

Estonia - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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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

Children at risk of poverty and social exclusion	17,4 % of children 0-17 (46,000 children approx.) 14.7% of Estonian children lived in a single-parent household in 2020.
Minors in a situation of severe housing deprivation	3,3% (2019) 7.2% of children aged 0-17 lived with unemployed family members (2020)
Children with disabilities	10,125 children with disabilities (3.9% of total) in 2020. 18.7% of which live at risk of poverty.
Minors with mental health problems (prior to pandemic)	51% of 12 year-olds reported low mental health in 2019.
Children in alternative care	800 in substitute and family houses (2020); 145 children in foster care and 1332 under guardianship.
Minorities	22.8% of Russian speaking children live at risk of poverty (2019)

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.

Designated Funding

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

European funds allocated will come from ESF+.

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.

Eurochild resources

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

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.

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