

EAPN puts forward its messages for 2010:

A Policy Legacy for 2010 from the Spanish, Belgian and Hungarian Presidencies

A strong EU policy legacy which guarantees a visible step forward for the fight against poverty, social exclusion and inequality in the next decade

Getting the EU 2020 strategy right

1. Make combating poverty and social exclusion a **key challenge and priority for EU2020**.
2. Tackle the **causes of poverty**, making the **reduction of inequalities** in income and wealth through **redistribution** a prerequisite for delivering a better, fairer EU.
3. Ensure **participation and ownership of EU2020** by embedding EU/national structured dialogue with **civil society, including people in poverty**.

Getting the instruments right

4. Hold an **EU Council** on Poverty and Social Exclusion with **declaration by Heads of States**.
5. **Measure progress for EU2020** with social as well as economic indicators, beyond GDP, including at risk of poverty and inequality indicators and targets.
6. Re-launch a **tougher Social OMC as key instrument** for driving delivery on poverty/social exclusion and inequality particularly through:
 - **Progress** on poverty and inequality targets at EU and national level.
 - **Better governance and participation** at national and EU level establishing guidelines, indicators and benchmarking, embedding participative national yearly reviews of National Action Plans, involving NGOs and people in poverty.

Getting the policies right

7. **Implement Active Inclusion Recommendation** including
 - New Integrated Guideline on Active Inclusion, and National Action Plan follow up in EU2020 and Social OMC, with indicators and recommendations.
 - Ensure progress on ensuring adequacy of *minimum income* – move forward on proposal for a framework directive and on delivery on *quality work* Guidelines.
 - Guarantee right to *affordable quality services*, through EU Framework Directive
8. **Follow up on OMC thematic years on child poverty and homelessness/housing exclusion**
 - Agree a Recommendation on Child Poverty which effectively combats family poverty.
 - Agreement to end street homelessness by 2015, building on EP written declaration.
9. **Putting the fight against discrimination at the centre of the EU year**
 - Progress on the adoption of the anti-discrimination directive for all Article 13 groups.
 - Mainstreaming equality/anti-discrimination in anti-poverty policy; with policies combating xenophobia and racism against migrants and ethnic minorities,(eg Roma).

Getting EU funding right

10. Use EU funding to progress the fight against poverty and **support NGOs**
 - **New EU Programme (Progress)**, including support for local anti-poverty projects.
 - Commitment to ensure **Structural Funds can be accessed by NGOs**, using technical assistance and global grants and used to deliver Social OMC priorities.