



The Social Protection Committee



One of the 4 Advisory Committees:

i) Economic and Financial Committee (art. 134 TFEU) /LIME indicator sub-group

ii) Employment Committee (art.150 TFEU)/ IndicatorGroup

iii) Social Protection Committee (art.160 TFEU)/ISG

iv) Economic Policy Committee (EPC, secondary legislation) / LIME indicator sub-group



History

- *Le groupe à haut niveau sur la protection sociale – proposed by Commission in July 1999*
- *First Council decision from 29.06.2000 establishing the SPC*
- *Nice treaty enters into force on 1.02.2003 with the treaty article on the SPC*



Composition

- *29 Members : 28 countries and the Commission*
- *2 Members and 2 alternates : 58 +58*
- *75-80 persons at each meeting every month*



Governance

- *Elected Chair : Thomas Dominique (LU - 2 years of mandate – end 01/2015)*
- *Elected Vice-Chairs : Muriel Rabau (BE) and Jerzy Ciechanski (PL)*
- *Two non elected Vice-Chairs corresponding to the presidencies : current and future*
- *SPC Bureau*
- *Chair of the indicator sub-group:*

Mandate

Monitoring of the social situation in
the MS and in the EU

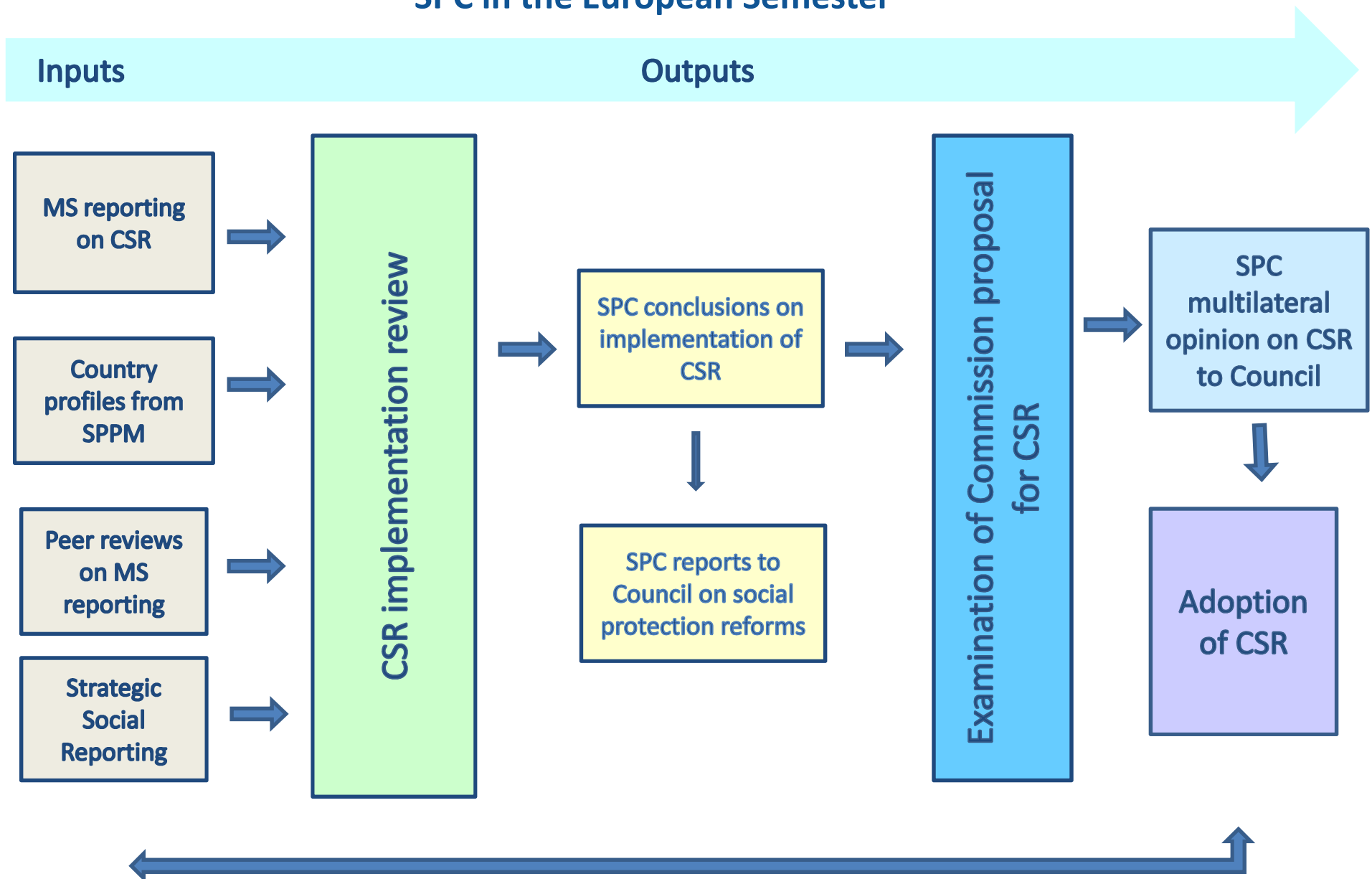
Monitoring of social protection policies
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**SPC Treaty mandate
deliverables**

