

**IS EUROPE 2020 DELIVERING ON POVERTY?
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National example “AUSTRIA”

**Vera Hinterdorfer
Platform Staying-Visible**



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PARTICIPATION

- + : Good cooperation and dialog with Ministry of Social Affairs**
 - : Establishment « Platform Staying-Visible », a union of PePs fighting poverty & social exclusion**

- : Only 1 meeting with Federal Chancellery for strategy Europe 2020 and no more information**
 - : No public interest and awareness due to lack of information**

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National Reform Programme

- + : Youth-Job-Coaching and « Training Guarantee »**
- : expense-oriented consolidation-package (€ 13,6 billion 2011-2014)**
- : « Austrian Debt Break »**

- : no specific mentioning of reducing pov., social inclusion, inequality**
- : no mentioning at all about greater equality, fairer distribution & redistribution of income and wealth**

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POVERTY STATISTICS

Europe 2020 target: reduce pov. for 20 million people

Austria's part: ~ 8 million population

-> - 235.000 people in risk of pov.

until 2018

2008-2010: - 162.000

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POVERTY STATISTICS

BUT:

Below risk-of-pov-treshold: 1.004.000 ppl

Consolidated Deprivation: 355.000

(Almost) no income: 497.000

Working-poor: 206.000

59 years without income: 107.000

Homeless: ~ 50.000

2.219.000 ppl



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1ST NAT. REC.: *Raise the amount of means-tested minimum income scheme to introduce independent minimum income for children and to include costs for housing*

+ : Minimum income scheme since 10/2011 - € 773,-

- : No more benefits for housing, clothes...

Income needed for recovery of all needs: € 1.930,-

Inc. needed for not experiencing poverty: € 1.031,-

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2ND NAT. REC.: More labour-market and unemployment measure for people most excluded, especially people able to work only part-time

- + : Measurements for women and older workers**
- : Obligation for perpetual contract after 2 years of employing disabled people**
- : Law combating wage and social security dumping**
- : € 750.000,- for labour-market until 2016
(additional to 1 billion €/y)**

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2ND NAT. REC.: More labour-market and unemployment measure for people most excluded, especially people able to work only part-time

- : **Still 206.000 working-poor**
- : **No concrete measures for personalized pathways back to work**
- : **No mentioning of social economy, no legislation, no funding**
- : **Almost no possibility for job for people with little criminal records**

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3RD NAT. REC.: *A reform of the educational system, which is highly segregating (full time school. Common school for children from 10-14)*

- + : Mandatory kindergarten (not everywhere paid by gvt.)**
- : New secondary school in few parts of Austria**
- : More individual support by German lessons for migrant children**
- : No structures for educational difficulties**
- : Costs for higher educational school at least € 350,-/month**
- : 11% of pupils with only compulsory school are in risk of poverty as an adult; children of migrants 3x higher**

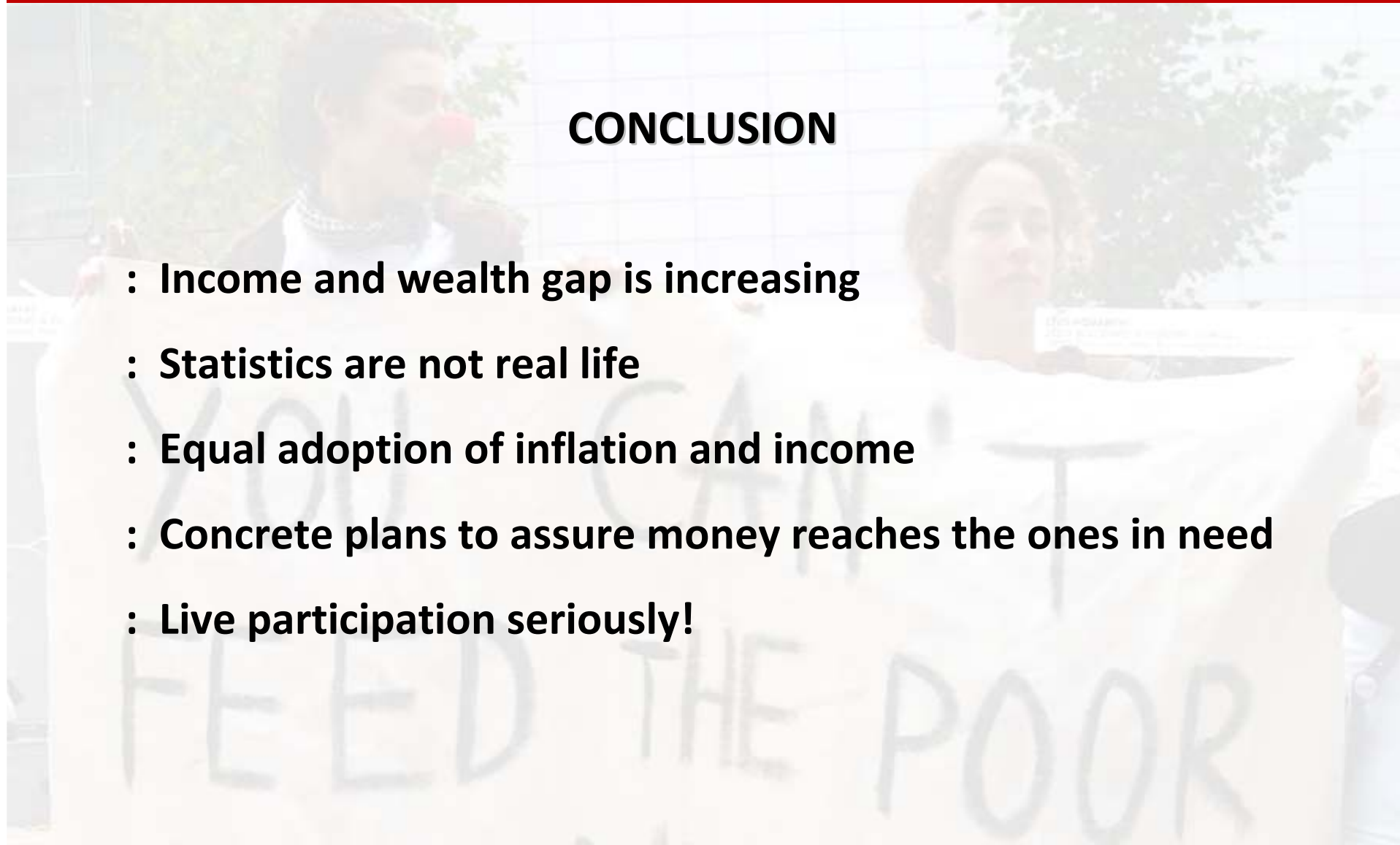
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CONCLUSION

- : Income and wealth gap is increasing**
- : Statistics are not real life**
- : Equal adoption of inflation and income**
- : Concrete plans to assure money reaches the ones in need**
- : Live participation seriously!**



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