

Anti-Poverty Strategy: policies for an effective implementation

9 October 2026 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

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The European Anti-Poverty package adopted on 6 May 2026, puts forward an ambitious strategy aiming at accelerating poverty reduction by 2030 and helping to eradicate poverty in the longer run. The package includes the first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy, a proposal for a Council Recommendation on fighting housing exclusion and a communication on strengthening the European Child Guarantee. Now implementation by the EU, Member States, national and regional authorities as well as by all the actors involved will be essential.

Following the 2025 Bocconi University - European Commission (DG EMPL) joint event on anti-poverty policies, this 2026 edition will focus on how the Strategy's goals can translate into concrete actions to prevent and address poverty.

The event will gather contributions from academia, policymakers, European Commission representatives, civil-society organisations and stakeholders. The discussions will focus in particular on the complex relationship between employment and poverty, from the opportunities of more effective labour-market activation to the risks of in-work poverty; and on affordability of key household expenditure items – such as housing.

9:30 - 10:00 am

Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 - 10:30 am

Welcome Remarks

- **Sylvie Goulard** Vice President, IEP Bocconi
- **Mario Nava** Director-General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

10:30 - 11:00 am

Keynote Speech

Irene Tinagli Chair of the Special Committee on the Housing Crisis, European Parliament

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

1st Panel. The Housing Affordability Crisis

moderated by **Seyda Canepa** NTV correspondent

Housing affordability is a growing challenge across Europe, with rising costs and limited supply pushing many households into financial strain. The EU Anti-Poverty Strategy recognizes housing as a critical factor in poverty prevention and social inclusion. This panel will examine how European policymakers can address the housing affordability crisis, focusing on policy interventions, innovative housing models, and the role of local authorities. Discussions will cover the impact of housing costs on vulnerable groups, the importance of social and affordable housing, and strategies to ensure access to adequate housing for all.

The panel will be followed by roundtable interventions focused on implementation perspectives and policy practices.

Presentations

- **Matthew Baldwin** Deputy Director-General, DG ENER, European Commission and Head of the Housing Task Force
- **Massimo Bricocoli** Dipartimento di Architettura e Studi Urbani, Politecnico di Milano
- **Marja Elsinga** Delft University of Technology and EU Housing Advisory Board

Roundtable interventions

- **Alessandro Balducci** President, Fondazione Housing Sociale
- **Sidney Costantini** UC Berkeley and Bocconi University
- **Griselda Fernández** Director, Barcelona's Public Housing Stock
- **Ulrike Neufang** Chair of the Social Protection Committee, EU EPSCO
- People experiencing housing exclusion, sharing their story and perspective

1:00 - 2:10 pm

Buffet Lunch

2:10 - 2:30pm

Spotlight on: Social Spending in the next MFF

Rosalba Famà IEP Bocconi and BLEST

2:30 - 4:30 pm

2nd Panel. Quality jobs and the protection against poverty

moderated by **Seyda Canepa** NTV correspondent

Today many people face poverty or risk falling into poverty because of their exclusion from the labour market. Yet, employment alone does not always guarantee a decent standard of living, as in-work poverty continues to affect a growing number of workers and families. Reflecting the priorities of the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy, this panel will explore how the EU supports employment as the most sustainable pathway out of poverty, with a particular attention to labour market inclusion, childcare, minimum wages, and support across the life cycle.

The panel will be followed by roundtable interventions focused on implementation perspectives and policy practices.

Data presentations

- **Olivier Bontout** Deputy Head of Unit, Social Policies, Child Guarantee, SPC, DG EMPL D1, European Commission
- **Pietro Galeone** Head of Labor and Social Policy Unit, IEP Bocconi
- **Giulia Giupponi** Professor, Bocconi University

Policy Roundtable

- **Davide Damiano** President, Confcooperative-Federsolidarietà Milano e dei Navigli
- **Romolo De Camillis** Director General for social development and poverty reduction measures, Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- **Emese Olah-Grecoiu** Vice-Mayor of Cluj-Napoca – Eurocities partner city
- People experiencing poverty sharing their story and perspective

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Closing Remarks. Next Steps for Academia, Policy and Stakeholders

- **Katarina Ivanković Knežević** Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG EMPL D, European Commission
- **Paloma Lopez-Garcia** Director, IEP Bocconi