



Since the financial crisis of the mid-2000s, unemployment and poverty have grown exponentially in the European Union, especially for young people. Now, we find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic that has exacerbated the situation for many.

National-level responses to such challenges, and national-level employment and social policy writ-large, is one way of finding a solution and improving the lives of young people throughout Europe. But is there a better way? Should Europe try to resolve the situation on a collective basis? And if so, what role should the European Union formally have in such a solution?

In the framework of the EP4U project, TEPSA teamed with **Tom Chevalier** from the Centre of European Studies and Comparative Politics of Sciences Po to organise a University Debate on the EU's Employment and Social Policy. The event took place on **October 21 at 17:00 CET**. Dr. Tom Chevalier is a leading expert on social protections, education, and political and economic sciences, and moderated the discussion between **Leïla Chaïbi MEP**, youth activist **Maëlys Garcia**, and **Jiry Plecity**, who is the Head of Unit for Belgium, France, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands at the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL) in the European Commission.

The event took place in **French**. It will start with a presentation on EU Employment and Social Policy "in a nutshell" before moving on to a panel discussion. A COVID pass is required for attendance at this event.