- Scoreboard
- Social protection performance monitor
- Social situation report
- In-depth reviews on social trends to watch

- European Semester (country-specific examination of past CSR and new ones)
- Report on social protection reforms
- Thematic reports (Child poverty report, Pension adequacy report, FEE report)
- Thematic examination by EPSCO Committees

SPC in the European Semester





Monitoring of the social situation in the MS and in the EU



The EU portfolio of social indicators

- the battery of social indicators developed with the MS
- three main strands – social inclusion, pension, health and LTC
- + thematic work/portfolio – child well-being



The different use of the EU social indicators

- defining the Europe 2020 poverty and social exclusion target
- identifying the key social trends to watch in the EU through the SPPM
- identifying MS' social challenge through the Joint Assessment Framework in the context of the European Semester (social inclusion, health...)
- thematic reports – Pension adequacy in the EU, Child poverty and well-being



Structure of Social Protection Performance Monitor (SPPM)

i) **a graph of the evolution towards the EU headline target on poverty and social exclusion** for the EU as a whole;

ii) **a dashboard of key social indicators** used for identifying trends to watch and positive recent trends. It will provide an overall summary of negative and positive developments in the social situation in Europe based on common trends identified across several Member States;

ii) **country profiles** which look in-depth into the progress on key social indicators in each MS and towards the national 2020 poverty and social exclusion targets.

