

EUROPEAN YEAR FOR COMBATING POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION, UN YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

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EUROPEAN YEAR FOR COMBATING POVERTY



The “European Year for Combating Poverty 2010” should not just remain a campaign to create acceptance for poverty within the EU. It is time for a new strategy, for new targets and for new instruments to reach them. The workshop focuses on the implementation of the right to decent housing and access to sufficient and green energy supply. In times of increasing poverty, decreasing energy sources, rising energy prices and an imperative for energy efficiency: We will debate social and ecological initiatives and put together proposals to create global and European networks?

Chair:	Gabi Zimmer MEP	GUE/NGL Germany
Speakers:	Eva-Britt Svensson MEP	GUE/NGL Swedish Tenants Union Sweden
	Cesare Ottolini	International Alliance of Inhabitants Italy
	Leo Gabriel	ESF/WSF Activist Austria
	Annie Pourre	No-Vox France
	Alessio Surian	Urban Popular University Italy
	Ilda Figueiredo MEP	GUE/NGL Rapporteur Minimum Income Report Portugal

Open floor



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Workshop 1 • Seminar Nr. 77

Thursday 1st July 17:30 -20:30h

European United Left • Nordic Green Left providing alternative solutions

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POLITICAL ACTION ON EUROPEAN LEVEL IN GLOBAL SOLIDARITY FOR 2010 AND BEYOND?



How do we get political action on European level and in global solidarity in 2010 and beyond?

The second workshop continues the debate that has started in workshop 1. Speakers representing varied initiatives report their experiences from their current work and campaigns.

GUE/NGL MEPs and activists of social initiatives make proposals as to how different political initiatives can contribute to establishing binding strategies and goals on the EU agenda for the fight against **poverty and the protection of biodiversity**.

Chair:	Judith Dellheim	Zukunftskonvent	Germany
Speakers:	Gabi Zimmer MEP	GUE/NGL	Germany
	Annie Pourre	No-Vox	France
	Emil Bedi	INFORSE	Slovakia
	Asli Kiyak Ingin	Sulukule Platform	Istanbul
	Karine Clement	Institute for Collective Action IKD	Moscow

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Workshop 2 • Seminar Nr. 79

Friday 2nd July 9:30 -12:30h

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