The Social Scoreboard revisited

- ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=17613&langId=en
- key findings
● Scoreboard, published April 2017, headline indicators plus supplementary indicators,
● relationship to other sets of indicators?
● what will it be used for, depends on what Social Pillar becomes, tools for assessing progress, for policy recommendations?
● what indicators are assessed against, depends on objective/standards
● objective of upward convergence? of reaching defined standards?
Foresaw possible substantial role,
we should contribute to making it as good as possible,
looked at and assessed indicators plus commentary, report in public domain in various forms for some months,
not a complete alternative, but a commentary with suggestions.
• some errors, some odd choices of time periods for comparison (very short, looks like getting better), some assessments of data we thought could be improved,

• much of it since improved, sometimes quite close to our comments,

• still would like more consistency in time period, more consistency in message, in standard.
Theme 2, gender gap

- Pick some themes
- gender equality in the labour market, No.2
- cannot measure as difference in employment rates,
- should take account of average number of actual hours worked
Hours worked EU 28

- Males
- Females
- gap
Theme 6 employment rate

- moved much closer together, drops claim ‘more people have jobs’, actually less 2015 against 2008 by 1.62 mn,
- we use a longer time period for comparison,
- EU28, average from very different trends.
Theme 8 employment compensation

- Good indicator of labour costs, shows divergences, not consistent narrowing,
- nominal levels mean little for whole EU, better to compare real levels,
- show real levels for countries instead of their all-EU nominal figures.
Real comp, 2005=100
Conclude

- What will it be used for?
- why not consistent time period for comparison wherever possible?
- what guiding questions? Include upward convergence?
- many other areas could be considered, without having too much.