

Caritas Europa European Launch of the Crisis Monitoring Report 2015
Poverty and inequalities on the rise
Just social models needed as the solution

Speakers of the Event

Caritas Europa, network of 49 Caritas organisations in 46 European countries, presents the findings and recommendations of its third Crisis Monitoring Report, a study on the impact of the crisis and austerity on people, with a special focus on Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Romania and Spain and Caritas responses on grass-root level with the poor and unemployed.



Mr Jorge Nuño Mayer,
Secretary General of Caritas Europa

His relationship with Caritas began through internships in the Diocesan Caritas of Mainz and in the Diocesan Caritas of Madrid. In the following years he worked at Caritas Spain as desk officer for Employment Programme, as coordinator of Operational Programme for Combating Discrimination and in Social Research unit. In 1998 he moved with his family to the Pyrenees in the Aragon region, where he combined the work as Coordinator of the Diocesan Caritas Barbastro-Monzón with the position of Development and Project Officer in a rural development association. He worked also as an Associate Lecturer in Social Marketing and European Social Policy at the pontifical University of Comillas in Madrid.



Mr David-Maria Sassoli,
European Parliament Vice-president, S&D MEP

It 'a journalist, elected MEP of the Italian Democratic Party in 2009. As a boy, he was engaged in educational associations, such as the scouts, in youth and student movements, in cultural groups. In 1992 he joined RAI Television, dealing with the Mafia and organized crime, in the terrible season of the attacks to the judges Falcone and Borsellino. He followed the crisis of the political system and the immigration drama that followed the collapse of Eastern regimes. In the next ten years his work has been concentrated in the conduct of the main editions of TV news and the major domestic and international events, such as the long live the outbreak of the second Gulf War, the first reportage in southern Lebanon after the Israeli withdrawal and the death of Pope John Paul II.



Mr Antonio Tajani,
European Parliament Vice-president, EPP MEP

He is an Italian politician and is the First Vice-presidents of the European Parliament. Before his current role, he was the European Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship, one of the vice-presidents of the European Commission, member of the Bureau of the Group of the European People's Party, member of the Convention on the Future of Europe, which drew up the text of the European Constitution. He was elected as member of the European Parliament in 1994, 1999 and 2004. During his 15 years of parliamentary activity he took part in many committees (Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Affairs, at the time chaired by the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano, Transport and Tourism, Fisheries, Security and Defence).



Ms Lieve Fransen,
Director for Europe 2020: Social Policies, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Since mid-November 2011, Dr. Lieve Fransen is the Director responsible for Europe 2020: Social Policies in Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission. Dr. Fransen has devoted herself to promoting social justice and the values of solidarity. During a distinguished career in international public health, Dr. Fransen has worked as Public Health Advisor to the Ministry of Health, Mozambique, Kenya, Rwanda and Cape Verde Islands; as Task Manager of a research programme on pregnant women and new-borns in Rwanda; and as Director of a research programme on sexual and reproductive health in Kenya and in the Tropical Institute in Antwerpen, Belgium. Dr. Fransen is Medical Doctor with a PhD on Social Policies.



Mr Walter Nanni,
Head of Caritas Italiana Research Unit

Since 1996, Walter Nanni is editor of the yearly report on poverty issued by Caritas Italiana. As responsible of the Study Office, in Caritas Italiana, he has coordinated several researches on poverty and social exclusion.

He is a Sociologist, and presently he is the Chair of Caritas Europa Working Group on Social Models.



Ms Evelina Manola,
Social Worker in Caritas Hellas

Her involvement in Caritas started in 2011 when she did her internship in the Refugee Center of Caritas Athens. Subsequently, she became a volunteer in Caritas Hellas until June 2014 when she was recruited as a social worker. Ever since, she is responsible for the Poverty Observatory and the Listening Centers in Greece, in close collaboration with Caritas Italiana. During these years she has joined several meetings and seminars organized by Caritas at European level.



Ms Federica De Lauso,
Caritas Italiana Research Unit

Sociologist, researcher, specialized in methodology and techniques of social research. Since 2011 she is employed Caritas Italiana Research Unit. She has made numerous research and publications on the subject of poverty, social exclusion and youth participation.



Mr Francisco Lorenzo,
Head of Caritas Spain Research Unit

Sociologist and Social Worker. Has developed over 90 researches about poverty, social exclusion, migrations. He was the coordinator of VII FOESSA Report on exclusion and social development in Spain and technical Director of the academic journal Documentación Social (Caritas Spain). As social worker he worked with homeless people and drug abusers.



Ms Tiziana Ciampolini,
Head of Caritas Torino Observatory

Director of the Observatory on Poverty and Resources in Caritas Torino and Piemonte-Valle d'Aosta Regions).

President of S-NODI, Centre for research and experimentation of system actions against the crisis.

Expert in community development and in innovation processes for organizations.

Pedagogist and social psychologist, trainer.

