

ASSESSMENT OF THE EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY IN SPAIN AND THE EU AND THE WAY FORWARD WEBINAR



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About EAPN

EAPN Europe is the largest EU network of independent anti-poverty organizations, made up of 32 national networks and 13 European Organizations, representing thousands of grass-root organizations working to combat poverty at European, national, regional and local levels. EAPN has strongly supported the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy, particularly the poverty and social targets through the European Semester, and more recently the European Pillar of Social Rights.

EAPN Spain is the largest network of independent anti-poverty organizations, made up of 19 territorial networks, corresponding to the Autonomous Communities and the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla, 16 state level NGOs and around 8,000 NGOs working at the Regional and Local levels.

The FORUM

This Webinar is part of the "European Forum against Poverty, Inequality and Social Exclusion: Strategy 2020", organized by EAPN Spain in 2020.

- ▶ *What is the delivery of EU 2020 in Spain?*
- ▶ *Was the EU Strategy effective? Up to what extent did EU2020 reduce poverty and social exclusion? Which are the key challenges ahead?*
- ▶ *How did different member states perform the Poverty, Employment and Education targets? What are the left out vulnerable groups?*
- ▶ *How did the Economic Semester work?*
- ▶ *Did civil society organizations and people experiencing poverty increase their participation?*
- ▶ *In the midst of the Covid-19 crisis and the announcement of an economic crisis, which is the way forward after the EU2020 Strategy?*

Date: 18th May 2020

Venue: ZOOM Conference.

Time: 3,00 pm - 6,00 pm

THE FORUM AGENDA

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CONTEXT

The Europe 2020 Strategy sets out the vision of a social market economy for Europe in the 21st century. It aims at transforming the EU into a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy with high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion and at reinforcing the EU as an actor in global governance. For the first time, it included shared social headline targets, distributed among member states according to their weight within the EU. Three of these targets are related to the reduction of poverty, the decrease of early school leavers and the increase of people with tertiary education in the EU.

Despite the common commitment, the impact of the economic crisis, the macroeconomic and fiscal adjustment and the national differences question the efficacy of this Strategy. In spite of the slight improvements registered in the last three years, in 2020 the fulfillment of these commitments is still far from being achieved:

- 109.2 million people in the EU live in households at risk of poverty or social exclusion: 21.7% of the population.
- 16.9 % of the population in the EU are at risk of poverty after social transfers.
- 9.5 % of the population aged 0-59 years in the EU live in households with very low work intensity in 2017.
- 6.6 % of the population in the EU

PROGRAMME

15:00 WELCOME AND OPENING

- Carlos Susias Rodado, President of EAPN-ES and EAPN Europe
- Ignacio Álvarez Peralta, Secretary of State for Social Rights (pending confirmation)

15:30 EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY: BALANCE AND CHALLENGES FOR THE POST-2020 SCENARIO

- Chair: Graciela Malgesini, Head of Advocacy and European Affairs, EAPN-ES
- Speaker: Sian Jones, Senior Policy Coordinator, EAPN EU

16:00 ROUND TABLE

- Chair: Graciela Malgesini, Head of Advocacy and European Affairs, EAPN-ES
- Speakers:
 - 16.10 - Portugal, Paula Cruz
 - 16.20 - Malta, Andre Bonello
 - 16.30 - Latvia, Elina Ālere-Fogele
 - 16.40 - The Netherlands, Sonja Leemkuil
 - 16.50 - Croatia, Aleksandra Selak-Zivkovic
 - 17.00 - Greece, Dina Vardaramatou
 - 17.10 - Key lessons learnt, Sian Jones
 - 17.15 - Debate

17:30 THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL EUROPE: THE WAY FORWARD

- 17.30 - Mathias Maucher, EAPN Policy Officer
- 17.45 - Debate: Future steps

18:00 MEETING ENDS