

***IS EUROPE 2020 DELIVERING ON POVERTY?***  
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**EAPN Recommendations and Message to AGS**

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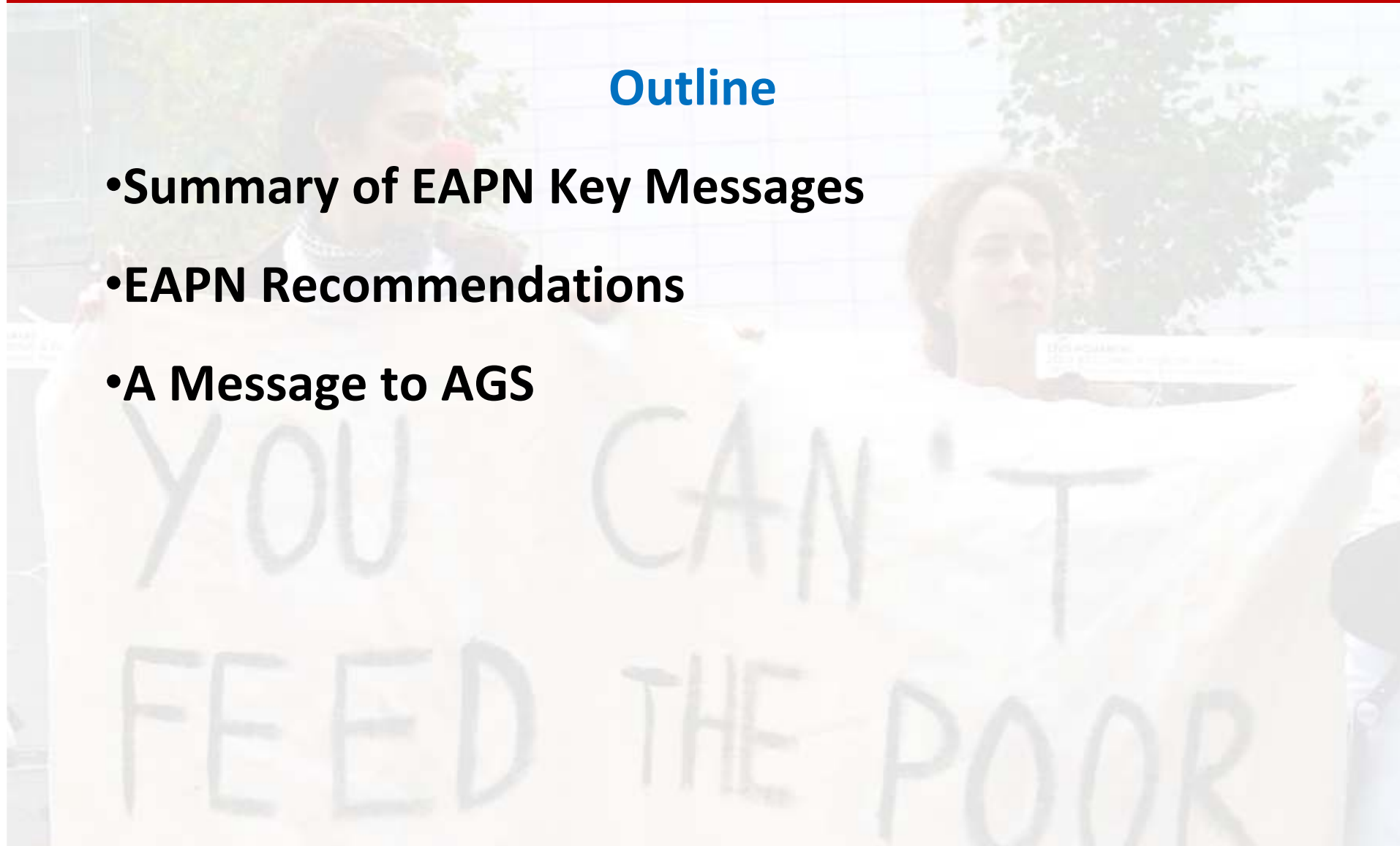
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### Outline

- **Summary of EAPN Key Messages**
- **EAPN Recommendations**
- **A Message to AGS**



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## **Summary of EAPN Key Messages**

- 1. Europe 2020, and poverty target increasingly irrelevant beneath economic governance**
- 2. Austerity is generating increased poverty and undermining inclusive recovery**
- 3. Jobs-only approach not likely to reduce poverty**
- 4. Double punishment for Troika countries**
- 5. Some job creation but not active inclusion**

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### **Summary of Key Messages (cont)**

- 6. Failure to tackle structural causes on education**
- 7. Missed opportunity on social investment**
- 8. Little Structural Funds use for poverty reduction**
- 9. Step back on stakeholder engagement**
- 10. Disappointing start for NSRs**

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### EAPN Recommendations

#### 1. Back Social Europe: balance economic + social objectives

- *Ensure all policies contribute to poverty targets*
- *CS Recommendations on poverty reduction with sanctions*

#### 2. Commit to viable poverty target + integrated policies

- *Viable poverty targets using all 3 indicators/ sub-targets for risk groups: children, homeless, Roma etc.*
- *Social Impact Assessment, Commission guidelines and Action Teams to advise on inclusive fiscal consolidation*
- *Roadmaps for multi-dimensional antipoverty strategies*

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### **3. Launch a Social Investment Package for Inclusive Growth!**

- ***Quality jobs + inclusive labour market through Active Inclusion and Youth Guarantee***
- ***Adequate social protection and minimum income***
- ***Ensure access to quality, affordable, public services***
- ***Inclusive, public education/life-long learning***
- ***Priority to anti-discrimination/promoting equality***
- ***Finance through Tax Justice***

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### **4. Structural Funds - a key instrument deliver on poverty!**

- Back minimum shares for ESF (25%) and 20% for poverty***
- Mainstream poverty reduction in all targets and delivery through coordinated use of ERDF and ESF***
- Use SF to support integrated Active Inclusion/social incl.***
- Implement partnership principle with NGOs and ensure easier access to funds – global grant/technical assistance***

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### **5. Relaunch Europe 2020 as a democratic, participative social process in NRP/NSR**

- ***Obligatory guidelines for meaningful structured civil dialogue at national level in NRP and NSRs :design, delivery, evaluation in all policy fields/ annex to NRPs)***
- ***Real partnership with people experiencing poverty: financing awareness-raising and support engagement***
- ***Invest in participation: regular meetings, time for dialogue, feedback, partnership, respect.***
- ***Increase democratic accountability - Nat Parliaments***



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### **6. Seize opportunity of NSR to re-launch social process**

***-Go beyond reporting to integrated social strategy to fight poverty, promote inclusion and protection based on Common Objectives to underpin NRP***

***-Restore focus on benefits and values of right's based approach to universal services, integrated approaches not blaming the individual***

***-Co-produce with stakeholders and give visibility***

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### **3 Messages to the Annual Growth Survey**

- 1. Public support for increased political and economic union depends on credibility of Social Europe**
- 2. Social Investment, Social Protection and EU money to drive inclusive recovery and delivery on poverty target**
- 3. Ownership depends on meaningful participation and stakeholder dialogue at national as well as EU level**

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