Minimum Income schemes are a fundamental right, but are **not accessible to all**, and the levels are **often too low** to allow for a decent standard of living.

Minimum Income schemes are increasingly associated with compulsion and with a negative image of people experiencing poverty, undermining commitment to the European Social Model.

EU level willingness to go further on the issue of minimum income is hindered by a **lack of political commitment** to deliver on agreements reached and guarantee social standards.

The **Council’s Recommendation from 1992** stipulates the basic right of a person to sufficient resources and social assistance to live in a manner compatible with human dignity.

EAPN lobbies for progress on the ‘92 Recommendation, through the newly created social **Open Method of Coordination**, guaranteeing access to rights, resources and services.

EAPN demands concrete progress on minimum income through the **Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion** and the **3rd European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty**.

EAPN produces input and response to the **Commission’s consultation on Active Inclusion** (a new strategy incorporating the right to an adequate income support, access to quality services and inclusive labour markets).

**EAPN kicks-off a new campaign, producing a leaflet, posters, postcards, under the heading Ensuring an Adequate Minimum Income for all! Download them from** [www.eapn.eu](http://www.eapn.eu)

EAPN holds important conference on Active Inclusion in Paris, and agrees **common principles**. The French Presidency agrees to press for **Recommendation on Active Inclusion**.

EAPN actively lobbies with its members to prevent the Recommendation being downgraded to a Communication. Read **EAPN’s Key Messages to the Round Table 2008**.

**October 2008 - The European Commission published the Recommendation on Active Inclusion, reprising the ‘92 Recommendation principles. Endorsed by the European Parliament and the EPSCO Council.**

**Professor John Veit-Wilson produces, for EAPN, a paper dedicated to Myths And Realities, dismantling fallacies and wrong assumptions about Minimum Income and its recipients.**
EAPN publicises an appeal to European decision-makers, urging them to implement or improve minimum income schemes for a dignified life. The appeal is translated in 19 national versions and signed by prominent personalities at EU and national level. It is then published in European and national newspapers.

A new website is launched to support the campaign, also featuring an online petition. Read the appeal, sign the petition and see our supporters at www.adequateincome.eu!

EAPN lobbies for the implementation of the Recommendation, with a clear Road Map at EU and national level, and inputs to work of the Network of Independent Experts.

New lobbying material is produced: EAPN’s Key Demands for the next European Parliament, as well as EAPN’s position paper on the post Lisbon Strategy, An EU We Can Trust.


The Europe 2020 Strategy includes a commitment to ensure an adequate income through Active Inclusion, delivered through new Flagship Platform against Poverty, the social Open Method of Coordination and Guideline 10.

The shared messages from the NGO coalition for 2010 the European Year for Combating Poverty includes explicit support for a Framework Directive on Minimum Income.

EAPN publishes an explainer on Adequacy of Minimum Income.


In some countries, open letters from minimum income recipients will be sent to decision-makers and the media.

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