

POVERTY WATCH 2020

"Covid-19 supercharging poverty"

data and experiences from the ground

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With MEPs

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Outline of the Presentation

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- 2. The situation of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Portugal:**
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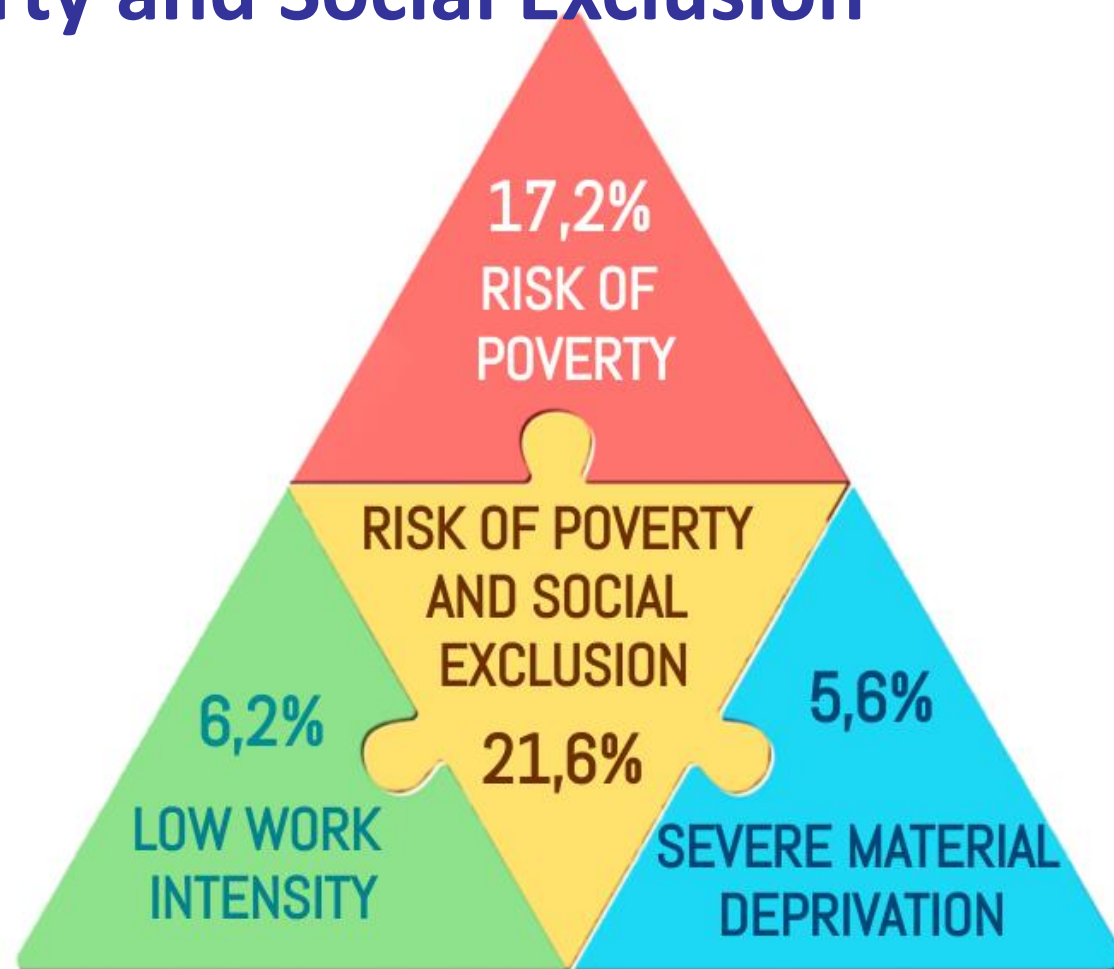


