



Leido / The Netherlands

**Good, sufficient... but... what will the future bring us?**

In our research for the TAP-project we are asking people in the Netherlands about their situation, a specific one. They don't have so much money, no savings, and in most cases debts. But in general they are hopeful, satisfied with what the situation is. It is not good, just enough...but it could be worse.

This is due to the fact that one of the aspects of this 'judgement' is the way they are looking at the situation in other countries, like we also have in the project. Looking at the daily news and the documentaries on internet shows that a lot of people there have problems to survive. Comparing this with what is possible in the Netherlands gives them the feeling that poverty here is completely different from the same situation over there.

People are optimistic enough about what will happen in the years to come. Not everyone, but 'we have to make the best of it'. Looking at details, as we are doing during the interviews, we can see that the economic situation needs some fast improvement, to make their 'wishes' real.

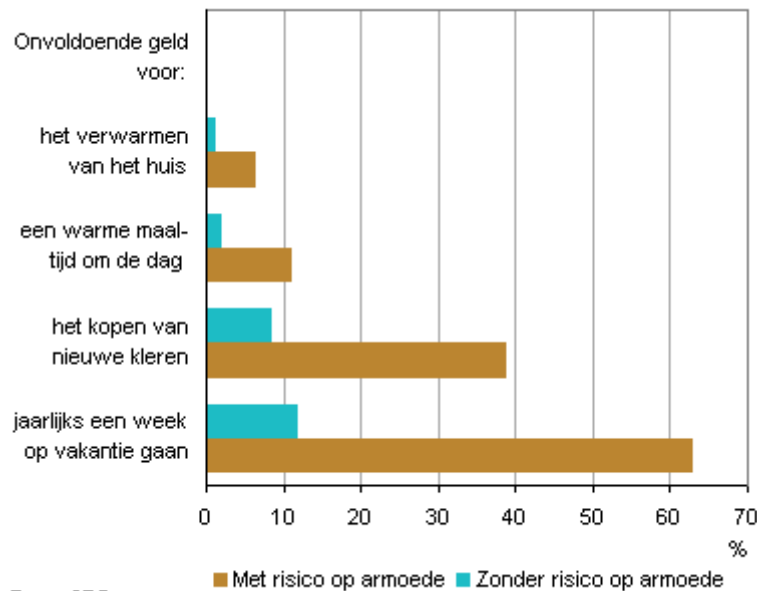
That is what we as Europe and member states have to fight for.

Here some information about the situation for two groups:

Met risico op armoede = with risk on poverty

Zonder risico op armoede = without risk on poverty

Onvoldoende geld voor = Uninsufficient money for:



From top to bottom:

- Heating the house
- A warm meal every two days
- Buying new clothes
- A week on holiday, every week

Source: CBS, 2014