

What has not changed –
but must be changed to
reduce poverty and
exclusion?

A lot has changed in Europe during the last 15 years!

- Europe - as a whole - has been richer
- Human rights has been continuously on the agenda
- Average expected life-time has gone up in general
- In many countries there is a lack of workers
- Living standards has general gone up
- Professionalism in social work is increasing
- User and user-organization is more and more involved

On that background we have to realize that:

- Inequality – economical and health - has increased
- The number of people experience homelessness has not gone down
- Stigmatization of certain groups is still a reality
- Stigmatated groups and individuals are still being excluded
- Solidarity is not general but build on reflections



Resources, good intentions and thousands of activities and projects (professional and voluntary; public and NGO's) are available

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- NAPincl must keep focusing on poverty and social inclusion
- OMC must be reinforced and combined with more focus on and support for social research
- Early warning must be highlighted
- As well on national, local as unit level it must be requested to be open and involving in exchange of knowledge
- User-involvement – on all levels - must be daily standard