SPPM dashboard

- focus on *statistically significant* trends

Member States

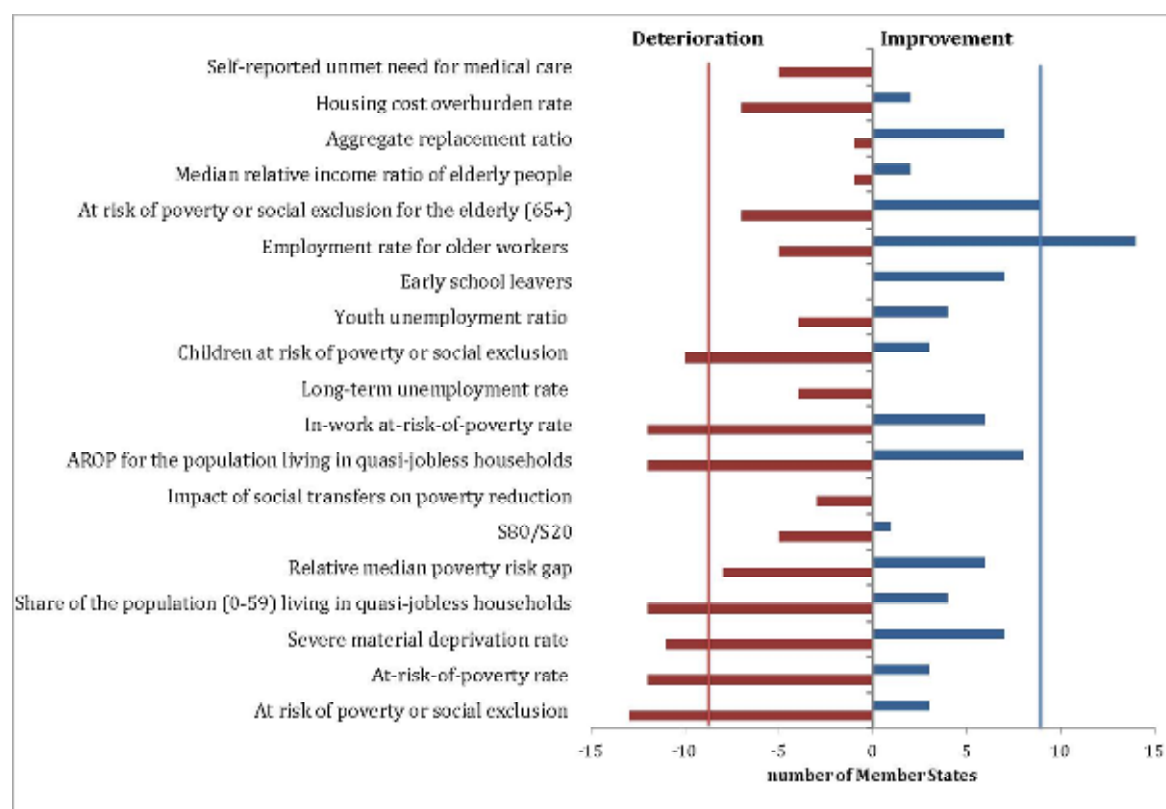
Europe 2020		EU27	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK
	At risk of poverty or social exclusion (in %)																												
	2011	24.2	21.0	49.1	15.3	18.9	19.9	23.1	29.9	31.0	27.0	19.3	28.2	23.5	40.1	33.4	16.8	31.0	21.4	15.7	16.9	27.2	24.4	40.3	19.3	20.6	17.9	16.1	22.7
	2010-2011 change in pp	~	~	~	0.9	~	~	1.4	4.2	3.3	1.5	~	3.7	~	2.0	~	~	1.1	1.1	0.6	~	-0.6	-0.9	-1.1	1.0	~	1.0	1.1	~
	2008-2011 change in pp	~	~	4.3	~	2.6	~	1.3	6.2	2.9	4.1	~	2.9	1.1	6.3	5.8	1.3	2.8	1.8	0.8	-1.7	-3.3	-1.6	-3.9	~	~	~	1.2	~
	At-risk-of-poverty rate (in %)																												
	2011	16.9	15.3	22.3	9.8	13.0	15.8	17.5	16.1	21.4	21.8	14.0	19.6	14.5	19.3	20.0	13.6	13.8	15.4	11.0	12.6	17.7	18.0	22.2	13.6	13.0	13.7	14.0	16.2
	2010-2011 change in pp	~	0.7	1.6	0.8	~	~	1.7	1.1	1.3	1.1	~	1.4	~	-2.0	~	-0.9	1.5	~	0.7	~	~	~	1.1	0.9	1	~	1.1	-0.9
	2008-2011 change in pp	~	~	~	~	1.2	~	-2.0	~	1.3	2.2	1.3	~	-1.2	-6.3	~	~	1.4	~	~	~	~	~	-1.2	1.3	2.1	~	1.8	-2.5
	At-risk-of-poverty threshold for a single person household (in pps)																												
	2011	-	10.776	3.427	5.944	11.122	10.955	4.491	9.705	6.930	7.736	10.826	9.255	11.580	3.484	3.690	16.195	4.190	8.359	11.326	12.035	4.873	5.722	2.159	8.512	5.280	10.600	11.102	10.114
	2010-2011 change in %	-	~	~	~	~	~	~	-8.1	-8.3	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.2	~	~	7.3	~	~	~	5.9	~	~	~
	2008-2011 change in %	-	7.3	19.9	~	5.3	~	~	-11.0	~	-7.6	~	~	~	-20.0	-11.5	~	5.9	~	~	8.2	20.6	~	17.5	~	30.1	6.7	~	-9.1
	Severe material deprivation rate (in %)																												
	2011	8.8	5.7	43.6	6.1	2.6	5.3	8.7	7.5	15.2	3.9	5.2	11.2	10.7	30.9	18.5	1.2	23.1	6.3	2.5	3.9	13.0	8.3	29.4	6.1	10.6	3.2	1.2	5.1
	2010-2011 change in pp	~	-0.2	-2.1	~	~	0.8	~	1.4	3.6	-0.1	~	4.3	1.1	3.5	-1.0	0.7	1.5	0.6	0.3	~	-1.2	-0.7	-1.6	~	-0.8	0.4	~	~
	2008-2011 change in pp	~	~	2.4	~	~	~	3.8	2.0	4.0	1.4	~	3.7	1.9	11.9	6.2	~	5.2	2.3	1.0	-2.5	-4.7	-1.4	-3.5	~	-1.2	~	~	~
	Population living in very low work intensity households (in %)																												
	2011	10.0	13.7	11.0	6.6	11.4	11.1	9.9	22.9	11.8	12.2	9.3	10.4	4.5	12.2	12.3	5.8	12.1	8.3	8.7	8.0	6.9	8.2	6.7	7.6	7.6	9.8	6.8	11.5
	2010-2011 change in pp	~	1.1	3.1	~	1.1	~	1.0	3.1	4.3	2.4	~	~	~	~	3.1	0.3	~	~	0.5	~	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.7	~	0.7	0.9	-1.6
	2008-2011 change in pp	1.0	2.0	2.9	~	3.1	~	4.6	9.3	4.4	6.0	~	~	~	7.1	7.2	1.1	~	~	~	~	-1	1.9	-1.5	~	2.4	2.5	1.4	1.1

