

Poverty **and** Inequality in Societies of Human Rights → **the paradox of democracies**

CONFERENCE
THURSDAY 21
FRIDAY 22
FEBRUARY 2013
PROSPECTIVE WORKSHOPS
SATURDAY 23
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THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2013

8:30 ▶ 12:30	PLENARY SESSION
8:30 ▶ 9:00	Welcome Coffee and Registration
9:00 ▶ 9:15	Opening remarks Thorbjørn Jagland , Secretary General of the Council of Europe
9:15 ▶ 9:45	Fighting poverty and inequality: the social investment imperative László Andor , Commissioner, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
9:45 ▶ 11:45	Combating poverty or inequalities?
Introduction	Gilda Farrell , Council of Europe Emma Toledano , European Commission
Speakers	Magdalena Sepúlveda , UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights Claudia Menne , European Trade Union Confederation Guy Standing , University of Bath, United Kingdom Luciano Gallino , University of Turin, Italy Peter Kenway , New Policy Institute, United Kingdom
Moderator	Emilio Santoro , University of Florence and L'altro diritto, Italy
Coffee break 15 mn	
12:00 ▶ 12:30	Renewed strategies to combating poverty and inequalities: presentation of the Guide
Speaker	Alessandra Sciarba , University of Palermo, Italy
Lunch break 1 h 30	

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14:00 ▶ 16:15

3 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

1 ➞

How should human rights be implemented to protect people from poverty?

Speakers

David Joyce, European Roma Rights Centre, Ireland
Johannes Gerds, Consultant to the Council of Europe, Germany
André Gachet, FEANTSA, France
Renzo Segala, Avvocato di Strada, Italy
Philippe de Craene, Front Commun SDF and European Union of Homeless, Belgium
Michail Beis, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Moderator

Diane Roman, University of François Rabelais, Tours, France

2 ➞

How can the voices of people experiencing poverty influence democratic processes?

Ternura Rojas, Indignados Movement activist, Spain
Iлона Томова, Institute for Population and Human Research, Bulgaria
Rune Herlin Kamstrup, Council of Marginalized People, Denmark
Dominique Béchet, ATD-Quart Monde, France
Esther Gatera, All African Women's Group, United Kingdom
Christel Amiss, Black Women's Rape Action Project, United Kingdom

Moderator

Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Philipps University Marburg, Germany

3 ➞

Who pays and who benefits from the crisis?

Speakers

Cédric Rio, Inequality Watch, France
Christina Samartzi, Médecins du Monde, Greece
Andrij Waskowycz, Caritas, Ukraine
Renato Carmo, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal
Adeline Otto, Solidar, Belgium

Moderator

Faiza Shaheen, New Economics Foundation, United Kingdom

Coffee break 15 mn

16:30 ▶ 17:30

PLENARY SESSION

Speakers

Mobilising resources at local level: SPIRAL Methodology

Persons engaged in setting action plans at local level in the cities of *Mulhouse* in France, *Kavala* in Greece, *Charleroi* in Belgium, *Timisoara* in Romania and *Covilha* in Portugal.

Moderator

Samuel Thirion, Council of Europe

20:00 ▶ 22:30

RECEPTION

Venue to be confirmed

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013

9:00 ▶ 10:30

PLENARY SESSION

New strategies to fight poverty and inequalities

Introduction

Andrej Hunko, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Germany
Jón Sæmundur Sigurjónsson, Ministry of Welfare, Iceland

Speakers

Talley Hoban, Dumpster diver, Germany
Ugo Mattei, International University College of Turin, Italy
Louise Haagh, Basic Income Earth Network, University of York, United Kingdom
Jacob Von Uexkull, World Future Council, Sweden

Moderator

Laurent Bonelli, University Paris-Ouest-Nanterre, France

Coffee break 15 mn

10:45 ▶ 13:00

3 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

1 →

Basic income and access to financial resources

Speakers

James S. Henry, Tax Justice Network, United States
Bernard Bayot, Réseau Financement Alternatif and European Financial Inclusion Network, Belgium
Roberto Musacchio, Altramente and former European Parliament member, Italy
Jean-Paul Brasseur, Vivant-Europe, Belgium
Kristin Alsos, Fafo – Institute for Labour and Social Research, Norway
Hans Dubois, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Moderator

