



Belgian Federal Public Planning Service

Social Integration, Combatting Poverty and Social Economy

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Anti Poverty Policy in Belgium

- *Poverty is the result of network of social exclusions which often even reinforce each other. People do not (or no longer) manage to participate in society. There is a rupture in one or more areas of life. The generally accepted standard of living is no longer reached. People experiencing poverty are often unable to bridge this gap on their own.*





Anti Poverty Policy in Belgium

- *What strategies and instruments are being developed at national level to make progress on poverty and to implicate all the Stakeholders?*



Anti Poverty Policy in Belgium

- A long tradition in participation
 - **General rapport on poverty (1995)**
 - **"Partnership Agreement between the Federal State, the Communities, and the Regions on the Continuation of the Policy on Poverty" (1998)**
 - **Service for the fight against poverty, insecurity, and social exclusion**
 - **Bisannual rapport -**



- Evolution Participation National Action Plans
- NAPincl 2001-2003
 - **Made by ministerial Cabinets**
 - **Based on existing policy declarations of federal entities**
- NAPincl 2008-2010
 - **Coordination and final redaction by POD-MI**
 - **Strategic Priorities and objectives defined by stakeholders**
 - **Federal entities had to fit their measures in this framework.**
 - **Targets**
 - **Approuvment by IMC-MI**



The stakeholders

- - **PPS – Social Integration**
 - **Service for the fight against poverty, insecurity, and social exclusion**
 - **Regions and communities**
 - **Social partners**
 - **Associations from people experiencing poverty**
 - **Local social services**

– Participation of the stakeholders

- Bisannual National Colloquium
- Working Group Actions
- Europe 2020 – European Poverty Platform
 - **Restructuring on Belgium Level**
 - **Belgium Poverty Platform**



- **Missions**
 - **Monitoring poverty Target**
 - **Propositions for subtargets and indicators**
 - **Propositions for anti-poverty policies to realise poverty target**
 - **Preparation of the NRP and strategic reports**
 - **Follow up of the European evolutions**
 - **Social Innovation**
 - **Exchange on best practices**



- Working principles
 - Participation of all stakeholders
 - Connecting local, regional and federal actors
 - Open structure
 - Meetings : 4 times a year
 - Every two year : Organisation of ha Open Platform Day



• Participation works if

- Capacity building
- Recognition of expertise
- Tangible results, cfr Subtargets in the NRP
- Continuity
- Transparency