

People should work for
a decent life, not for a
life only for work!

Vera H., Austria, 33 years old, wheelchair user,
breakdown pension

Fight poverty, not the
poor!

Lothar Furtner, Austria, 47 years old,
pro mente user rep.

All my efforts goes for a world of equality, especially for women, children and elderly people.

Astrid Kirchsteiger, Austria, 46 years old, Single-parent-mother of four boys, nursing assistant in training

Een te laag inkomen (uit werk) betekent on-vrijheid. En armoede is onvrij zijn. Maar iedereen is niet vrij van armoede, dus is solidariteit nodig.

Jo Hayen, Belgium, 69 years old, Person experiencing Poverty

Werkende armen
hebben geen toekomst
wegens te lage lonen.

Yvon Ketelslegers, Belgium, 57 years old, Person experiencing Poverty

Les travailleurs pauvres n'ont pas une vie digne, adéquate et convenable. Ils sont exclus du partage des richesses. Il va falloir une nouvelle philosophie sociale, fondée sur un système plus équilibré et une meilleure redistribution.

Alias Onyadon, Belgium, 37 years old, Person experiencing Poverty

Wages must ensure a
decent life, not just
survival!

Douhomir MINEV, Co-ordinator Bulgarian delegation

We need laws and regulations that try to equalize wages given by international companies and corporations throughout the European Union!

Borislav TSANKOVSKI, Bulgaria, unemployed

The European legislation: to stimulate the free movement of people, not the illegal and non-documented work in the EU!

Stanislava NIKOLOVA, Bulgaria, employed

Don't disappoint young persons. It will cost you dearly!

Even if you are a poor country, without investment in education, social protection and employment of youth, you will remain poor!

Jelena Adamlje, Croatia, 32 years old, social pedagogue working in NGO sector

Prevent the exodus of young persons for economic reasons!

Don't let that their departure from their own country becomes their best success in their lives!

Željka Antić, Croatia, 46 years old, security guard in a private company, single mother of two children

Give a chance for employment to middle age persons (40-55) who are long-term unemployed and provide some benefits for employers to become more opened to employ them!

Vojko Pjevac, Croatia, 49 years old, carer in elderly care home,
father of one son

I am 26 years old. I was born in the Czech republic and I live in Prague. I do not have kids. I study high school gastronomy and hotel in the form of distance learning. My hobbies include sports. I prefer running. Running is the best way for me to relax. We run a snack bar with my boyfriend friend and we go to festivals. I work as a project assistant in non-profit organization Rubikon Center.

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When I was 14 I started using drugs. Mostly metamfetamin. I did not finish my education. I was only graduate in high school. Many years after that, my addiction has led me to the jail. Due to my incomplete education and criminal background, I could not get a job for a long time, which caused me to get into an existential and financial crisis.

Now I'm working in an organization that helps people like me. Here I started working for a minimum wage.

I am useful for someone and and it takes me forward.

30 years old, Czech Republic

I live in the Czech Republic. I am 23 years old.

I have two children and a I am single.

I cannot find any good job, because I was in the prison and I have only primary education.

After a long time I work like auxiliary assistant for a minimum wage. I cannot cover my family's cost of living for this money.

Profits should be distributed with workers and shareholders. Respect your employees - do not pay a salary that you cannot live on yourself. Payment should depend on work outcomes - better productivity, better salary.

Anne-Mari Rannamae, Estonia, 72 years old, chair of NGO QUIN-Estonia (innovative women), citizen society area mech. engineer, micro entrepreneur

IN-WORK POVERTY ENDS WHEN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WILL BECOME THE COMPANY'S MAIN PROCESS. If the development environment is created and maintained, the grateful person will exceed all expectations of the employer.

Aivar Haller, Estonia, 56 years old, married (3 children),
president of Estonian Parents Association and mentor

On travaille mieux le
ventre plein !

Richard Delplanque, 45 ans, Français,
ex travailleur en insertion

LA PRECARITÉ N'EST PAS UN METIER !

