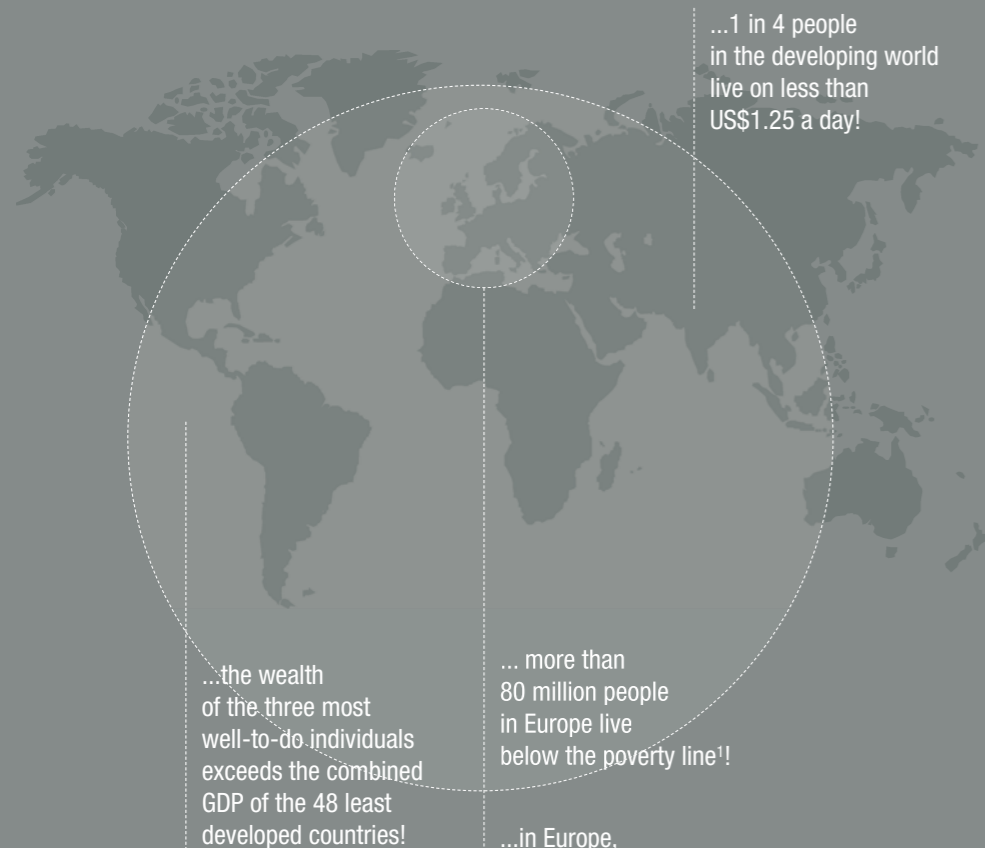


Did you know that...



<sup>1</sup> Living on under 60% of the median income for their country

## **solidar**

**SOLIDAR** is a European network of NGOs working to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide. **SOLIDAR** voices the concerns of its member organisations to the EU and international institutions across the policy sectors social affairs, international cooperation and lifelong learning.

### **SOLIDAR**

Rue du Commerce | Handelsstraat 22  
1000 Brussels - Belgium

T +32 2 500 10 20  
F +32 2 500 10 30  
E [solidar@solidar.org](mailto:solidar@solidar.org)

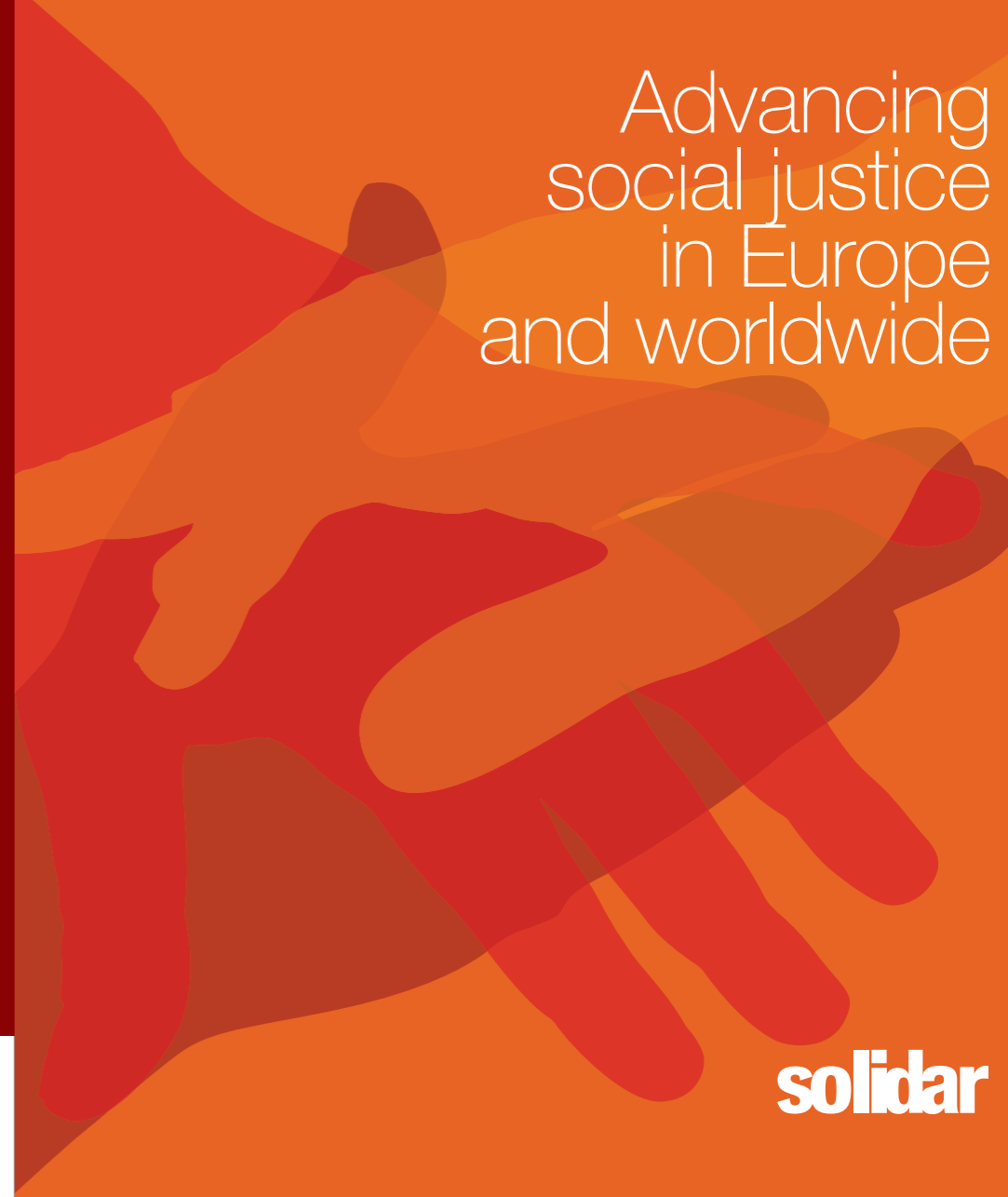
[www.solidar.org](http://www.solidar.org)



