

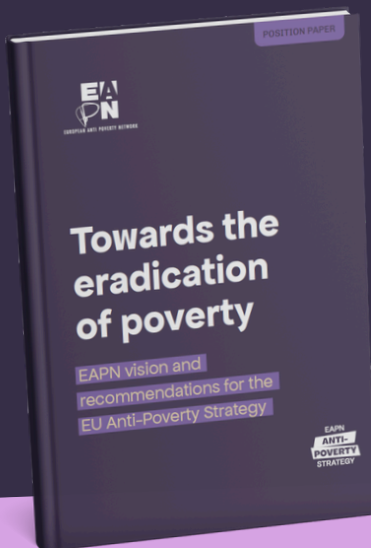


# AGENDA




## Beyond Statistics: Shaping the first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy

### EAPN POSITION PAPER LAUNCH EVENT

Hosted by MEP Marit Maij (S&D)  
Vice-Chair of the Intergroup on Fighting Against Poverty



## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

 17 23 June, 2025  
 Brussels (ASP 3H1)  
 13:00 - 15:00

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# Beyond Statistics: Shaping the first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy

In 2026, the European Commission will launch the **first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy**—an announcement long awaited by anti-poverty organisations, including the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN).

Despite various past and ongoing initiatives, EU efforts to combat poverty and social exclusion have fallen short. This is illustrated by the persistently high number of people living in poverty: in 2024, 93.3 million individuals across the EU were at risk of poverty or social exclusion. **Poverty continues to harm millions of people, and the EU has yet to take decisive, coordinated action to eradicate it.**

The forthcoming EU Anti-Poverty Strategy presents a crucial opportunity to reverse this trend—but only if the **European Commission delivers a comprehensive, rights-based, and ambitious framework.**

This event, co-organised by MEP Marit Maij (S&D), Vice-Chair of the Intergroup on Fighting Poverty, and the European Anti-Poverty Network, marks the launch of EAPN's position paper [Towards the Eradication of Poverty – EAPN vision and recommendations towards the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy.](#)

In particular, it will focus on exploring aspects beyond socio-economic issues as crucial avenues for a comprehensive poverty eradication strategy also aims to provide a forum for dialogue and shape together a strong call for an effective EU commitment to ending poverty in Europe.



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**Meeting point for registered participants in front of the EP**

13:00

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## Welcome Session

- **Marit Maij**, S&D Member of the European Parliament & Vice-Chair of the Intergroup on Fighting Against Poverty
- **Juliana Wahlgren**, EAPN Director

13:15

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## Keynote Address

**Video message from Roxana Mînzatu**, Executive President of the European Commission for People, Skills & Preparedness (TBC)

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**Presentation of the recommendations** of the EAPN position paper Towards the Eradication of Poverty – EAPN vision and recommendations for the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy

**Jessica Machacova**, EAPN Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer

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## Panel Discussion

*How can we adopt a comprehensive approach to eradicating poverty that goes beyond socio-economic factors?*

Moderation by **Marit Maij**, S&D Member of the European Parliament & Vice-Chair of the Intergroup on Fighting Poverty

- **João Oliveira**, Left Member of the European Parliament & European Parliament Rapporteur on the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy
- **Marie Toussaint**, Greens/EFA Member of the European Parliament & Co-Chair of the Intergroup on Fighting Poverty
- **Sarah Schinazi**, Team Leader, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Francisco José Monteoliva**, person experiencing poverty, EAPN Spain

14:25

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## Final Remarks

- **Marit Maij**, S&D Member of the European Parliament & Vice-Chair of the Intergroup on Fighting Poverty
- **Carlos Susias**, EAPN President

14:30-15:00

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## Networking Coffee