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Subject: Release of EU Social Justice Index

Dear Mr Italianer,

This week, the Bertelsmann Stiftung, one of Germany's leading independent think tanks, released its **EU Social Justice Index 2015**.

The Social Justice Index **compares all 28 EU countries across six dimensions**: Poverty prevention, equitable education, labor market access, social cohesion and non-discrimination, health, as well as intergenerational justice.

The comparison shows: **Children and youth have been hit the hardest** by the European economic and debt crisis. Despite economic recovery, the **gap between young and old is growing** and the **social divide between Northern and Southern Europe** remains immense. Although slight upward trends can be seen in the labor market in many EU countries, these do not by any means constitute a comprehensive turnaround in matters of social justice after years of decline.

The study can be downloaded here <http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/de/publikationen/publikation/did/social-justice-in-the-eu-index-report-2015/>

We would be pleased if our study is of interest to you and look forward to your feedback.

Best regards,

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