

Potential of EY 2010

Some reflections from the European homelessness
sector

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- **EU Objective for EY2010**
 - Develop **basis/momentum** for ambitious EU anti-poverty agenda 2010+

 - **Some pre-conditions already fulfilled ...**
 - **Awareness** & policy mandate of the population
 - Eurobarometer study 2009
 - Population is sufficiently aware of general scope and nature of poverty
 - Population wants the EU to act
 - Focus of the EY on awareness is somewhat artificial
 - More concrete focus is necessary
 - **Participation/mobilisation**
 - Use mobilisation that is latent ...
 - Diversity of European NGOs
 - What mobilisation is necessary for EU progress?
 - Mobilisation/ Participation is not an aim but an instrument ...

 - **Too strong focus on awareness and participation risks to delay policy progress...**
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- Some pre-conditions are NOT fulfilled

- **Strategic approach** to EU anti-poverty policies post 2010

- EU as key social policy actor vs. EU as facilitator of social policy progress

- Political context is not favourable

- How?

- Concrete!

- Focus on thematic priorities

- Realistic

- Focus on themes for which there is sufficient political momentum and expertise at EU level

- Ex. Homelessness // extreme poverty
Thematic light year / EP Written Declaration ...

- **Consensus** on policy approach

- **Illusion** of consensus at EU level

- Too vague

- Too few / not relevant stakeholders

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- Focus on **process** rather than on content


- Ex. Homelessness

- Agreement to act BUT no agreement on how to act



Consensus conferencing

- Consensus conference on homelessness (9-10 Dec 2010– Brussels)
 - Why?
 - No consensus
 - Lack of consensus blocks policy progress / need for consensus
 - How?
 - PrepCom - All stakeholders
 - Experts - From sector / academics
 - **Jury** -Independent
 - What?
 - Questions / Issues
 - Result?
 - Policy consensus as basis for **EU policy progress**
 - Relevance at MS level
 - Consequences ?
 - Focus on **implementation** rather than process
 - **Change of roles of stakeholders** -- ! working together! / Responsibilising European NGO sector...
 - CC as new tool of OMC
 - Concrete policy-relevant results
 - Subsidiarity



■ Thank you for listening