

Social justice in the EU and Greece: How to prevent a lasting social division?

Athens, 19 March 2015

Agenda

The immediate crisis may be over, yet social imbalance in Europe is increasing. Particular losers are children and young people as well as the southern EU member states. The ongoing social division threatens the future viability of the European Union and requires a unified European social strategy. These are the key findings of the “Social Justice in the EU” study, a recent publication of the German think tank Bertelsmann Stiftung.

The study is part of a new annual monitoring instrument, the Social Inclusion Monitor Europe (SIM Europe). The Bertelsmann Stiftung compares all 28 EU member states across six different policy areas: poverty prevention, equitable education, labour market access, health, social cohesion and non-discrimination, and intergenerational justice. Greece came out last in the index but in terms of education and intergenerational justice, there has been some improvement over the crisis years.

With the joint event, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Eliamep and Ta Nea want to shed light on Greece's performance and debate possible ways how the social situation in Greece can be improved.

More information: www.social-inclusion-monitor.eu

Date: 19 March 2015, 19:00-22:00

Venue: Amphitheatre, Akropolis Museum, 15 Dionysiou Areopagitou Street, 11742 Athens

The study presentation will be made in English; Interpretation English-Greek will be provided.

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19:00 **Welcome**

Dimitris Mitropoulos
Editor in Chief, Ta Nea

19:10 **Study presentation: Social Justice in the EU**

Daniel Schraad-Tischler / Christian Kroll
Programme Shaping Sustainable Economies, Bertelsmann Stiftung

19:30 **Panel discussion**

“Ways out of the crisis: How to prevent a lasting social division in Greece?”

Loukas Tsoukalis
Professor of European Integration, University of Athens and President, ELIAMEP

George Pagoulatos
Professor of European Politics and Economy, Athens University of Economics and Business (tbc.)

Ioannis Panagopoulos
President, Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE)

Philippos Sachinidis
Former Minister of Finance, Member of Parliament, PASOK

Andrej Stuchlik
Project Manager Europe’s Future, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Moderator: Dimitris Mitropoulos, *Editor in Chief, Ta Nea*

20:45 **Reception**

22:00 **End of event**