

The Trust Divide



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How COVID-19 Exposes The Impact Of Inequality On Citizen Confidence in Government

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Inequality

- We are living in an **inherently unsustainable and unequal world**
- **40%** of people in Europe report their financial situation as **worse** than before the pandemic
- Prioritising **social investment over economic growth**, building a fairer society and labour market, tackling austerity and fighting inequalities are key to a healthier society



Erosion of trust and how to tackle it

- The rise of nationalism and populism is a **warning**
- **Civil society** are ‘watchdogs’ and part of the solution
- But, **civil society must be supported** properly and not politicised



Youth are part of the solution!

- The vast majority of young people followed lockdown rules
- Youth organisations have been active in addressing today's challenges



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- =** **A healthy society**