



Invitation to Press Conference

19.01.2010 (9 :00 - 10 :30 am)

Les Petits Riens, 30-32 Rue du Prévôt, 1050 Ixelles

Social NGOs' Key demands for 2010 European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion

The Coalition of NGO networks active in fighting against poverty and social exclusion will hold a Press Conference on Tuesday 19 January 2010, at *Les Petits Riens*, to present its **key demands for the outcome of 2010, European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion. On this occasion, the Coalition will also launch its website.**

2010 has been designated as the European Year **for combating poverty and social exclusion**. The Year comes during a time of severe financial, economic and social crisis.

According to the last Eurobarometer survey, 73% of Europeans consider poverty to be a widespread problem in their country while 89% want urgent action by their government to tackle the problem.*

Against a bleak picture of nearly 80 million people – or 16% of the EU population – living below the poverty line, and facing serious obstacles in accessing employment, education, housing, social and financial services, the survey sheds light on the many facets of poverty and social exclusion.

Two days before the official Opening of the European Year in Madrid by the European institutions, social NGOs will present their key demands for the outcomes of the year.

Part of the necessary response to this crisis is the **renewal of a common vision for the type of society we want to create**. A **commitment** to building a Europe where women and men of all ages can live free of poverty and social exclusion, should be the legacy of the 2010 Year.

*Eurobarometer survey on attitudes to poverty and social exclusion presented by the European Commission, 27 October 2009.

Panel of speakers

Fintan Farrell, Director, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)

Freek Spinnewijn, Director, European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

Sophie Kammerer, Policy Officer, European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild

Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby (EWL)

Practical details

This Press Conference is a great opportunity for journalists to meet with social NGOs jointly and individually early in the European year.

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If you cannot attend the press conference but wish **to receive the press pack**, please contact nellie.epinat@eapn.eu

The EY 2010 END POVERTY NGO coalition is coordinated by EAPN, the European Anti Poverty Network. It includes: the **National Networks of EAPN**, [AFEM](#) (Association des Femmes de l'Europe Méridionale), [AGE](#) (European Older People's Platform), [ATD Quart Monde](#), [Autism Europe](#), [Caritas Europa](#), [CEBSD](#) (Combined European Bureau for Social Development), [CECODHAS](#) (European Liaison Committee for Social Housing), [CECOP](#) (European Federation of workers' cooperatives, social cooperatives and social enterprises), [CEV](#) (European Volunteer Centre), [COFACE](#) (Confederation of Family organisations in the EU), [Eurodiaconia](#), [EAEA](#) (European Association for the Education of Adults), [EAPSD](#) (European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities), [EBU](#) (European Blind Union), [EDF](#) (European Disability Forum), [EFSC](#) (European Foundation for Street Children), [ENAR](#) (European Network Against Racism), [EPHA](#) (European Public Health Alliance), [EPPF](#) (International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network), [EPR](#) (European Platform for Rehabilitation), [ERIO](#) (European Roma Information Office), [ESAN \(European Social Action Network\)](#), [EURAG](#) (European Federation of Older Persons), [Eurochild](#), [European Social Platform](#), [EWL \(European Women's Lobby\)](#), [FAI](#) (International Federation of Associations of Christian Associations of Italian workers), [FEANTSA](#) (European Federation of Organisations working with the Homeless), [FEFAF](#) (European Federation of Unpaid Carers at Home), [ICSW](#) (International Council for Social Welfare), [IJJO](#) (International Juvenile Justice Observatory), [ILGA Europe](#) (International Lesbian and Gay Association Europe), [Inclusion Europe](#), [MHE](#) (Mental Health Europe), [Red Cross EU Office](#), [SMES-Europa](#) (Mental Health Social Exclusion Europa), [SOLIDAR](#), [Workability Europe](#) and [Yes Forum](#) (Youth and European Social Work), [YFJ](#) (European Youth Forum).

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