# **Slovenia - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview**

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Slovenia published on 26/04/2023. 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	11%, 43.000 children
Children of Ukraine	N/A
Homeless minors or minors in a situation of severe housing hardship	N/A
Children with special needs	178 in training, work and care centres and around 300 in specialised training centres
Minors with at least one parent born outside the EU	12,5%
Minors with mental health problems	Identified without data
Children in alternative care facilities	783 children in foster care and 578 persons in the foster carer system
National minorities, particularly Roma	Identified without data
Children living in single-parent families	10,1%



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## Planned key services and actions

Early Childhood Education and Care: Reduction of kindergarten fees

**Education:** Further inclusion of Roma children, greater attention to the individuality of pupils, introduction of Slovenian sign language, equal access to (extra-)curricular activities and a digitalisation of education **Healthcare:** Setting up a preventive health care programme, strengthening mental health, upgrading care services

**Nutrition:** Improving the quality of nutrition and raising awareness on healthy nutrition, restricting the marketing of unhealthy foods

**Housing:** Providing additional housing units under the Housing First system

**Children in Alternative Care:** Promoting deinstitutionalisation strategies and upgrading the professional support for foster carers **Other:** Strengthening safeguarding factors in families,

establishing a systemic form of accommodation for unaccompanied minors, increasing social inclusion programs for vulnerable children and families

### **Designated Funding**

**European**: European Cohesion Policy 2021-2027, Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Regional Development Fund **National**: The NAP offers concrete funding plans for all measures, which are part of the ministerial budgets that are responsible for the measure.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

A consultative group was established, which includes representatives of nongovernmental organisations, the Family Initiative, the Slovenian Foundation for UNICEF, the Network for Children's Rights , the Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia and the National Institute of Public Health.

During the drafting of the NAP, 37 children from all over Slovenia aged between 12 and 15 years were consulted.

#### **Eurochild resources**

- Data Care Country
  Overview
- <u>First Years First Priority</u> