



European Network of Single Parent Families

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PRESS RELEASE

Europe votes: Single Parent Families demand actions against child poverty

Bozen/Berlin, 22nd of May 2014. In view of the European Elections the European Network of Single Parent Families (ENoS) demands actions against Child poverty and to improve the conditions for single parents as women at the labour market to gain their living.

“Europe gave in the past important incentives for the development of childcare, improved reconcilability between family and work, for gender equality in labour market-, social- and family policies“, summarizes Ida Lanbacher, ENoS President. “But there still is urgent need for action, as the situation of single parents and their children has furthermore a dramatic level. The high risk to be poor reflects the discrimination of single parent families in society“, criticizes Lanbacher, President of the Single Parent Families League in South Tyrol/Italy. Single parent families in Europe live with 32 percent much more often in poverty as married parents with 12 percent. Single parents are in the bigger part women, the lack of childcare and the gender pay gap of 18 percent stand in the way of these women to live beyond neediness based on their labour work.

“The development of high quality childcare has to be pushed further, like the access to educational institutions exempt from charges. The gender pay gap needs to be closed. Children need a sufficient state support to make sure that every child is supplied with healthy food, with an appropriate living space and has suitably part in cultural and educational issues. It is in the responsibility of Europe, to guarantee for each single child a growing-up beyond poverty“, demands Edith Schwab, Vice-President of ENoS and President of the German League of Single Parent families.

The European Network of Single Parent Families appeals for voting for the European Elections and claims the European Parliament and Commission for empowering Single Parent Families and improving their situation all over Europe.

ENoS was founded in Berlin in the year 2007 and is an association of Single Parent Leagues from six European countries (Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Spain).

The President of ENoS

Ida Lanbacher

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ida Lanbacher'.