Perrine Jospin, 37 ans, française, Conseillère technique à la Fondation de l'Armée du Salut

Travailler OUI, être
sous-payée NON !

Dominique Pion, 65 ans,
Française, retraitée pauvre

Tout travail mérite
une vie décente

Vanessa Medina, 52 ans, Française,
demandeuse d'emploi

Ein Schritt in die richtige Richtung wäre, wenn die deutschen Politiker endlich zugeben, dass es in Deutschland Armut gibt. Der zweite Schritt muss sein, dass sie ENDLICH etwas dagegen unternehmen.

One step into the right direction would be if the German politicians finally confesses that poverty exists in Germany. The second step has to be that they FINALLY do something against it.

Angelika Zwering, Germany, 66 years old, old-age pensioner, office clerk

legislation towards „equal pay for equal work“ on the basis of standard wage above legal minimum wage of 12 Euros per hour

Horst Lange, Germany, 61 years old, unemployed
(part-time jobs as private teacher; bike courier)

Ich arbeitete 6 Jahre in Dänemark. Diese Zeit wird mir in der deutschen Erwerbsminderungsrente NICHT in Geldwert angerechnet! Europa funktioniert nicht bei Erwerbsunfähigkeit!

Europa muss für Ausgleich / Standards sorgen!

I have worked for 6 years in denmark. This time will not be considered to the german reduced earning capacity pension. Europe does not work when you are incapacitated for work.

Europe has to work on compensation / standards!

Susanne, Germany, 50 years old,
reduced earning capacity pension since 2015, only 257 € per month

Educate people in order
to enable participation
and basis-democratic self
mandatation

Mathias Becker, Germany, 44 years old, translator

Poverty is not a blame
issue – it's human
rights violation!

Dina Vardaramatou, Greece, 51 years old, Social Worker

The degeneration of labor in Greece

→ 2000: What is your job?

→ 2010: Do you have a job?

→ 2017: Are you paid for your job?

Aphrodite Vergi, Greece, 43 years old, IT Instructor, Married &

Mother of 2 daughters, Social Housing Beneficiary

Social Inclusion does not mean getting out of poverty with welfare. It means taking notice of new and cross-cutting dimensions of social discomfort. It means fostering the transformation of services so that they can "go to" the citizens.

Nicola Caprio, Italy, president of CSV Naples, promoter of values of legality and solidarity

Job and human precariousness deserve a deep appreciation. The weaker categories collide with a reality which is far from today's policy making. At #Pep2017 I'm looking for clear and sensible solutions

Ilaria, Italy, Resilient, digital and cosmopolitan. Living for training and tourism projects between Irpinia and Europe. Ready to # PEP2017

Work should be a great joy and it is still
for many torment, torment not to have
it, torment to do a job that does not
serve, not to a noble purpose
(A. Olivetti)

Serena, Italy: I work in a Call Center and study Photography for
Fashion and Advertising. I want to immortalize beauty even where you
do not think it is.

A fair and solidarity- based taxation system for working people!

Henriks Danusēvičs, Latvia, working in logistics, aged $2^2 + 3^3 + 5^2$. Loves numbers since major part of life is connected with them.

We demand access to
decent jobs for young
people and people with
disabilities

Mārīte Rozentāle, Latvia, social worker, working with
disabled people to help them in society and labour market

When I grew I didn't rate
my dream profession by
salary, why should I now?

Kaspars Riekstiņš, Latvia, 29, single. Works for the Society of the
Blind. Leisure hobbies include kickboxing and comics.

Social security and
eradication of poverty
are key challenges!

Zigrīda Priedeslaipa, Latvia, 55, living alone, studies
psychology, though there are limited job opportunities.

COUNTRIES ARE NOT
BUSINESSES, AND HAS TO BE
RUN IN A SENSIBLE WAY WITH
THE WELFARE OF THEIR
CITIZENS IN MIND.

Renata Melnikova, Lithuania, 36 year old, Volunteer at Food Bank

Small business is the backbone of a socially correct economy. We need a common policy that could help small entrepreneurs to start, develop, and remain active in competing against big companies. Functioning small business can solve many social problems.

Viktorija Dervinytė, Lithuania, 26 years old. I own E- store. I manufacture and trade handmade wool slippers.

A PERSON WHO HAS A JOB
MUST BE PROUD OF BEING
ABLE TO WORK, EARN MONEY
AND LIVE IN DIGNITY.

Raimonda Gudelaitiene, Lithuania, 33 years old.

Laboratory assistant in private company

Je veux un travail stable et
digne.

I want a stable and dignified
job.

Ana Paula JORDAO, Luxembourg, 43 ans, Mariée, Aide-éducatrice

Ana Paula JORDAO, Luxembourg, 43, married, educator assistant

Malgré mes efforts, je travaille à gauche et à droit, mais mon salaire social minimum ne suffit pas pour le mois entier. Pensez à vos citoyens !

Despite my efforts, I work left and right, but my minimum salary is still not enough for the entire month. Think of your citizens!

Khalid LAMGADDAR, Luxembourg, 39 ans, Marié, père de deux enfants

Khalid LAMGADDAR, Luxembourg, 39, married, father of 2

**NON aux contrats de travail
précaires.**

**NO to precarious work
contracts.**

Rosa Maria NEVES, Luxembourg, 64 ans, Veuve, demandeuse d'emploi,

Rosa Maria NEVES, Luxembourg, 64, widow, job seeker

Soutenez les entreprises dans la création
d'emploi durables non-qualifiés. ARRÊTEZ
L'EXPLOITATION.

Support firms to create sustainable non-
qualified jobs. STOP EXPLOITATION.

Frank ZEIMETZ, Luxembourg, 24, assistant social (je supporte des demandeurs d'emploi dans la
recherche d'un emploi stable) et coordinateur national d'EAPN Luxembourg.

Frank ZEIMETZ, Luxembourg, 24, social worker (I support job seekers looking for a stable job) and
national coordinator of EAPN Luxembourg.

It is necessary to create
quality jobs and decent
salary for everyone

Sashko Jovanov, Macedonia, 38 years old. National PeP Coordinator at
Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform (EAPN Macedonia)

I would like to have better understanding acceptance by companies and other state institutions. There is a need for change in current laws and practices in the country, especially for people that have some form of disability.

Marko Lencevski, Macedonia, 32 years old, passionate cyclist and semi-profesional snowboarder. Youth worker, snowboard trainer for children.

Help sustainable development and support employment of young people - stop the discrimination against vulnerable groups in the society.

Alexandar Gorgiev, Macedonia, 34 years old, a person living in poverty

Our dissemination stops the dissemination of the poverty. Like the old saying, fighting fire with fire.

Damjan Nikolovski, Macedonia, 22 years old,
studies social work and social policy

Poverty is a result of
greed, measured by the
ego, cured by
compassion.

Matin Galea, Malta, 37 years old. Self-employed Construction Worker

Overcoming poverty is
not a task of charity, it
is an act of justice.

Ivan Camenzuli, Malta, 37 years old, Accountant

You may not believe it,
but **NOBODY IS IMMUNE
AGAINST POVERTY.**

Noel Xerri, Malta, 46 years old, Social Worker

It's not how much we
give but how much love
we put into giving.

Ernest Charrett, Malta, 50 years old, Anti-Poverty
Forum Malta, Homeless Service Manager

When the wind's against
you, remember this insight
That's the optimal condition
for birds to take flight.

Tou-Latu Muskitta, Netherlands, 23 years old

Life is like riding a
bicycle. To keep your
balance, you must keep
moving!

Rina Sewbhajan, Netherlands, 24 years old

Poverty is like rats
eating our world!

Jo Bothmer, Netherlands

Though things change,
the future is still inside
me!

Malaaz Dafalla, Netherlands, 24 years old

“East Meets West” - The promise of quality education for all

Tayyab M. Choudri, Norway, 55 years old

Board Member of Velferdsalliansen EAPN Norway/Head of International
Health & Social Group Norway, has experienced in-work poverty in the past.

