

10 KEY DEMANDS TO THE EU INSTITUTIONS **COMING FROM THE 8th EU MEETING OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY**

These 10 demands are drawn from the report of the 8th Meeting and are intended to provide a checklist against which follow up from the Meeting can be assessed.

Over arching demands

1. To be more accountable and make more visible the key actions taken to ensure follow up of the proposals and recommendations made at the European Meetings.
2. To show how the measures taken to address the financial and economic crisis will prevent people who live in poverty from being "collateral damage" from how the crisis has been managed.
3. To demonstrate how the fight against poverty has been mainstreamed in policies such as rural policies, transport or internal market policies and to show how the eradication of poverty is a high priority of the EU agenda.

Housing

4. To show what concrete steps have been taken to defend the right to housing and to address homelessness.
5. In addressing housing and homelessness, to pay particular attention to what is happening to Roma and Migrant communities living in very vulnerable conditions and facing evictions and the policies which follow up.

Basic services

6. To show what steps have been taken to ensure greater access to information about people's rights and how to access the services available and how users' views are taken account of in the delivery of these essential services.
7. To evaluate the impact of the liberalisation and privatisation of services of general interest, including social services, on the quality, accessibility and affordability of the services.

Financial inclusion

8. To show what measures have been taken to ensure the financial inclusion of people experiencing poverty in areas such as debt advice, access to bank accounts, financial education...
9. To show what measures have been taken to ensure that people have access to adequate and accessible Minimum Income schemes in all the EU Member States.

Participation

10. To support people experiencing poverty and their organisations to participate in implementing anti poverty policies and to ensure their active participation in the 2010 EU Year against poverty and social exclusion.