

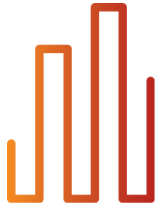
## Objectives of our workshop

Our workshop today will examine the current contribution of the Europe 2020 strategy to improving some key social outcomes (poverty, social exclusion, education...).

It will offer a platform:

- a) to evaluate the need to adopt and develop new strategies to stimulate inclusiveness and improve social cohesion; and
- b) to discuss the need to reform the current social protection systems and educational systems in the EU.

It will also explore how stakeholders should coordinate and cooperate to build a more inclusive and cohesive society.



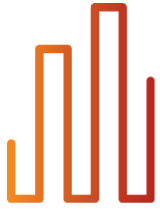
## 4 main sessions

*Assessing the EU Regulatory and Policy Framework on Poverty and Social Exclusion* (Fintan Farrell and Simona Giarratano)

*Stimulating Inclusive Societies through Education and Employment* (Paola Cammilli and Ides Nicaise)

*Reforming Current Social Protection Systems in the EU* (Sebastian Franco; Matteo Jessoula absent due to health problems)

*Promoting Better Conditions for Integration and Social Investment* (Séamus Boland, Bart Vanhercke and Ivan Ivanov)



## Housekeeping

Each session lasts for 1 hour: 30' speeches and 30' Q&A  
→ For the speakers: please stick strictly to the agreed timing – **15 minutes maximum** (many slides...)

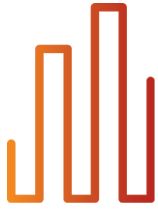
Each session is followed by coffee or lunch → Plenty of time to discuss, network...

Presentations' slides sent to participants after conference

Participants invited to attend the networking drink reception → 16.00 (bar of the hotel)

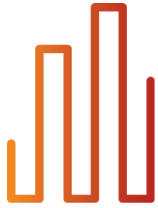
Evaluation forms

Badges are recycled (please leave them on the table or at the reception desk)



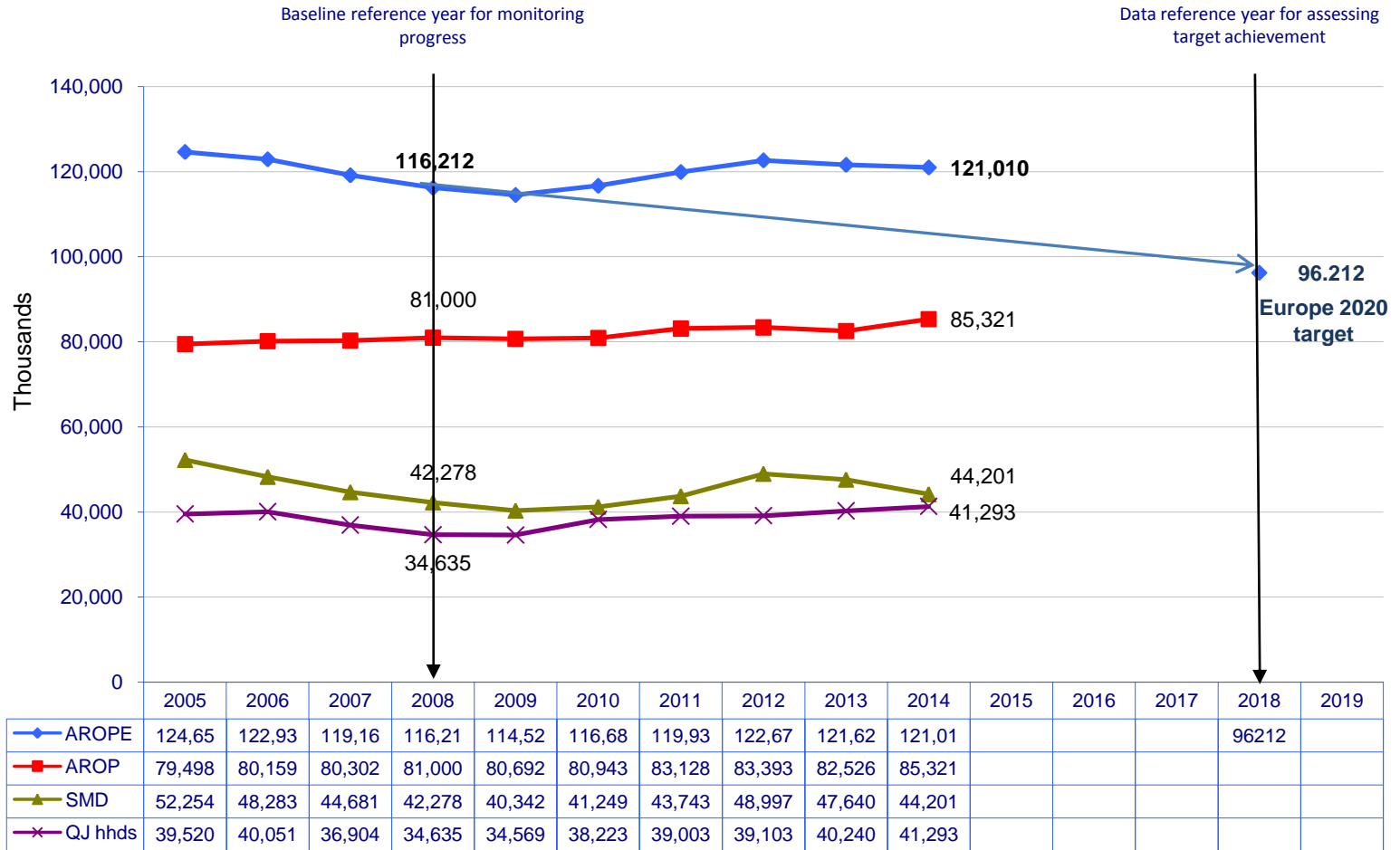
## EU social inclusion target

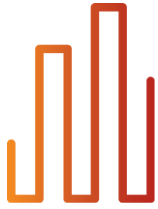
- EU social inclusion target (adopted in 2010; to be reached by 2020):
    - Reduce by at least 20 million the number of people in the EU who are at risk of poverty or social exclusion*
- Progress so far towards Europe 2020 SI target: very disappointing**



# Progress towards EU social incl. target (EU)

Source: EU-SILC (Eurostat, Dec 2015)



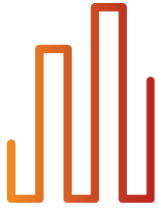


## MSs' actual ambitions are insufficient

- Adding up the MSs' national SI targets leads to a figure that is about **2/3 of the agreed EU target**
- Explicitly recognised by the EU Social Protection Committee:

*“(...) the individual poverty-reduction ambitions of the MSs sum to a figure much lower than the EU level commitment to reduce poverty and social exclusion by 20 million”*

(2014 Annual report of the EU SPC [issued in March 2015])



# Sum of EU countries' national social incl. targets about 2/3 of EU SI target (EU)

Source: EU-SILC (Eurostat, Dec 2015)

