

# EAPN.DK

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# PRESENTATION

- **Members:** Red Cross, Salvation Army, Church Cross Army, Social Policy Association, SAND – Homeless, Kofoed School, Settlement Askov, Overførstergården.
- **Secretariat** for "Stop Poverty Now" – initiative started 2010 by 25 Ngo. Actions: Awareness raising events, conferences, tribunals, reports, press material, lobbying. Ongoing 2011 - 2020
- **NGO – representative** in DK Contact Committee for Europe 2020/National Reform.

## **Social impact of the crisis on people experiencing poverty, impact on specific groups and consequences, beyond employment (Eurostat)**

- 2001: Denmark was no.1 among EU countries with least inequality and fewest poor.
- 2009: Denmark is no. 6 in inequality. Sweden, Norway, Finland are still at the top.
- 2009: DK is no. 9 in longterm poor and child / family poverty.
- 2001 – 2009: DK has the biggest increase in EU of poor from 4% to 7.1%.
- 2001 – 2009: DK has the 2. largest increase in inequality, only surpassed by Iceland.

# Reasons & Consequenses

- Research shows that causes to poverty – besides unemployment — are smaller subsidies for specific groups: young people, single mothers, married women and families with many children.
- Political reasons for small subsidies is to motivate to work, especially among immigrants. Research shows opposite consequenses: Poverty leads to increased marginalization and exclusion.

## **The government response, assessment of its effectiveness – what else is needed?**

- Election DK – parliament: Blue Block will maintain low subsidies, Red Block wants to abolish them. Red Block will increase the growth of public investment, education. Blue Block will increase growth with less taxes and more savings in public subsidies. Red block won.
- EAPN.DK recommends poverty targets, minimum income schemes, better holistic service. Active inclusion, social economic activities on market conditions based on collective agreements.

## **EAPN and other stakeholder's actions/mobilization on the issues to national level.**

- Activities of the Danish Presidency 2012. NB: Rolling President periods.
- Themes for activities: Minimum income schemes. Child /familliy Poverty. Homelessness. Poverty limits and targets. Active inclusion.
- Europe 2020 / National Reform Plan. Participation and governance, involvement of national stakeholders.