



## 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

### National Focus Weeks

National Focus Weeks have been designated in EU Member States (plus Iceland and Norway) during which the spotlight will be on their country

NGOs are strongly encouraged to organise activities linked to the Year in their country. Ways in which NGOs can mark this week include:

- **Awareness-raising** on poverty and social exclusion issues: challenges and solutions
- Visibility of **local** anti poverty and social inclusion initiatives (open days for example)
- Engaging **local and national media** on the theme of poverty and social exclusion
- Events **involving** people experiencing poverty
- **Joint events** between **national members of European networks**
- **Joint events** between **national and European Members of Parliament**
- Engaging with **other national stakeholders**: trade unions, employers, schools, enterprises...
- **Press conferences**
- **Media interviews**

### Get on your bike to defend Human Dignity!

NGOs are aiming to create a **symbolic transfer between National Focus Weeks** by a person/s relaying the NGO messages for the year from one focus week to the next.

**Bicycles** will be used for local transport and you are invited to 'get on your bicycle' and to **greet the guest/s at the point of their arrival in your country** and accompany them to the point where they will meet some local dignitaries and media.

Details will be available at [www.endpoverty.eu](http://www.endpoverty.eu)

We are promoting the idea that the National Implementing Bodies charged with organising activities during 2010 at national level should support activities during this week. Contacts for the National Implementing Bodies can be found on the Commission's website: <http://www.2010againstopoverty.eu>.

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### European Year 2010 – National Focus Weeks Calendar

February	15 - 21	Ireland	July	5 - 11	Romania
	22 - 28	Austria		Aug -Sept	29 - 5
March	1 - 7	France	September	6 - 12	Estonia
	8 - 14	Slovenia		13 - 19	Lithuania
	15 - 21	Luxembourg		20 - 26	Belgium
April	22 - 28	Hungary	Sept - Oct	27 - 3	United Kingdom
	5 - 11	Malta		October	4 - 10
	12 - 18	Czech Republic	11 - 17		<i>European Week</i>
	19 - 25	Slovakia	18 - 24	Cyprus	
May	3 - 9	Iceland	November	25 - 31	Sweden
	17 - 23	Poland		1 - 7	Denmark
	24 - 30	<i>European Week</i>		8 - 14	Greece
May - June	31 - 6	Spain		15 - 21	Italy
June	21 - 27	Germany		22 - 28	Finland
June- July	28 - 4	Bulgaria			

Events organised during the National Focus Weeks can be found on the 'Country focus' pages of the EY2010 Coalition of social NGO networks website [www.endpoverty.eu](http://www.endpoverty.eu). For further information on the Coalition contact [info@endpoverty.eu](mailto:info@endpoverty.eu).