

Greece - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Greece published on 21/09/2022. 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	32%
Homeless minors	No data available
Unaccompanied minors	2,010 est., (1,896 in shelters)
Children with disabilities	18,607 children beneficiaries of disability allowances
Children with a migration background	44,500 refugee and migrant children
Minors with mental health problems	15.2% of children have anxiety at least once a week. 7,1% of 15-17 yrs. reported at least 1 symptom of poor mental health
Children in alternative care	1,477 children who are staying in a total of ninety-four (94) child protection structures
Roma children	40,421
Children victims of domestic violence	884 reports in 2021
Children with imprisoned parents	14,650 (est.)



Planned key services and actions

- Extension of the national neonatal screening program
- Mental health support activities for children and adolescents
- Refugee and migrant children integration support in education
- Health support programs for children from Roma settlements, refugee accommodation facilities, etc.
- Creation of a social/affordable housing network
- Financial Support Program for access to preschool care
- Creation of at least 50,000 new early care facilities in existing facilities for infants and toddlers from 2 months to 2.5 years
- Actions supporting attendance of children from vulnerable groups at the two-year compulsory preschool education
- Strengthening professional foster care & support services at municipal and community level
- Transfer of 200 adolescents and young adults from child protection structures to Semi-Independent Living apartments
- Transition from closed care institutions to community care

Designated Funding

**Greece is one the EU Member States bound for 5% earmarking of the ESF+ for lifting Children out of poverty.*

- EU funding from*: Recovery & Resilience Facility; ESF+ (regional programmes & Social Cohesion); DG Reform-Technical Support Instrument funding
- National: Public Expenditure
- Other: Council of Europe

** Tbc after approval of Partnership Agreement 2021-27.*

Stakeholder Engagement

- National Network with all actors involved in the field of child protection, including **CSO**, to participate in preparing, implementing and monitoring the NAP.
- **Children** were involved through
 - an open event on the Child Guarantee
 - an online questionnaire prepared by UNICEF & the Ombudsman for Children
 - focus groups (12-17 yrs old) with particularly vulnerable children.

Eurochild resources

- [Country Report from our Child Guarantee Task Force](#)
- [Data Care Country Overview](#)
- [Country profile](#) - Children arriving from Ukraine (jointly with UNICEF ECARO)

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

A special digital electronic database will be populated with up-to-date data (infohub) by the certified bodies of the Network across the country. Indicators include AROPE, Roma children at risk of poverty, gap in participation of AROPE children in <3 years formal education, number of Early Intervention programmes for Children with Disabilities, number of children living in residential care, among others.

Read the full NAP

