

29/05/2013 - **Fintan Farrell, EAPN Director on RTE Radio in Ireland, after he gave the opening address at the Delegates Conference of the Irish National Organization of the Unemployed (INOU)**

"We didn't arrive to the crisis by accident, we allowed over years the quality of jobs to deteriorate and that the number of people in Europe who have jobs but living in poverty has increased, we allowed for inequalities to grow, we are now back to the 1930s' levels of inequalities in different European countries of Europe. We thought it didn't matter how big the gap between the rich and the poor as long as we had something to protect the base (...) we arrived to the crisis by a session of missed opportunities, poor policies, (...) austerity, and it's a type of shock therapy that is very dangerous, we see that Europe is not immune to violence, to very worrying trends, with large number of supports of Nazi- type parties, frightening levels of discrimination and xenophobia (...) We had warnings of what was coming, we didn't pay attention to those voices, we haven't valued social knowledge, we turned ourselves from being societies into being markets and we now have to return, work together to rebuild societies that are incredibly damaged by the type of responses Governments have taken".

Total item on unemployment runs from 00.52.45 to 00.58.45 – Fintan speaking from 00.56

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