

## TO MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

European Parliament  
60, rue Wiertz  
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### **Re Adoption of Draft EP resolution on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (COM(2012) 617 final); vote in Plenary 11 June 2013**

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

Caritas Europa, Eurodiaconia, the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA) and Red Cross EU Office would like to draw attention to a report you will vote on in Strasbourg next Tuesday [11 June 2013](#), namely the EMPL committee's Draft resolution on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD).

The report is an acceptable compromise of different views expressed in the EMPL committee, taking into account the messages of the AGRI, BUDG, CONT, FEMM, and REGI committees. The report provides concrete solutions for making the FEAD a programme which can change the lives of EU citizens for the better, helping to address some of the negative effects of austerity measures taken at EU and national level.

We call on full support of the European Parliament to adopt the report of the EMPL committee on 11 June for the following reasons:

1. The FEAD is a necessary EU instrument to respond to the urgent needs of citizens living in extreme poverty and with severe material deprivation, through food distribution but also through material goods using starter packs or other innovative ways of triggering social inclusion pathways.
2. With 120 million citizens in the EU considered at risk or living in poverty and social exclusion, it is important that Europe shows solidarity with those hardest hit by the crisis.
3. The proposed "broad scope" allows Member States to use the Fund for responding to different types of deprivation i.e. food, homelessness and child poverty. This would allow Member States to adapt the Fund to different national conditions i.e. use FEAD to complement existing support systems, to focus on particular groups of deprived people or meet specific demands.
4. The European Parliament must send a clear and united message to the Council of Ministers that it supports the use of the FEAD to support existing anti-poverty strategies, in line with the Europe2020 objective to lift 20 million people out of poverty.

We would very much appreciate if you would take note of our recommendations in your forthcoming vote on 11 June.

Yours sincerely,

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