

## Europe 2020

**European Platform against Poverty** 







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# Structure and methodology goes hand in hand with content









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## Structure and methodology

Conditions to deliver strong returns

- Horizontal and vertical integration
- Shared ownership and engagement
- Participation of all
- Dynamics
- Building on existing instruments







## Horizontal and vertical integration

- European Platform needs national, regional and local roots
- European Platform needs embranchements in the other domains of the Europe 2020 strategy
  - Social Impact assessment









## Shared ownership and engagement

- Political will
- Commitment of governements
- Partnership approach









## Participation of all

- Multi-level governance
- Social partners
- Academics and scientists
- NGO's
- People experiencing poverty









## **Dynamics**

- Visibility
  - E.g. Scoreboard mechanisme and monitor
- Dialogue
- Face tot face exchange
  - Illustration "Study on impact of the EU-meetings of People experiencing poverty"
    - 80% of policy makers learned more and acted differently after the meeting(s)







## Building on existing instruments

 Reinforcement of the Open Method of Coordination









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## Belgian priorities for the Presidency

- Child Poverty
- Active inclusion Minimum income
- Housing exclusion and homelessnes











## Who cares?

Roadmap for a Recommendation to fight child poverty

2-3 September 2010

Marche-en-Famenne





Child poverty and social exclusion jeopardize the future opportunities of children and their capacity to contribute to tomorrow's society. Children who grow up in poverty are likely to face greater difficulties finding their place in society. The goal is to come to a Child Poverty Recommendation for a better protection of children against exclusion.







## ROUND TABLE ON POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Brussels, 18-19 October

The European Round table on Poverty and Social Exclusion is an annual conference organized jointly by the European Commission and the country holding the presidency. Participants from the Member States, the EU-institutions and organizations working on the issues of poverty and social exclusion will discuss how poverty and social exclusion in Europe can be combated.

The theme of the conference will be the implementation of the active inclusion recommendation, with special attention to the minimum income scheme.

The Round Table will be followed by an informal meeting of the ministers in charge of anti-poverty policies.









#### SOCIAL ECONOMY CONFERENCE

Brussels, 27-28 October

Social economy takes up a significant position in our societies: it accounts for about 10% of the EU enterprises, which corresponds to 6% of the total jobs. As such, it forms an important

tool to ensure active inclusion of vulnerable groups.

But given its intrinsically different nature compared to the traditional economy, it is necessary to emphasize the

importance of the social economy at an EU level. The conference will also highlight the role of the social economy to achieve the objectives of the EU 2020 strategy.







## THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND AND THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

Brussels, 18-19 November 2010

The European Social Fund (ESF) plays an important role in the fight against poverty. Durable and high-quality employment is an important factor in the fight against poverty. With unequal starting opportunities, blind activationcan lead to more poverty. More efforts are necessary to help those most remote from employment overcome poverty.

The objective of the seminar is to formulate good practices and recommendations on how the ESF can be used more efficiently as an instrument for combating poverty in the context of the active inclusion recommendation.

We also want to give the necessary attention to the diversity theme, with e.g. age, gender and descent. With this seminar, we want to contribute to the content of the new policy framework for the Structure Funds of 2013, in order give the ESF more importance as an instrument in the fight against poverty.









## CONSENSUS CONFERENCE ON HOMELESSNESS Brussel, 9-10 December

As an extreme expression of poverty, homelessness is placed high on the European social agenda. Unfortunately, further efforts are needed to completely eradicate this phenomenon. During the Presidency, Belgium will seek a EU-wide consensus on homelessness. This will serve as a starting point for a European and Belgian strategy.









## CLOSING SESSION OF THE YEAR 2010 AGAINST POVERTY Brussels, 16-17 December

The aim of the closing session is not merely to present the projects that were conducted during the year.

The Belgian presidency intends to invite the heads of State and of government to adopt a strong declaration. It should reflect concrete and feasible engagements from Member States in the fight against poverty.

People experiencing poverty will take part in this event. Participation is after all one of the common threads of the Belgian Presidency.





