

# WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE IN AN **UNEQUAL SOCIETY** THAT HARMS EVERYONE?

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## POVERTY WATCH KEY FINDINGS

### Minimum Income, in the context of adequate and sustainable social protection

Accessibility and adequacy of minimum income benefits are still insufficient and unable to reduce poverty and inequalities significantly. Minimum income schemes are often the last resort option for working poor, unemployed people and those who are ineligible to access other rights or benefits – children at risk of poverty and old people without demand on minimum pension, for example. Multiple barriers, such as regional disparities, low amounts, digital exclusion and unequal access to information, still limit the coverage and the poverty reduction effect of social transfers. Minimum income schemes are conducive to social and human rights in the context of sustainable social protection systems providing a life in dignity for all. Member States should adopt a fixed minimum amount which is equally distributed to those who need it, and which is above the European poverty threshold. Mainstreaming distributional impact assessments in policymaking would prevent further increase of income inequalities and adjust minimum income schemes to the various dimensions of poverty, including energy poverty.

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