

Ireland - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Ireland published on 08.06.2022. 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	16.9% (2020)
Children in consistent poverty*	8% (2020)
Children assessed as having a housing need	24,646 households
Children with disabilities	75,063 (2020)
Minors with a migration background	16% of parents in 2016 had a non-Irish background
Minors with mental health problems (prior to pandemic)	506 children were admitted to Psychiatric Hospitals/ Units in 2016
Children using emergency accommodation	2,563
Traveller and Roma Children	15,387 Traveller children (<19). 10,835 Traveller/Roma in primary school; 3,437 in post primary education



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*The data provided by the NAP is not the latest available. See latest figures [here](#) (by Child Rights Alliance)

*see definition in the NAP.

Planned key services and actions

- Reinforce the integration of students with special educational needs in mainstream education and address **educational disadvantage** at school level through the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS).
- **Digital Strategy** to further embed the use of digital technologies in teaching, learning and assessment.
- **Phasing out of segregated Traveller education** provision.
- Double investment in **Early Learning and Care (ELC)** and School Aged Care (SAC) to at least €1bn by 2028.
- Fund the **School Meals** Programme for the provision of food to some 1,500 schools and organisations.
- Develop further supported emergency accommodation for families and individuals experiencing **homelessness** and provide enhanced tenancy sustainment supports to families experiencing long-term homelessness.
- Development of a **local child poverty action plan**.

Designated Funding

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

There are a small number of projects currently being considered for funding under ESF+ (such as pilot local child poverty action plans) with a degree of overlap with the Child Guarantee. As a new policy framework for children progresses, potential new ESF+ (and other sources) projects may emerge.

Stakeholder Engagement

- 21 CSOs through an online open consultation + consultations with experts.
- Planned participation/consultation of children and young people going further (as part of the new policy framework for children).

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- [First Years First Priority Country Profile](#)
- [Country Report from our Child Guarantee Taskforce](#)
- [DataCare Country Overview](#)

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

A new approach to monitoring and evaluation will be advanced, including a revision of the already existing comprehensive indicator set of *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures*. Data associated with the State of the Nation's Children, EU-SILC and research under the Poverty Research Programme will also be used. DG REFORM and the OECD are supporting this revision.

Read the full NAP

