

# Malta - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Malta published on 14/06/2022. 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 and social exclusion	22.6%
Children living in out-of-home care	510 children
Children living in a single-parent household	51.5% (8,154)
Minors in a situation of severe housing hardship	2.3%
Children in households with low-work intensity	5.4%
Children experiencing material and social deprivation	10.3% (7.1% experience severe deprivation)
Migrant children	Identified without data
Children with mental health problems	Identified without data

\*Further information on stakeholder engagement can be found in this [report](#) prepared by [Malta Children's Association Network](#) (Malta CAN) and [Children's Rights Observatory Malta](#) (CROM)



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## Planned key services and actions

- **Tax reductions or lump sums (100€-300€)** to parents who involve their children in sports, artistic or cultural activities.
- Extending **free childcare service to all children**, regardless of whether or not their parents work.
- Improve the quality of services offered by childcare centers.
- **Distribution of a set of books each year** to all the primary school children.
- Extend the **one-tablet-per-child initiative** and distribute a new laptop to every student in their seventh.
- Offer **free basic internet service to all primary and secondary school students** from families earning €14,300 or less.
- Extend the **Scheme 9** initiative to allow children to benefit from more than one service at a time.
- **Ongoing measures** on accessible and inclusive education, family support, preventing school drop-out, healthy habits and early prevention and detection of diseases and housing.

## Designated Funding

The amount of **ESF+** allocated to tackle child poverty will only be known once the ESF+ Operational Programme is finalized.

For the period 2022-2027, **Government** has allocated a total of €145 million for the Child Guarantee to strengthen its commitment of equal opportunities among children.

## Stakeholder Engagement\*

- Consultations with the relevant **ministries**.
- Consultation event with all **stakeholders** related to childhood during the third quarter of 2021 as part of the pre-consultation process of Malta's Social Vision 2035.
- Focus group with **children** to obtain direct detailed input and feedback from them.

## Eurochild resources

- [Data Care Country Overview](#)
- [\(In\)visible Children Country Report](#)
- [Children's voices are key for a vision of children as equal collaborators in policies concerning them](#)

## Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The Action Plan will be monitored bi-annually on the basis of the existing sub-set of indicators: "*children in 'precarious family situations (economic fragility)'*", which includes AROPE children living in a single parent household & children living in low-income households.

## Read the full NAP

