

Bulgaria - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Bulgaria published on 05/12/2022. 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	33% (AROPE)
Households with 3+ children at risk of poverty	49.3%
Children from Ukraine (as of 08/2022)	47,890; of which 516 unaccompanied
Homeless minors	652 children*
Children in precarious family situations	516 reports (337 about abuse) as of 06/2022
Children with disabilities	28,080
Minors with a migrant background	3,112 from non-EU countries 2,504 protection seekers (1,514 unaccompanied)
Children with mental health problems	11.2% of children aged 10-19 years (UNICEF estimates)
Children in alternative care (as of 05/2022)	5,902 in family-based care; 2,779 in Centres for Family-type Accommodation
Roma children	Identified without data

* Defined in the NAP as children "without an established identity and place of residence, who have been caught in vagrancy, begging, prostitution, drug abuse (...)"

Planned key services and actions

- **Early Childhood Education and Care:** expand the network of services and home-visiting care and its connections with other social systems; support for children with learning difficulties.
- **Education:** Improve referral & admission of migrant children; promote desegregation; support children with learning difficulties; fight bullying and violence
- **Health:** day psychiatric care, mental health community care and counselling for parents; improve access for children with disabilities and chronic diseases and migrant children.
- **Nutrition:** support (voucher/card) vulnerable families with children; free lunch for children from disadvantaged families.
- **Housing:** housing strategy; improve accommodation for migrant children; support to Roma, migrant and children with disabilities.
- **Children in Alternative Care:** support young care leavers and develop the scope of foster care.
- **Other:** Digital inclusion (especially in rural areas or children with disabilities).

Designated Funding

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

EU funding (2021-2027):

- Education Programme – BGN 198,829,711;
- Human Resources Development Programme – BGN 81,281,936;
- Regional Development Programme – BGN 897,517,471.79;
- Food and Basic Material Assistance Programme – BGN 13,140,000;
- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

National funding: quantities not specified

Stakeholder Engagement

Child participation:

- three groups of young people from Burgas, Stara Zagora and Sliven conducted research in their communities on selected important issues within the scope of the European Child Guarantee
- Three national consultations were held through the U-Report application in 2021 attended by more than 200 young people aged between 14 and 29 years from the entire country.
- The action plan was discussed within the Children's Council to the State Agency for Child Protection

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- [First Years First Priority Country Profile](#)
- [Country Report from our Child Guarantee Task Force](#)
- [Data Care Country Overview](#)

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

A monitoring framework with targets, indicators and baselines is provided in the NAP (Annex 1). Data will be collected annually and through various sources: NSI, Eurostat, OECD, NCPHA, etc.

Read the full NAP



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