

# EUROPE 2020 INEQUALITY 2020

Reviving Europe's efforts to Attain Inclusive Growth

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Europe had a strategy to attain smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and deliver wellbeing to its citizens. At the doorstep of 2020, our society is increasingly polarized and social inequalities are on the rise.

**What went wrong? Should we blame the financial crisis? Bad politics? Bad policies perhaps?**

Europe made some steps forward on becoming more sustainable and smarter but an inclusive economy is still a distant point on the horizon. **Is it time to construct a sound EU-wide plan to tackle inequality? How to design it?**

- 12h00 Registration and light lunch
- 12h30 From Europe 2020 to the new politics of inequality  
**László Andor** Secretary General, FEPS  
**Lorenza Antonucci** Birmingham Fellow, University of Birmingham & Research Associate, European Social Observatory (OSE)  
Chair: **Conny Reuter**, Secretary General, Solidar  
Q&A
- 13h00 Inequalities in Europe: social class today  
**Alexis Spire** Director of Research, CNRS & Lecturer, EHESS  
**Cédric Hugrée** Research Fellow, CNRS  
Authors of "[Les classes sociales en Europe](#)  
[Tableau des nouvelles inégalités sur le vieux continent](#)"  
Q&A
- 13h40 An Action Plan for Equality  
**Anton Rop**, Former Prime Minister of Slovenia & former Vice President, EIB  
**Ruth Paserman**, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Commissioner Thyssen  
**Kaisa Penny**, Director, Kalevi Sorsa Foundation  
**Mario Negre**, Senior Researcher, German Development Institute & World Bank  
Chair: **Ania Skrzypek**, Senior Research Fellow, FEPS  
Q&A
- 14h50 Closing Remarks by **Maria João Rodrigues**, President, FEPS

## Suggested Readings:

- R. Sweeney, R. Wilson (2019), [Cherishing all Equally 2019 - Inequality in Europe and Ireland](#), FEPS & TASC Report
- J. Stiglitz et al. (2019), [Rewriting the Rules of the European Economy](#), FEPS Report
- Solidar (2019), [Advancing Social Justice in Europe – Action to reduce inequality](#), Position Paper 4/6
- A. G. Christiansen et al. (2019), [Job Polarisation has increased inequality across Western Europe](#), FEPS Policy Brief
- A. Kentikelenis et al. (2018), [Health Inequalities in Europe: setting the stage for progressive policy action](#), FEPS & TASC Report
- R. Sweeney, R. Wilson (2019), [Cherishing all Equally 2019, Inequality in Europe and Ireland](#), FEPS & TASC Report
- S. Pembroke (2018), [Precarious work, precarious lives: how policy can create more security](#), FEPS & TASC Report
- A. Bobek et al. (2018), [Living with uncertainty: the social implications of precarious work](#), FEPS & TASC Report