

## EAPN CYPRUS

### QUESTION 1

Is Europe 2020 helping to reduce poverty in Cyprus?

Assessment of the results drawn from our experience of engagement.



**Europe 2020 was not taken into account when imposing Troika measures on Cyprus.**

**-Hair cut on deposits over 100000 Euros. (Many workers lost 47% of their savings e.x. provident fund)**

**-Unemployment was rapidly raised to 17% (78000 unemployed people, July 2013) (50% youth unemployment, )**

**-2<sup>nd</sup> Taxation was imposed on the houses**

**-Fees on health care system for vulnerable groups.(before almost 85% of the population had access on free health care)**

- Reduction on minimum pensions – increase of poverty among pensioners.**
- No development projects.**
- Cypriot people are forced to immigrate to find job.**
- Cuts on welfare benefits(single parents, asylum seekers and refugees).**
- Reduction on wages(20%-30%), increase of working poor.**
- Change the status and the character of the cooperative institutions.**
- Closure of public organizations .**

- **Are they going to stop here?**
- **What next?**
- **Is Europe 2020 possible?**
- **Has E.U future?**

## QUESTION 2

**PROGRESS ON STAKEHOLDER  
PARTICIPATION**

**EAPN ACTIONS**

**RESULTS**



- **NO PROGRESS ON PARTICIPATION- ON THE CONTRARY.**
- **TROIKA INTERVENTION – NO SPACE FOR NEGOTIATIONS OR DIALOGUE**
- **GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO PROTECT SOCIAL DIALOGUE**
- **NO CONSULTATION OR INVOLVEMENT IN NSR(NRP NOT OBLIGATORY) DESPITE THE EFFORT OF CYPRUS EAPN.**
- **NGO ARE OUT OF THE PROCESS OF DECISION MAKING**
- **LIMITED REACTION FROM THE CITIZENS - DISAPPOINTMENT**

## QUESTION 3

**KEY MESSAGES FOR CYPRUS  
GOVERNMENT AND EU TO  
MAKE PROGRESS ON POVERTY  
AND PARTICIPATION**



- **PUT PEOPLE FIRST-** AUSTERITY MEASURES MAY “IMPROVE” THE FIGURES OF THE ECONOMY BUT INCREASE THE FIGURES OF UNEMPLOYEMENT, POVERTY, HOMELESS, MISERY, SOCIAL MARKETS ETC.
- **INVEST ON EDUCATION, INVEST IN CHILDREN**
- **INVEST ON DEVELOPMENT-FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT AND EXCLUSION**
- **MAKE A EUROPE FOR PEOPLE AND NOT FOR BANKS AND MARKETS**



## MY QUESTION 4

**DO WE STILL HAVE THE  
DEMOCRATICAL RIGHT TO VOTE FOR  
A BETTER AND JUST WORLD OR WE  
JUST HAVE TROIKA TO DECIDE FOR  
OUR DESTINY ACCORDING TO THEIR  
PRIORITIES.....?**

