



EUROPEAN ANTI POVERTY NETWORK

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Anti-Poverty Day 2025

People, Power, Purpose: Eradicating EU Poverty

AGENDA



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8:30 - 9:00

WELCOMING COFFEE

9:00 - 9:30

Opening Session

Plenary Room SPINELLI 5E2 (EN/FR/ES)

Featuring: Marie Toussaint, MEP, Co-Chair of the Intergroup on Fighting against Poverty - Sonia Vila Nuñez, Cabinet Expert, Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Roxana Mînzatu, European Commission - Seamus Boland, President of the European Economic Social Committee - Andrew Hayes, Delegation to the European Union, ATD Fourth World - Carlos Susías, President of the European Anti-Poverty Network

9:30 - 11:00

Participation as a Cornerstone of the Fight Against Poverty & Exclusion

Plenary Room SPINELLI 5E2 (EN/FR/ES)

Explore ways to move from consultation to shared governance, enabling people in poverty to shape policy priorities, design and evaluation.

Featuring: Marie Toussaint, MEP & Co-chair of the Intergroup Fighting against Poverty - Child European Child Advisory Board, Save the Children - Elena Bozhinovska, PEP from EAPN Macedonia - Olivier de Schutter, UN Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty & Human Rights - Fernando Chironda, EAPN Senior Participation & Network Development Officer - Katarina Ivanković Knežević, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG EMPL, European Commission

11:00 - 11:30

BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

Thematic Workshop Session

From European to National: Strengthening National & Local Action Plans (Room SPINELLI 5E2; EN/FR/ES)

Led by the Spanish Government in partnership with EAPN Spain

Protect Children, Protect Europe: Tackling Child Poverty (Room SPINELLI 5G1)

Led by the EU Alliance for Investing in Children

12:30 - 13:30

LUNCH

13:30 - 14:30

Thematic Workshop Session

Labyrinth - Administrative Barriers as Poverty Traps: How Complex Procedures Criminalise Migration & Block Social Integration

(Room SPINELLI 5E2; EN/FR/ES)

Led by Le Monde des Possibles

Ending Poverty in Europe and Beyond Non-EU States in the APS - Europe Needs Us, Non-EU is Not Non-Poverty (SPAAG 7C50)

Led by Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform (MAPP) and The European Centre of Excellence (ECE Brussels)

Socio-Economic Discrimination. When inequalities deepen exclusion (SPAAG 1C51)

Led by EAPN and European Roma Grassroots Organisation Network

14:30 - 15:00

COFFEE BREAK

15:00 - 16:30

Rooting the Fight Against Poverty in Fundamental Rights

Plenary room SPINELLI 5E2 (EN/FR/ES)

People in poverty face overlapping discrimination rooted in structural inequalities. Anchoring anti-poverty action in fundamental rights is key to address socio-economic discrimination and the criminalisation of poverty.

Featuring: Pasquale Tridico, MEP & Vice-chair of the Intergroup on Fighting against Poverty - Barbara Koren, PEP from EAPN Austria - Hristo Petrov, MEP (Renew) and vice-chair of the Intergroup Fighting Against Poverty - Michaela Moua, European Commission Anti-Racism Coordinator - Amana Ferro, Senior Policy Adviser at ERGO Network - Florian Sanden, Policy Coordinator, European Network on Independent Living - Ruth Caravantes Vidriales, Head of Research and Advocacy at EAPN Spain

16:30 - 17:30

Walking the Talk, Funding the Fight Against Poverty

Plenary room SPINELLI 5E2 (EN/FR/ES)

Focus on competitiveness and fiscal consolidation can undermine social investment and protection. This panel explores how the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy can promote sustainable and inclusive poverty reduction.

Featuring: Marit Maij, MEP, Vice-Chair of Intergroup on Fighting against Poverty & Rapporteur on ESF+ post 2027 INI report - Mario Nava, Director-General of DG EMPL, European Commission - Jessica Machacova, EAPN Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer - Lesley O'Reilly, PEP from EAPN Ireland

17:30 - 17:35

Final Remarks

Plenary room SPINELLI 5E2 (EN/FR/ES)

Featuring: Juliana Wahlgren, Director of the European Anti-Poverty Network



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