

# Event Speaker Biography



## Dragoș Pîslaru

Dragoș Pîslaru is a Romanian economist and former Labour and Social Affairs Minister in the 2016 government.

He is a member of the European Parliament since 2019 on behalf of REPER, affiliated to the European political family Renew Europe and Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

He was the co-rapporteur of the Technical Support Instrument, the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) and REPowerEU. During the negotiations on the RRF, the largest financial instrument created by the European Union for the economic recovery of the Union after the pandemic he pushed for the creation of the social and children & youth pillar.

As Chair of the EMPL Committee, Mr Pîslaru has spearheaded efforts to address pressing social and employment challenges facing the European Union. His leadership has been instrumental in fostering dialogue among MEPs, policymakers, and stakeholders to develop policies that prioritize children and youth, skills development, job creation and social inclusion.

Dragoș holds an MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a PhD in Economics from the National Institute of Economic Research, within the Romanian Academy.

Mr Pîslaru has been named in 2024 in top 5 most influential MEPs on social affairs according the EU Matrix and the most influential MEP on economic policies in 2020, according to VoteWatch.eu.