

# Social issues

## Task 1:

Go to the following [link](#) and look at the cartoon<sup>1</sup>. Describe to one another what you see. Make up a title for the image.

## Task 2:

In which countries is the problem of the “working poor” most prominent in your opinion? Does the problem exist in your countries? If yes, how does it manifest itself? Who is affected?

## Task 3:

Get information on the internet about the poverty situation in the EU, e.g. via the following [link](#) and look at the statistics and tables (on the link above TABLE 1 and FIGURE 2). Explain the charts to one another and discuss them. How is the situation in the countries mentioned? How did the situation change in recent years? What is the trend? Which age groups are particularly affected?

## Task 4:

How is the job situation for young people in particular in your countries? Are many jobs on casual contracts?

## Task 5:

Talk to your partner about these issues: Why do you think have these phenomena come about? Which problems follow as a consequence? What could be done to solve or reduce these problems?

## Sources

Link 1 [http://www.studis-online.de/HoPo/Bilder/mit\\_ohne\\_job800.jpg](http://www.studis-online.de/HoPo/Bilder/mit_ohne_job800.jpg)

Link 2 [http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/People\\_at\\_risk\\_of\\_poverty\\_or\\_social\\_exclusion](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/People_at_risk_of_poverty_or_social_exclusion)

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<sup>1</sup> Translation: “Without job” (left sign); “With job!” (right sign)