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- SPPM: focus on change-no benchmarking, BUT identification of common EU and national challenges important progress (question: impact of social scoreboard?).
- Investment in statistical capacity (EU-SILC) starting 10 years ago is now really beginning to deliver (time series, changes in relation to contextual changes).
  - Slowly findings find their way in European Semester
  - BUT: social evidence base still far from fully reflected in policy process (as eg. reflected in CSRs) (relevance of policy theory remarks by Anton Hemerijck and others).

- Quality of indicators:
  - Timeliness: few indicators are timely-MIP scoreboard indicators also have time gap (further investments are going on- eg. nowcasting based on micro-simulation)
  - Quality: issue for many indicators, including Macroeconomic indicators
- At-risk-of-poverty
  - Central indicator-reflecting council definition of poverty and social exclusion
  - Not easy to interpret – but so are other indicators
  - Does what it is expected to do, but needs to be interpreted together with threshold (AROP increases in eg. EL en ES)