Yannick Vanderborght, University of Saint-Louis, Belgium

2 →

Common pooling of resources and shared responsibilities

Intervenants

Philippe Granger, Rushey Green Time Bank, United Kingdom
Valérie Navarre, Les « jardins du béton » Association Arfog-Lafayette, France
Marjan Borsjes, Noppes, Local Exchange Trading System, Netherlands
Ana Mendez, Observatorio Metropolitano, Spain
Thomas Dawance, Community Land Trust, Belgium

Moderator

Tommaso Fattori, Movimento acqua bene comune, Italy

3 →

Avoiding waste and making resources accessible

Speakers

Jean Rousseau, Emmaus International, France
James Wallbank, Access-space and Edgeryders, United Kingdom
Andrea Sesta and **Daniela Galvani**, [im]possible living, Italy
Mariani Papanikolaou, Kinisi, Greece
Anastasia Rakitz and **Io Chatzivaryti**, Pharmacist association and Social Pharmacy of Kavala, Greece

Moderator

Maria Jeliaskova, EAPN, Bulgaria

Lunch break 1 h 30

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14:30 ▶ 16:30	PLENARY SESSION
14:30 ▶ 15:15	Workshops outcomes: proposals for the future
	moderators of workshops
15:15 ▶ 16:00	Approaching the future with a new perspective
Speakers	Jean Lambert , Member of the EU Parliament Luis Jimena Quesada , European Committee of Social Rights Fintan Farrell , EAPN Isabelle Perrin , Mouvement International ATD-Quart Monde Anna Coote , New Economics Foundation, united kingdom
Moderator	Gilda Farrell , Council of Europe
16:00 ▶ 16:30	Commitments to action
Speakers	Snežana Samardžić-Marković , Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe Rita Skrebiškiene , President of the European Committee for Social Cohesion, Council of Europe Muriel Rabau , Vice President of the Social Protection Committee, European Commission
19:00 ▶ 20:30	Film screening "Poor Us" (free entrance)
	at Cinema Odyssée, 3 rue des Francs Bourgeois - Strasbourg

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2013

EXCHANGE AROUND CONCRETE ACTIONS

9:00 ▶ 16:00	Sharing resources and knowledge to fight poverty (register in a separate form)
	Workday around the Project to Fight Poverty in European Cities , using the approaches developped by the Council of Europe: Edgeryders and SPIRAL . It will be dedicated to deepen the reflection and methods to innovate in the design of actions and the use of local resources in the fight against poverty. It will be based on the experiences of young creators and other innovative on-going actions.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

Analyze the current situation and identify problems and obstacles in the fight against poverty and inequalities, such as the limits of legal and democratic mechanisms, changes in redistribution policies, etc. ;

Formulate concrete proposals to progress in the fight against poverty whilst taking into account the need to include the voice of each person in order to better utilize and share resources;

Exchange and share experiences, knowledge and practices to implement innovative actions to fight against poverty and inequalities, based on the concepts of common goods, shared responsibilities and avoidance of wasted resources.

Poverty, precarity and inequalities are on the rise in European countries. These phenomena not only weaken the Social Cohesion of European societies but they also violate Human Rights and question the functioning of democracy. How can people living in poverty make their voices heard in polarised societies?

To be effective, the fight against poverty and inequalities must take into account the relationships and interdependencies that exist in society in order to facilitate the sharing of social responsibilities and guarantee equal access to material and immaterial resources whilst, at the same time, avoiding the wasting of resources and ensuring the well-being of all.

The Conference, jointly organised by the European Union and the Council of Europe, intends to formulate a renewed approach to combat poverty. The event is the culmination of two years of reflection conducted in the framework of the Project "Human Rights of people experiencing poverty." The results of this work will be developed in two Council of Europe publications, which will be the basis for the conference: a guide *Living in dignity in the XXIst century* ; and the number 25 of the series *Trends in Social Cohesion*.

Hundreds of actors from different backgrounds will gather in Strasbourg to discuss these societal problems and reflect on possible actions to fight poverty and inequalities.

VENUE

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HOTELS AND TRANSPORTATION

Within the limits of available resources,
the costs will be covered by the organizers.

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