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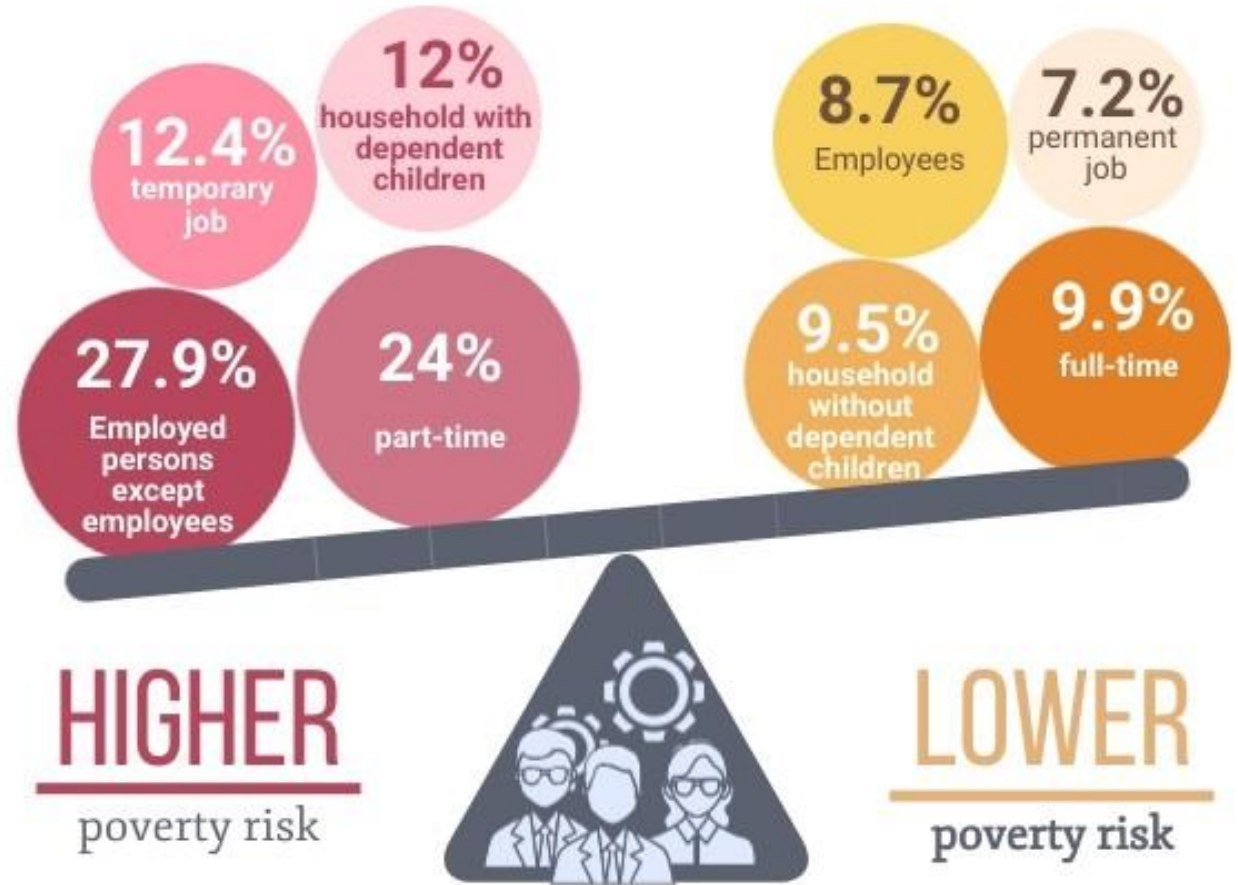
- ❑ groups composed by citizens that lived or are living in situation of poverty and social exclusion and have as main aims to give them voice in the matters that are directly related to their situation.
- ❑ Phone contact with each member of the local councils: main impacts/changes caused by the pandemic; main difficulties citizens experience in their daily lives; social follow-up during the lockdown period; evaluation of Government measures; future perspectives on the health crisis; the perception of society in terms of relationships between people and how they are organized.

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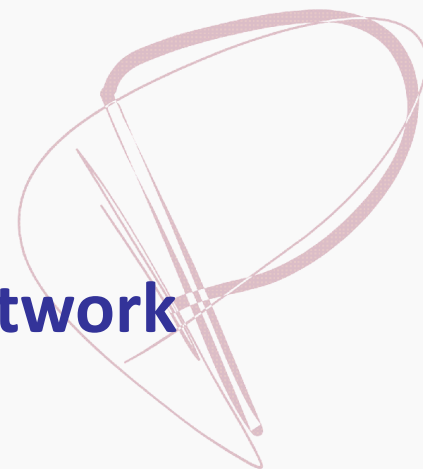




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II. Main affected groups

- precarious workers
- elderly people who are isolated
- unemployed
- large families in situation of poverty and / or overcrowding
- single parents in poverty or without support network



3. COVID-19 and the challenges for Portugal

I. Voices from the ground: Citizens

- Employment or the lack of it**
- Decrease in income**
- Housing / lack of decent housing**
- Isolation**
- Health / mental health**
- Education**
- Inequality**





4. Key Messages

- Strengthening solidarity and increasing citizen participation in the search for solutions**
- Strengthening of social protection and create the necessary foundations for the definition of an adequate minimum income system**
- National Strategy for the eradication of poverty and social exclusion (*It is already in development*)**
- Pay particular attention to the effects of this situation on people's social rights. These need to be protected and safeguarded.**





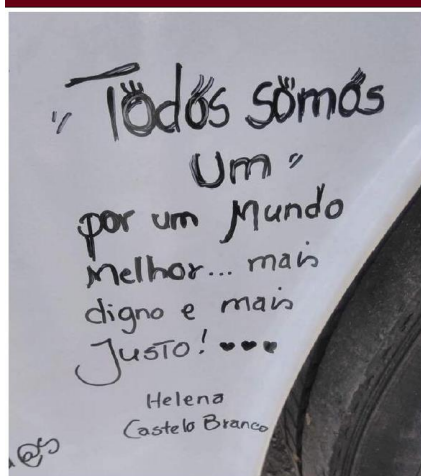
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