This publication has been produced with the assistance of the European Union. The content of this publication is the sole responsibility of SOLIDAR and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of the European Union.

# Advancing social justice in Europe and worldwide

Responsible editor: Conny Reuter | Printed on recycled paper | © SOLIDAR April 2010



## **solidar**

## History

**SOLIDAR** was founded in 1948 to encourage international cooperation between social aid organisations connected to the labour movement. First known as International Workers' Aid the organisation set up its headquarters in Brussels in 1995 and was renamed **SOLIDAR**.

## Who we are

**SOLIDAR** is a European network. Member organisations are national NGOs in Europe, as well as some non-EU and EU-wide organisations, working in one or more of our fields of activity. The network is brought together by its shared values of solidarity, equality and participation. For a full list of members, please go to: [www.solidar.org](http://www.solidar.org)

## How we work

The **SOLIDAR** Secretariat voices the concerns of its member organisations to the European and international institutions by carrying out active lobbying, project management and coordination, policy monitoring and awareness-raising across its different policy areas.

## Who we work with

We work in cooperation with progressive civil society, trade unions, and social democratic and socialist parties. **SOLIDAR** is a member of the **SOCIAL PLATFORM**, **CONCORD** (EU NGO Confederation for Relief and Development), and the European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning (EUCIS-LLL).

## How we are funded

**SOLIDAR** is funded by contributions from its member organisations and by project funding from European and international institutions.

## Our areas of work

### Social affairs

#### A more social Europe.

This means:

- A Europe in which a balanced approach to economic, employment and social policy is guaranteed.
- A Europe where all members of society have access to affordable, high-quality social and health care services.
- A Europe which promotes social cohesion and the full participation of all in society.
- A Europe which has a strong commitment to reducing poverty and different forms of social exclusion and discrimination.
- A Europe that promotes individual and collective labour rights.

### International cooperation

#### A rights-based approach to development, poverty eradication and social and economic justice.

This means:

- A trade and finance system which benefits people and planet first.
- A system of corporate accountability that ensures business promotes human rights, decent work and tax justice.
- A coherent system of financing for development which mobilises resources in the spirit of solidarity.
- A practice of humanitarian and development intervention based on solidarity and partnership with members and partners in the field.

### Lifelong learning

#### Access to education for all.

This means:

- A world in which lifelong learning is accessible and affordable to all, with a special focus on involving lower skilled people.
- A Europe which formally recognises vocational training, informal learning, and professional training and accompanying services.
- A Europe where education is recognised as a public service.

### Decent work/quality jobs

In the international field, all our work is carried out within the frame of the Decent Work Agenda. We promote this concept, as well as social protection – one of its fundamental components – and its inclusion in European and international trade and development policies, as well as in the migration and development debate. In Europe, we promote quality work, employment and active inclusion.

### Migration and integration

We promote a rights-based approach to migration and integration policies actively involving both the host society and immigrants (“two-way process”).

### Active citizenship and civil dialogue

We encourage the active involvement and participation of civil society – representing citizens – in policy-making processes, as well as promoting the recognition and support of the contributions that citizens make to society through volunteering.

### The Global Network

We coordinate The Global Network project, an alliance of labour movement organisations responding to the challenges of globalisation, focusing on the global aspects of trade, social protection and migration, and promoting decent work, decent life for all. For more information [www.theglobalnetwork.net](http://www.theglobalnetwork.net)