“Where there's a will,
there's a way”

(Albert Einstein)

Laila Marie Patrong, Norway, 52 years old, Consultant and
coordinator in Velferdsalliansen EAPN Norway, has
experienced in-work poverty in the past

Invest in children,
invest in future-we
are in the same boat

Honoratte Muhanzi BNN Kashale, 51 years old, CEO

Velferdsalliansen EAPN Norway/BIBI AMKA

My aim is to help people
in the same situation –
sharing my knowledge,
skills and experience

Paweł Ilecki, Poland, 64 years old, unemployed-disabled, living in a shelter

I do not want charity!
I want basic rights of
work!!

Ana Santos, Portugal, 50 years old, unemployed

I need a dignified salary
to be able to live and
not to just survive.

Cidália Barriga, Portugal, 43 years old, precarious worker

I'm not too old to work. I
have knowledge and
experience! I want an
opportunity!

Francisco Rico, Portugal, 55 years old, unemployed to attend vocational training

You want me to be
included? Give me
quality work for a
dignified life!

Maria José Vicente, Portugal, 39 years old, PEP Support Officer of EAPN Portugal

I wish that my work is appreciated, So that I can live a decent life together with my family in my own country.

George, Romania, 34 years old, firefighter

I want my work to be
respected and well paid and I
want to have access to
professional formation/
training.

Gabriela, Romania, 32 years old, educational worker for children

Stop in work poverty because we cannot offer a future to our children! We work so hard and we cannot afford education, health services and we have no security for tomorrow.

Magdalena, Romania, 50 years old

Stop in-Work Poverty:
increase the minimum
wage in Slovakia!

Anna Galovičova, Slovakia, 67 years old,
National coordinator Slovak Anti-Poverty Network

I have the right to have rights.

Where is heart, there is love. Where
is love, there is God.

What do you believe in?

Ivan Malek, Slovakia, 43 years old, NGO Slovak-
Indian Friendship Society - volunteer

In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of.

(Confucius)

Marta Vasiľová Humenné, Slovakia, 56 year old, volunteer

We need jobs in dignity, with wages that will allow a decent and accurate life for all workers in Europe

Javier Pérez García, Spain, 47 years old, divorced and unemployed,
member of the Steering Committee of EMIN2 Project

The solution to poverty is not only
the work, there are more and more
poor workers in Europe. For God!
Decent jobs, decent wages! Enough
already!

Javier Salgado, Spain, 42 years old,

Participation Technician

It's time to reverse the
unfair distribution of
resources: Quality work
or basic income

Toño Ramírez , Spain, 51 years old, Unemployed mediator

Real control in work
to stop abuse is a
MUST!

María Antonieta Debara Ocha, Spain, born in Venezuela,
46 years old, Selfemployed, English teacher

A society that works
for inclusion is
sustainable.

Åse Sundqvist, Sweden, Social worker NGO-Verdandi Örebro

We work to live

We don't live to work

Johannes Jörgensen, Sweden,
Project manager Diocese of Lund

All human beings
have the same value

Karwan Tofik, Sweden, 46 years old.

Bridge builder Diocese of Lund

Take away structures in
society that prevents
people to work.

Irina Pettersson, Sweden, Assistant NGO-Verdandi Örebro

Recognise CARERS of loved
ones as ALREADY being in-
work and pay them
accordingly!

Kerrie Friel, UK, Age 42, Lone Parent of 4 Children,
Carer of 1 Child with Additional Needs

In-work Poverty is unacceptable= Pay a Living Wage

Twimukye Macline Mushaka, UK, 51, Fieldwork
Development Officer , The Poverty Alliance

Understand that Working is not always a route out of poverty for people living with mental illness in rural communities.

Susan Jane Lyons, UK , 53, Mum of 5 , Development Worker for HUG (Action for Mental Health) Message

Provide adequate social security for those who cannot work for one reason or the other.

Paul David Edwards, UK, 53, Disability Activist, Carer of 2 disabled children. Previously worked as a Printer / Manager