU's process to define the regulatory framework for the use of the EU's budget for 2014 to 2020, and in particular the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

Following the success achieved with the first phase, the actions in 2014 sought to engage in dialogue with the European Commission on its planning for the use of the EU's financial resources for energy programmes in developing countries, and particularly for giving priority to schemes to benefit remote rural communities that have no access to mainline grid energy structures (long). A focus for this action was the organisation of an informal hearing in the European Parliament that brought together MEPs, the European Commission, NGOs and Philips. On 4 November 2014, in the European Parliament the special Hivos Energy Hearing was organized.



European Parliament Hearing on Renewable Energy, 4 November 2014

Working Party on Remittances for Health

The Working Party on Remittances for Health Care was established in 2014 to provide an environment for collaboration on product development on instruments to link remittances to health services. Coordinated by EEPA, it brings together the World Bank, Philips, the European Commission, the Swiss Development Agency and Tilburg University.

The relevance is the volume of remittances, which is four times the volume of ODA, and the direct link between remittances facilitating access to health care services. The intent of the research is to provide sustainable income streams that allow customers to access health services, make choices and hence drive up the quality of health services and generate predictable customer-based income streams for health clinics, eventually enabling investment in technology and (training for) staff. This is of interest in low-income regions in Africa, and especially in low-income streams in countries where public health care support is very low.

EEPA's director Prof. Mirjam van Reisen gave a presentation on *Remittances at the Financing for Development* on the Preparatory Conference (side event) in New York in November 2014. On 21 January 2015, a meeting with the Swiss Department on Migration and Development in Bern was held, followed by a workshop with Achemean on 25 February 2015. The last Working Party's meeting in Istanbul brought to a close the first of three phases of the project. These phases are: (1) the analytical phase; (2) the exploration of operational possibilities; (3) the implementation of a pilot initiative.

Healthcare in Rural Areas



*A field visit in
Zimbabwe, 2014*

In cooperation with Tilburg University, EEPA takes part in a research project on healthcare in African rural areas, particularly on the impact of technical solutions on healthcare in African village healthcare centres. The project involves the research countries, such as Kenya, Uganda, Liberia, Ghana, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Germany, UK and the Netherlands. The programme connects the sector of international cooperation with the health sector and engages with relevant private sectors engaged in this area.

Prof. Mirjam van Reisen, as a member of the board of the Phillips Foundation, has been actively involved in the Phillips project of the Community Life Centres. The project aims to create rural healthcare centres powered by renewable energy, which requires satellites from the company SES for communication. According to the constituted research group outcomes, the SES satellites programme, powered by SATMED e-health platform, has already demonstrated positive improvement of healthcare in maternity clinics in Africa.

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Women's Leadership in Peace Building: Conflict, Community and Care (2015)

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In 2014 the Ebola epidemic in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea transformed a health crisis into a peace and security challenge. It confirmed what was already known, that peace and care are intrinsically related. The well-being and care of people in affected communities and the means to provide care within communities is central to conflict-resolution.

The leadership that women offer in this context constitutes an important element of peace-building, as is women's ability to participate in governance. In an increasingly connected world women and men 'care' for others across borders and continents, linking families and communities through mobile phones and social media.

However, regional and civil conflict, challenges of changing hegemonic power and new threats to peace and well-being of peoples impact particularly on gender-relations and endanger women's safety. In this rapidly changing reality, the philosophy of relations in the African worldview of Ubuntu, the Christian understanding of community and old customs and cultures of care, may be invaluable facilitators of peace.

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The international community is not paying much attention to what is happening in Eritrea. Apparently, the country is not important enough in international politics. In the mean time, more and more Eritreans have fled the country. Every month, around 4000 people flee to Europe, facing great dangers on the road. Their distress and defenselessness makes them easy pray for human traffickers in transit countries. Tens of thousands of Eritreans have become victim to human traffickers in the last years, who kidnap them and take them to torture camps in the Sinai desert. There, they have to beg for large sums of ransom from their relatives. If they are freed, they still have to pay large sums of money to cross the Mediterranean Sea in dangerous boats.

The refugees who make it to Europe face a lack of understanding from authorities and the public alike. Why have they left their country, which is not in a state of war or civil war and which does not suffer from famine? This book wants to contribute to the understanding of the widespread human rights abuses in Eritrea and that the topic of human trafficking will grow in public awareness

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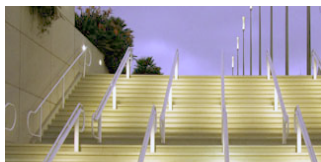
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	Fixed assets	4.408,93	2.693,39	14.190,78
	Receivables	28.090,96	17.550,62	15.265,34
	Accruals	31.659,47	131.750,61	48.845,48
	Cash in bank & in hand	2.844,88		
	Total assets	67.004,24	151.994,62	78.301,60
Liabilities				
	Reserves	34.529,96	28.748,79	45.213,40
	Amounts payable	10.884,51	22.303,83	28.584,08
	Accruals and deferrals	21.589,77	100.942,00	4.504,00
	Total liabilities	67.004,24	151.994,62	78.301,48
Income and expenditure				
Income				
	Operating income	213.983,01	217.408,72	194.945,66
	Interest	1.225,47	541,26	178,02
	Total income	215.208,48	217.949,98	195.123,68
Expenses				
	Trade goods, raw materials, services and other goods	163.247,77	178.090,53	149.137,84
	Human resources	59.856,93	42.687,00	19.604,03
	Depreciation	2.182,68	2.045,29	4.863,12
	Other operating costs	1.146,41	368,33	2.389,74
	Financial costs	748,80	540,00	745,64
	Taxes	85,83		1.918,70
	Total expenses	227.268,42	223.731,15	178.659,07
	Result	- 12.059,94	- 5.781,17	16.464,61
	Accumulated surplus/deficit from previous year	6.988,27	- 5.071,67	- 10.852,80
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