Indicators

■ = positive change
■ = negative change
~ = remained stable

- focus on a critical mass of countries in order to identify 'social trends to watch'

Number of Member States showing significant improvements or deterioration in key social indicators over latest year (2011)



Reading note: the vertical lines are set at 9 Member States or 1/3 of all Member States in order to give an indication of widespread trends



Monitoring of social protection policies in the MS and in the EU



Highlights from the work programme 2014

1. Policy priorities :

- A. European Semester : implementation reviews on past CSR, examination of the new proposal, Euro area review on the recommendation to the euro area on the social consequences of the crisis
- B. Social dimension : follow-up on the Communication + SPPM – scoreboard relationship

2. Thematic work :

- A. Effectiveness, efficiency and financing of social protection
- B. Pension adequacy report
- C. Monitoring framework on health

Overview of social policy reforms : 1.01.2012-30.06.2013

	Pension reforms					Health care reforms					Social inclusion reforms			
	<i>Tightening of early retirement</i>	<i>Pensionable age</i>	<i>Contributory period</i>	<i>Level of pensions</i>	<i>Pension indexation</i>	<i>Stewardship of the health care system</i>	<i>Health service delivery (including e-health)</i>	<i>Investing in the health workforce</i>	<i>Cost-containment and cost-sharing</i>	<i>Enhancement of access to services and of patient's choice</i>	<i>Poverty-reduction and inclusive labour markets</i>	<i>Investing in children</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Roma inclusion</i>
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SPC and the social dimension of the EMU:

- **SPC Dublin position (march 2013) :**
 - a) Agreeing on an SPC open process for an ex-ante coordination and policy discussion of major social policy reforms;
 - a) Further develop the social policy monitoring tools
- **SPC on EMPL scoreboard :**
 - a) Overall welcome BUT
 - a) Health indicators
 - a) Added-value and relationships with the SPPM



Role of the Secretariat

Article 4 of Council decision 2000/436/EC

*"The Commission shall provide the **analytical and organisational support for the Committee**. It shall designate a member of its staff as Secretary , who shall act on the instructions of the Committee when assisting the Committee"*



