

# Belgium - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Belgium published on 06/05/2022. 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 (AROPE)	23.0%
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\* The NAP underlines the scarcity of information on specific groups of vulnerable children in the federated entities.

The federal government and the federated entities have decided **not to target specific groups of vulnerable children with specific measures**. Measures are generally taken for all children living in poverty. However, federated entities might orient some actions towards particular groups, but it won't be the general way of proceeding.

## Planned key services and actions \*

- **Early Childhood Education and Care and education:** remove (non-)financial access barriers; support children with learning difficulties; prioritise access to vulnerable children when needed; provide teaching materials and digital resources.
- **Health care:** early detection and treatment of illnesses and developmental issues, including mental health.
- **Nutrition:** ensure at least one healthy meal each day, also outside school days.
- **Housing:** prioritise children and families in need; ensure quick transition from temporary to permanent housing.
- **Children in Alternative Care:** take into account the best interests of the child and individual needs when placing children in institutions or foster families; ensure the transition of children from institutional care to quality community/family care.

## Designated Funding

- European school fruit, vegetable and milk scheme.
- Funds for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) support actions to provide food aid and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived.
- Some funds from the recovery plan for Europe will be allocated to promote digital inclusion in education.

\* Each federated entity sets out concrete actions according to its competences. This is a non-exhaustive list that outlines the broad action areas from the NAP.

## Stakeholder Engagement

- Participation of Commission nationale des droits de l'enfant (CNDE - platform with +90 children's rights actors ) in the working group.
- Bilateral discussions were held with Caritas Belgium, Eurochild, the Child Rights Coalition and VBJK.
- Further civil society consultation through the Belgian Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion

## Eurochild resources

- [Data Care Country Overview](#)

## Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Monitoring will be done on the basis of AROPE and a sub-set of indicators, based on available datasets across the EU. Additional relevant national indicators will also need to be developed as the Child Guarantee plan is implemented. The Belgian Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion will be involved.

## Read the full NAP



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