



EUROSHIP FINAL CONFERENCE: Closing gaps in social protection against poverty in Europe

Date: Thursday 8 June 2022

Time: 13:00 -18:00

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels and online

To attend, please register: [EUROSHIP Conference registration](#))

Host: MEP Sara Matthieu

Moderators: Laura de Bonfils, Social Platform and Rune Halvorsen, OsloMet

About the conference

In the current times of social and economic turbulence, the importance of social citizenship is particularly visible. However, there is considerable variation within and across European countries in citizens' exposure to different social risks and in their access to adequate social protection and services when in need. In October 2022, the European Commission and the SPC released a joint report on minimum income. It found that the adequacy of most minimum income schemes across the EU have remained almost unchanged in the past decade and the majority are not above the AROPE level.

In many cases differences in the quality of social citizenship in Europe follow particular geographic and socio-demographic patterns. Research and data show that individuals in specific



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regions or with particular socio-demographic and health characteristics face a stronger degree of disadvantage.

Based on the research conducted as part of the EUROSHIP project, *this conference will present an up-to-date picture of poverty and social exclusion in Europe* and make recommendations. It will provide an overview of statistical indicators and unique qualitative information about the many consequences of poverty and social exclusion in the lives of individuals from different European welfare and industrial relations systems.

In sum, the conference will centre on three key questions:

- Who are the poor and socially excluded in Europe today and what does it mean in the lives of affected citizens?
- Do current European social and labour market initiatives and policy instruments offer efficient tools to mitigate the effects of economic and social exclusion?
- What else should the European Union and national governments do to strengthen social citizenship for individuals at risk of poverty and social exclusion in the future?

About the EUROSHIP project

The EUROSHIP project has provided original and gender sensitive assessment of the current gaps in social protection against poverty and social exclusion in Europe. Nine universities and research institutes as well as a European network of civil society organisation form the EUROSHIP consortium and have collaborated closely to implement the project. Through the involvement of national and European stakeholders, EUROSHIP is working to develop policy recommendations on how to strengthen social citizenship at the national and EU level. The team is preparing three edited volumes from the project. [Preliminary Findings from the EUROSHIP project can be downloaded here.](#)

Programme

13:00 – 13:15 **Welcome and introduction**

MEP Sara Matthieu, Groen (Belgium / Greens)

Rune Halvorsen, Scientific Coordinator of EUROSHIP, OsloMet, Norway

Laura de Bonfils, Secretary General Social Platform

13:15 – 14:00 **Developments in minimum income benefits, poverty and social exclusion – findings from the EUROSHIP project**



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- Zsófia Tomka, Tarki, Developments in poverty and inequality across Europe 2005-021
- Caterina Arciprete, University of Florence: Regional inequalities in poverty and social exclusion across Europe
- András Gábos, Tarki: Developments in minimum income benefits levels in Europe

14:00 – 15:00 Political panel: Closing gaps in social protection against poverty in Europe

Katarina Ivankovic-Knezevic, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG EMPL

Sara Matthieu MEP

Robert Ranson, Social Platform

Moderator: Piotr Sadowski, Former President Social Platform

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee/ tea

15:15 – 15:35 Exercising social citizenship across the life-course: the role of European welfare states

Birgit Pfau-Effinger, University of Hamburg

15:35 – 16:00 Fighting poverty through minimum income schemes? Policy trajectories and political dynamics in the member states

Matteo Jessoula, University of Milan

16:00 – 17:00 Closing panel: How can EUROSHIP findings be used?

(Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience)

Magdalena Bordagorry, Eurodiaconia

Sheila Gois Habib, EAPN

Annemie Drieskens, COFACE Families Europe

Bianca Luna Fabris, ETUI

Zyab Ibanez, Autonomous University of Barcelona

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17:05 – 17:15 **Closing comments**

MEP Sara Matthieu, the Green Party

17:15 - ***Farewell drink***



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