This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Estonia published on 20/04/2022. It is not exhaustive nor does it evaluate the NAP and uses the same terms as those in the NAP. It is intended to summarise key elements & to signpost stakeholders to other relevant analyses.

### Children in need

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<td>Children at risk of poverty and social exclusion</td>
<td>17.4% of children 0-17 (46,000 children approx.) 14.7% of Estonian children lived in a single-parent household in 2020.</td>
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<td>Minors in a situation of severe housing deprivation</td>
<td>3.3% (2019) 7.2% of children aged 0-17 lived with unemployed family members (2020)</td>
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<td>Children with disabilities</td>
<td>10,125 children with disabilities (3.9% of total) in 2020. 18.7% of which live at risk of poverty.</td>
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<td>Minors with mental health problems (prior to pandemic)</td>
<td>51% of 12 year-olds reported low mental health in 2019.</td>
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<td>Children in alternative care</td>
<td>800 in substitute and family houses (2020); 145 children in foster care and 1332 under guardianship.</td>
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<td>Minorities</td>
<td>22.8% of Russian speaking children live at risk of poverty (2019)</td>
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### Planned key services and actions

- Development of parental education, training and support services.
- Supporting children with mental health problems.
- Cross-sectoral cooperation to improve assistance for the children in need.
- Develop child protection systems to prevent child abuse and improve support to abused children.
- Ensure opportunities for children in alternative care to grow up in a family instead of institutions, needs-based support for young care leavers and high quality of alternative and continued care.
- Developing the network of educational institutions and improving access to education by target groups.

### Stakeholder Engagement

It is planned to involve different parties in the different stages of the NAP (preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation): Ministries and government agencies, local governments, education institutions (not in the preparation), CSOs, children and young people, ambassadors of the Union for the Child Welfare.

### Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Use of existing surveys and databases, plus additional ad hoc surveys in 2022:
- On children’s mental health
- On household profiles
- On poverty alleviation of children growing up in single parent households

Additional mapping according to the needs.

### Designated Funding

The total cost of the activities is estimated to be approximately 42 million.

European funds allocated will come from ESF+.

### Eurochild resources

- Data Care Country Overview
- Country profile - Children arriving from Ukraine (jointly with UNICEF ECARO)

### Read the full NAP