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## Report

### European Social NGOs meeting with Spanish civil society

How can civil society organisations cope with the economic crisis across Europe?

Towards a Spanish presidency that puts people and planet first – A Spanish Spring Alliance

Madrid, September 7-8, 2009

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## The facts (1/3)



### Objectives:

- To better connect members with upcoming presidencies and use this momentum to link up with the Spanish presidency
- To increase transnational and cross sectoral exchange between members of members, with a particular focus on members of members from Central and Eastern Europe and accession countries
- To exchange on the realities faced by social NGOs at a time of recession
- To mobilise support in Spain for the Spring Alliance campaign in order to influence EU future priorities

### ■ Agenda

- [Agenda](#)
- [Spanish version of the Agenda](#)

## The facts (2/3)

- 127 people attended
  - From EU Networks : 10
  - From CEE countries: 25
  - From host country : 92
  
- Organisations from 11 different countries participated: Spain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Croatia, Malta, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary
  
- List of participants
  - Social Platform delegation from European Networks, EU12 and Croatia
  - From Spain



## The facts (3/3)



- **The study visit included field visits to:**
  - CEPAIM - Acción Integral con Migrantes  
[www.cepaim.org](http://www.cepaim.org)
  - [Fundación Secretariado Gitano](http://www.gitanos.org)  
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# How can civil society cope with the economic crisis across Europe?



- [What is Social Platform - Roshan Di Puppò](#)
- [Presentation of the Spanish Platform of Social NGOs - Juan Lara](#)
- **Presentations:**
  - [Impact of the crisis on children in Latvia - Inguna Ebela](#)
  - [Impact of the crisis on equal opportunities policies in Lithuania - Laima Vengale](#)
  - [Civil Society Strategies against crisis and risks of social exclusion - Toni Bruel](#)
  
  - [Recommendations to the Spanish Presidency for its priorities and the management of the crisis - Carlos Susias](#)

# A Spanish Spring Alliance

## Putting people and planet first

*From growth and jobs to people and planet first: a civil society campaign to change the focus of the EU*  
*Workshop conclusions (1/2)*



### ■ Concrete proposals

- Ensure a mechanism for groups to give feedback on the Spring Alliance manifesto
- Prepare a meeting in October to look at next steps for forming a Spanish Spring Alliance and prepare a common statement for the upcoming Spanish presidency
- Prepare a week of actions in the different Spanish regions on the Spring Alliance manifesto and get feedback from the local level
- Use internet, media and social networks to involve a wider audience
- Call for joint meetings and joint actions between the EU and national level
- Call on EU networks to prepare dissemination materials for schools (on the long term)
- Use Spring Alliance website to highlight good practices at national level

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## Putting people and planet first

*Workshops - conclusions 2/2*

- **Other conclusions**
  - Long-term process that needs to start now
  - Clear challenges between civil dialogue and social dialogue
  - Willingness to focus on concrete achievable goals
  - Spring Alliance as an example to form the basis for collaboration of the sectors at national level
  - Feedback to develop the Eastern dimension in the Spring Alliance approach to policies – alongside the North/South dimension





Thank you!

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