

2009 brought with it a new European Parliament, a fully ratified Lisbon Treaty, nearly a new Commission, and an increase in the social consequences of the financial and economic crisis: more unemployment, more poverty, less aid. On the other hand we hear about exit strategies and observe the financial market casino turning as if nothing has happened.

Our member organisations are working with people and providing services for those who are facing the social consequences of the crisis now, be it migrants whose rights are denied and whose working conditions are deteriorating, be it people who work and still do not earn enough money to live decently, or people in developing countries who cannot afford to buy food. And they are not finding that things are getting easier.

In 2010 we want to see the EU commit to another agenda, one which puts people and the planet first, not only jobs and linear growth. We want to see a European Strategy which works towards tackling the social consequences of the crisis in Europe - fighting against poverty through active inclusion, investment in quality social infrastructures, social services and education - and the rest of the world - more trade justice, delivering on the Millennium Development Goals and our aid commitments, and dealing with our climate debt.

In 2010 SOLIDAR will continue its work to advance social justice for people in Europe and around the world. We will continue to assess the impact of EU policies on the daily lives of the most vulnerable people and put forward our views, visions and contributions on how to make a change, together in 2010!

Thanks to those who gave us their trust and support!

[Watch our greetings video](#) and solidarity Season's Greetings,

Conny Reuter, Secretary General