

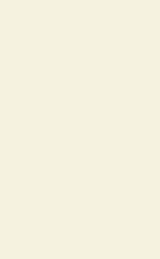
# 28 MARCH PORTO EDITION 2025 PEOPLE'S SUMMIT

**The EU Anti-Poverty Strategy: From Intention To Action**

## AGENDA



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# People's Summit 2025, Porto Edition

## The EU Anti-Poverty Strategy: From Intention To Action

The 2025 People's Summit Edition continues the push towards an ambitious EU Anti-Poverty Strategy, bringing together voices from across Europe - people experiencing poverty, grassroots social organisations, policymakers, national and European institutions.

Building from the takeaways and recommendations from its last edition, it will be a forum to present concrete recommendations for the upcoming EU Anti-Poverty Strategy - the challenges to be addressed, priorities, and concrete legislative, policy and budgetary measures.

The context is increasingly complex. 94.6 million people in the EU are at risk of poverty and social exclusion (2023). Figures are overall stable, in spite of the commitment of the EU in 2021 to reduce poverty by 15 million people by 2030, including 5 million children. It turns out that only 1.6 million people have been lifted out of poverty since 2019!

The rising living costs, in particular for energy and housing, are contributing to worsening the living conditions of the most vulnerable. In-work poverty is still prevalent among those who are employed. Marginalised groups, including women, racialised people, LGBTQIA+ people, elderly and young people, undocumented people, migrants, Roma people, people with disabilities,

children in foster and institutional care, people discriminated against because of their religion or belief, and single-parents are disproportionately impacted by social exclusion.

2025 is a pivotal year, with the preparation by the European Commission of the first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy, but also, the renewal of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan and of the EU equality and anti-discrimination strategies, the adoption of the EU Affordable Housing Plan, and the start of the discussions on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post-2027.

However, good intentions must lead to concrete actions. EAPN and its members are fully mobilised to ensure the upcoming EU Anti-Poverty Strategy leads to a comprehensive framework working towards the eradication of poverty, accompanied by ambitious resources and with the involvement of civil society organisations and people experiencing poverty.

From strong ambitions derive strong actions. The People's Summit 2025 titled "The EU Anti-Poverty Strategy: From Intention to Action" is a milestone in fighting for the future of Social Rights in Europe.



## AGENDA

9:30 - 10:00

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### Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00 - 10:30

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### Welcome Session

- **Maria Joaquina Madeira**, President, EAPN Portugal
- **Carlos Susias Rodado**, President, EAPN Europe
- **Fernando Paulo**, City Councilor, Dep. Education & Social Cohesion, CM Porto
- **Carla Teixeira**, Representative of EAPN Oporto Local Citizens' Council

10:30 - 12:45

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### Plenary Session

*Delivering on the European Pillar of Social Rights & the path towards an EU Anti-Poverty Strategy*

- **Katarina Ivanković Knežević**, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG Employment, European Commission
- **João Oliveira**, Member of the European Parliament (The Left, Portugal) & European Parliament Rapporteur on the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy
- **Olivier De Schutter**, UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights

#### Reactions from:

- **Jessica Machacova**, Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer, EAPN Europe
- **Lesley O'reilly**, Person Experiencing Poverty, EAPN Ireland

**Moderation:** **Kahina Rabahi**, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, EAPN Europe

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12:45 - 14:00

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### Lunch

14:00 - 16:00

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#### **Thematic Workshops**

*Stepping up the European Pillar of Social Rights  
with the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy*

#### **Workshop A**

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*Universal Access to Social Protection of Workers*

**Facilitator: Kahina Rabahi**, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, EAPN Europe

#### **Workshop B**

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*Non-Take Up of Minimum Income Scheme and other Social Schemes*

**Facilitator: Fátima Veiga**, Research & Projects Department, EAPN Portugal

#### **Workshop C**

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*Housing and Homelessness*

**Facilitator: Jessica Machacova**, Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer, EAPN Europe

16:00 - 16:30

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## Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30

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### Roundtable Discussion

*Involving Persons Experiencing Poverty in the National Anti-Poverty Strategies*

- **Sandra Araújo**, National Coordinator of the National Strategy, Portugal
- **Cidália Barriga**, Person experiencing Poverty, National Citizens' Councils, EAPN Portugal
- **Sarah Lampen**, Person experiencing Poverty, BAPN
- **Lou-Jayne**, Person experiencing Poverty, EAPN France
- **Moderation: Inês Amaro**, Institute of Social Security, Portugal

17:30 - 18:00

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### Final Messages and Recommendations

- **3 Rapporteurs from the Workshops**

**Moderation: Maria José Vicente**, National Coordinator, EAPN Portugal

18:00

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### Closing Session

- **Juliana Wahlgren**, Director, EAPN Europe
- **Clara Marques Mendes**, Secretary of State for Social Action and for Inclusion, Portugal



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