



The EU's Anti-Poverty Strategy: An evaluation and next steps

20 October 2025 | 9:00 am – 4:45 pm

Bocconi University | Leonardo Del Vecchio Building | Room N01 Piazza Sraffa 13

The **President Von der Leyen's** political guidelines for 2024-2029 announced the first-ever European Anti-poverty strategy to help people to get access to the essential protections and services they need, along with addressing the root causes of poverty.

The Strategy is expected to be presented in 2026. To prepare it, the **European Commission (DG EMPL)** and **Bocconi University** are organizing a joint event to gather expert contributions, focusing on topics such as minimum income, breaking the intergenerational transmission of poverty, and financing anti-poverty measures.

The event will also contribute to the preparations of the **World Social Summit**, taking place in Doha on 4-6 November.

MORNING SESSION

9:00 – 9:10 am

Welcome Remarks

Daniel Gros Director, IEP@BU

9:10 – 9:20 am

Video message

Roxana Mînzatu Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness, European Commission

9:20 – 9:40 am

Keynote Speech – **The European Pillar of Social rights, a compass for EU social policies**

Mario Nava Director-General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

9:40 – 10:00 am

Video message

Muhammad Yunus Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Nobel laureate

10:00 – 11:20 am

1st. Panel. Minimum Income: Active Inclusion Approach

moderated by **Gloria Riva**, *L'Espresso*

Hannah Adzakpa Caritas Germany and Caritas Europa

Pietro Galeone Institute for European Policymaking, Bocconi University

Jiri Svarc DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Contribution of experts by experience on accessing minimum income

11:20 – 11:40 am

Coffee Break

11:40-11:50 am

Kickoff of Discussion - Demographic Shifts and Socio-Economic Inequalities

Francesco Billari Rector, Bocconi University

11:50 am – 1:20 pm

2nd Panel. Addressing the Root Causes of Poverty in the EU Across Generations: From Child Poverty and Old Age Poverty to Prosperity Pathways

moderated by **Gloria Riva**, *L'Espresso*

Michela Carlana LEAP-Laboratory for Effective Anti-poverty Policies, Bocconi University

Sirio Di Capua Italian Coordinator, EAPN, European Anti-Poverty Network & PEP CILAP

Stefano Filauro IEP@BU and Università La Sapienza - Rome

Katarina Ivanković Knežević Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Contribution of people experiencing poverty

→ Presentation of students' policy proposal

1:20 – 2:30 pm

Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 – 2:50 pm

Keynote Speech

Oriana Bandiera Sir Anthony Atkinson Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics



2:50 – 4:20 pm

3rd Panel - Poverty and Finance: Addressing Poverty As An Investment. Ensuring The Right Balance Of The Tax-Benefit Systems

moderated by **Gloria Riva**, *L'Espresso*

Guido Alfani Director, DONDENA Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy, Bocconi University

Anna Diamantopoulou former Commissioner for Social Rights and Employment and Chair of the High-Level Group on the Future of Social Protection

Massimiliano Mascherini Head of unit social policies, Eurofund

Martin Merlin Director, Bank, Insurance and Financial Crime, DG for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission

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4:20 – 4:45 pm

Closing Remarks: Next Steps for academia and policy

Sylvie Goulard Vice President, IEP@BU

Katarina Ivanković Knežević Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

