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## Latest News

### Too busy for a new start?

At the beginning of every new year most of us have some new year's resolutions.

Maybe you want to be more creative?  
More successful?  
More informed?  
More active?

Here at Europe Direct Leeds we are hoping to be able to stick our individual resolutions, and wish you good luck with yours. ☺

## 2010 The Year of...

A new year, a new theme.

After celebrating the Year of the Potato and the Year of the Gorilla in previous years, we are now looking forward to a year of celebrating biodiversity (<http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome/>), as declared by the United Nations.

The European Union has further declared 2010 the European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (<http://www.2010againstopoverty.eu/>).

### What is it all about?

Almost 80 million Europeans live at risk of poverty, which means they face insecurity, and go without what most people often take for granted.

Living in poverty may result in a variety of problems, from not having enough money to spend on food and clothes to suffering poor housing conditions and even homelessness. Poverty also means having to cope with limited lifestyle choices that may lead to social exclusion.

The key objectives of the year are to raise public awareness about these issues and renew the political commitment of the EU and its Member States to combat poverty and social exclusion.



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## Don't Miss Out Hot Topics in Europe this month

Poverty and Social  
Exclusion

Volunteering

Climate Change

## WebNews Monthly Picks



### We like these links...

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Social Europe Campaign

<http://www.facebook.com/#/socialeurope>

European Parliament

<http://www.facebook.com/#/europeanparliament?ref=sgm>

## News and the Online World

Europe Direct Leeds online in 2010

This year we will again throw ourselves into the wonderful world of Web 2.0. And we are hoping that you will join us (again).

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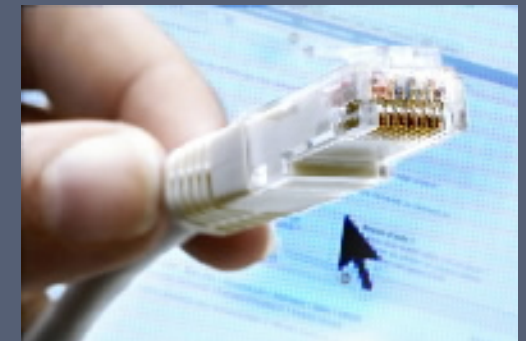
Here you can also subscribe to our RSS feed.

## What are you looking forward to in 2010?

We are looking forward to a year of creativity, innovation, information, entertainment and new encounters and challenges.

We are also looking forward to hearing more about Stergios Mavrikis's PhD: Internet and New Media constructing a common European identity. Exploring netizens' conceptualisations of European Identity

<http://ics.leeds.ac.uk/details.cfm?id=120>



Wishing you all the best for 2010 and looking forward to engaging with you!