

film competition

# Poverty in Europe



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### EPP 60 second film competition winners announced

The winners of the 60 second film competition *Poverty in Europe: Can you picture the way out?* organised by the European People's Party and its Group in the Committee of the Regions were announced today as part of its activities to involve citizens in the debate surrounding the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. Leona Kunayovaj of the Czech Republic won 1st prize for her animated film [Future possible](#), 2nd prize was awarded to a Greek entry from Kostas Karydas entitled [It's possible](#) and young Hungarian Máté Pála took the 3rd prize for [Something Less](#).

The competition, which was open to young film-makers between the ages of 15 and 30 aimed to give citizens from across the EU the chance to show they think about the European Union and its policies on poverty. Building on the success of last year's competition Think.Act.Change, which focussed on the environment in the build up to the COP15, Michael Schneider, President of the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions, praised the many excellent entries, which demonstrate ideas for reducing poverty in Europe's cities and regions. "Ten years ago, EU leaders pledged to make a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty by 2010. However, nearly 80 million people – or 16% of the EU population – are still facing serious obstacles in accessing employment, education, housing, and social and financial services today" he explained. "In this, the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, we wanted to hear from young adults who are increasingly facing financial uncertainty and vulnerability following the financial and economic crisis."

Antonio Lopez Isturiz, Secretary General of the EPP and MEP, added "Building a more inclusive Europe is vital to achieving the EU's goals of sustained economic growth, a greater number of good quality jobs and more economic, social and territorial cohesion. Within this context, the European People's Party is in favour of placing poverty and social exclusion at the heart of the EU agenda. I congratulate these young people for their ambitious ideas and look forward to discussing them further at the screening in November."

In addition to the winning films, the following entries were highly commended by the jury and will also feature on special edition our DVD, which will be available for distribution at the official screening in the European Parliament on 16 November: Go on! by Gints Amolins (Latvia), Generation 700 from Louise Culot (Germany) and Michail-Sebastian's The solution (Romania).

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Note for editors: The jury was made up of Michael Schneider, President of the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions, Antonio Lopez Isturiz MEP, Secretary General of the EPP, Kostas Sasmatzoglou, EPP spokesman, Tomasz Sadowski, President of the Barka Foundation, Jevgenija Muhina, European Commission Task Force for the European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, and Rob Heirbaut, European Correspondent at VRT news.

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