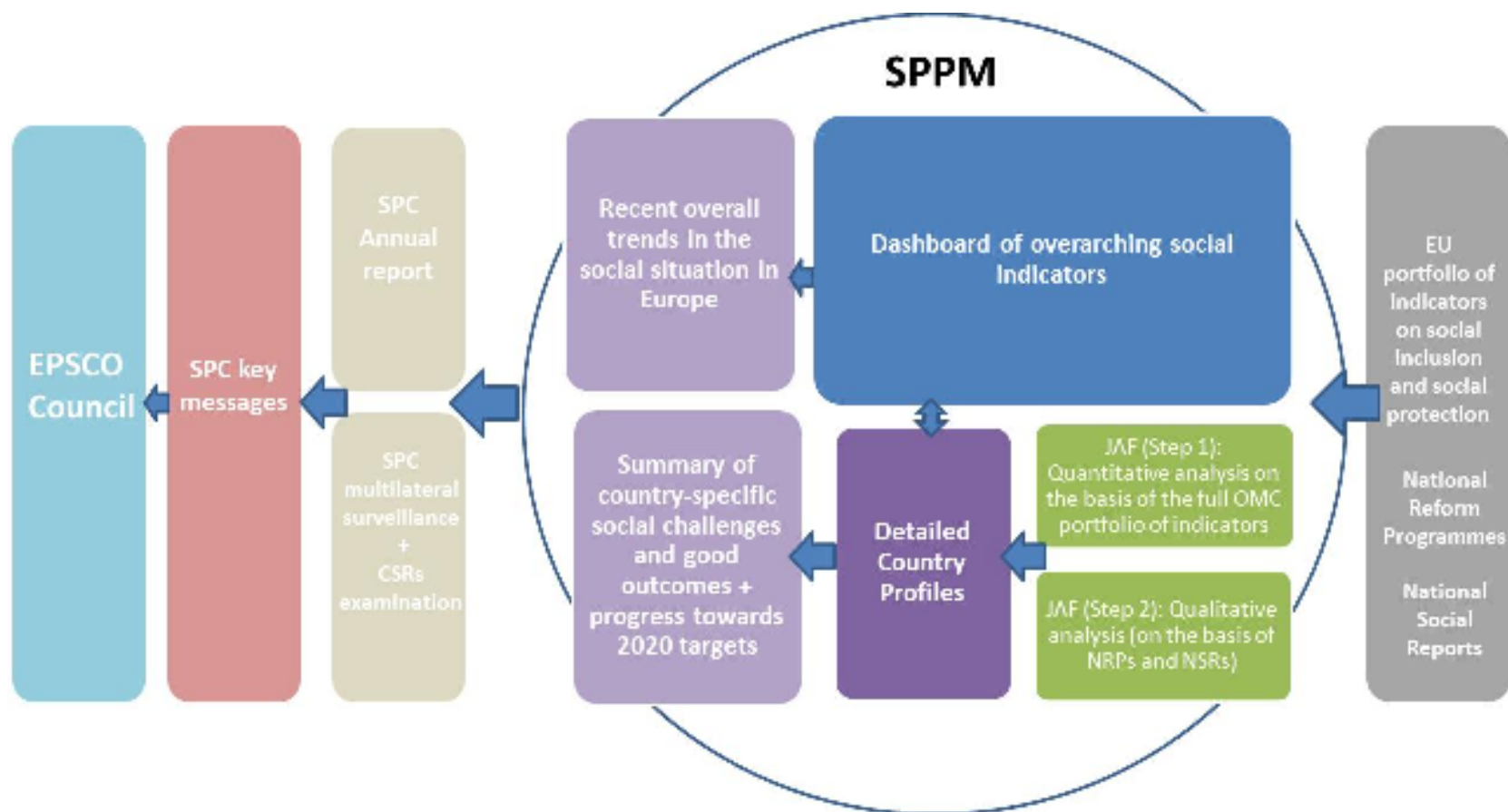
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**Further reading:
Social Protection Committee (SPC)**

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=758&langId=en>

SPC Annual report 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=7405&type=2&furtherPubs=yes>



List of dashboard indicators

Dimension	Indicator	Data source
Europe 2020	At risk of poverty or social exclusion rate (total population)	Eurostat – EU SILC
	At-risk-of-poverty rate (AROP) (total population) + poverty threshold (in PPS)	Eurostat – EU SILC
	Severe material deprivation rate (SMD) (total population)	Eurostat – EU SILC
	Share of population(0-59) in very low work intensity households (VLWI)	Eurostat – EU SILC
Intensity of poverty risk	Relative poverty risk gap rate (total population)	Eurostat – EU SILC
Income inequalities	Income quintile ratio S80/S20 (total population)	Eurostat – EU SILC
Child poverty	At risk of poverty or social exclusion rate (0-17)	Eurostat – EU SILC
Effectiveness of social protection systems	Impact of social transfers (excluding pensions) on poverty reduction (total population)	Eurostat – EU SILC
	At-risk-of-poverty rate for the population living in very low work intensity households (0-59)	Eurostat – EU SILC
Social consequences of labour market situation	In-work at-risk-of-poverty rate (18-64)	Eurostat – EU SILC
	Long-term unemployment rate (active population, 15+)	Eurostat – LFS
Youth exclusion	Youth unemployment ratio (15-24)	Eurostat – LFS
	Early leavers from education and training (18-24)	Eurostat – LFS
Active ageing	Employment rate of older workers (55-64)	Eurostat – LFS
Pension adequacy	At risk of poverty or social exclusion rate (65+)	Eurostat – EU SILC
	Median relative income ratio of elderly people	Eurostat – EU SILC
	Aggregate replacement ratio	Eurostat – EU SILC
Access to decent housing	Housing cost overburden rate (total population)	Eurostat – EU SILC
Health	Share of the population with self-reported unmet need for medical care (total population)	Eurostat – EU SILC
	Healthy life years at 65 (total population, breakdown by gender)	Eurostat