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**POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION
YOUNG PEOPLE OUR HOPE**

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THE NEW CONCEPTION OF THE PROBLEM

- ➔ Poverty is identified not only by a lack of material resources; it is a situation related to participation in the societies in which it is found.
- ➔ When looking at poverty it is necessary to examine its different dimensions and to understand that it is a dynamic process. The use of the term *social exclusion* is intended to reflect the change in the new conception of the problem.
- ➔ Although the most alarming inequalities and situations of poverty are produced in the developing countries, nowadays it is the case that poverty and social exclusion are present in the developed societies.

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**NEW RISKS FOR THE MOST
VULNERABLE SOCIAL SECTORS**

- ➔ **The recent economic and social transformations have led to an extension of social vulnerability and of the risks of exclusion. Economic development and social policies have not been able to eradicate poverty and inequality.**
- ➔ **Labour market flexibilisation, changes in family structures, ageing of the population, and new forms of migration bring with them new risks for the most vulnerable social sectors.**
- ➔ **Young people are in many circumstances facing exclusion from the markets and from social participation.**

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DRIVING FORCES FOR DEBATING

- ➔ **EXCLUSION AND SOCIAL RISK**
 - Processes for holding back inequality and poverty
 - Social vulnerability
- ➔ **EDUCATION AND NEW VALUES**
 - Ignorance and excess of information
 - The limits of science
- ➔ **PROSPECTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CULTURES**
 - The migratory processes and demographic expectations
 - The challenges of multiculturalism
- ➔ **ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
 - Energy prospects. The management of renewable energy sources
 - Energy and environment

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AIMS OF THE PROJECT(1):

To systematise studies and reports, as generated up to the present time, by highly diverse sources in order to know and assess the dimension of exclusion and social risk of young people in Spain.

To carry out a synthesis and updating of the issue and of the policies and programmes associated therewith.

To propose that a system of indicators be established which will allow for on-going assessment and updating of the view of the problem and the actions in progress at all times.

AIMS OF THE PROJECT (2):

To analyse relations mediating between the persistence of a phenomenon such as poverty, the difficulties for managing economic systems and the systems of values as held by current societies in another way.

To assess the overall actions undertaken by the different political and social agencies and institutions, including the forecast of the social risk, the struggle against poverty and for maintaining social cohesion.

To relate the phenomenon of poverty to demands for sustainability, the current conditioning factors deriving from globalisation and economic interdependence and aspirations for human development with solidarity.

SSUMMARY

- PART I: Poverty at the start of the 21st century
- PART II: Policies developed in the fight against poverty
- PART III: Poverty and the values of current-day societies
- PART IV: Poverty, sustainability and human development
- PART V: Conclusions and proposals for action

INSTITUTIONS TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT

- ✓ Institute for Comparative Policies of the Spanish Council for Scientific Research.
- ✓ Studies Service of CÁRITAS Española
- ✓ San Pablo-CEU University
- ✓ The Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome

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TOWARDS A GLOBAL PROJECT

A further intention of this Project is to reach a **GLOBAL DIMENSION**.

TO DO SO, its analysis will be EXTENDED to other realities that are different from Spain, such as:

COUNTRY	POPULATION	GDP	GDP	Area	Average
	(m)	\$ bn	\$ PPP per head	.000 square Km	Years
Spain	39.9	653.1	21.210	505	37.4
Chile	15.6	64.2	9.420	757	28.3
Peru	26.5	56.5	4.880	1.285	22.7
Romania	22.3	45.7	6.490	238	34.7
Morocco	31.0	36.1	3.730	447	23.0
Senegal	9.9	5.0	1.540	197	17.6

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**OUR WISH IS FOR A SOCIETY THAT IS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL,
IN WHICH ANY PERSON,
INDEPENDENTLY OF INDIVIDUALITY AND EXPECTATIONS,
CAN TAKE PART IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH THE
SOLIDARITY OF SOCIETY**

**A SOCIETY IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE,
THROUGH A FLUENT DIALOGUE WITH THEIR ELDERS,
PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE BUILDING OF**

THE BEST FUTURE FOR ALL

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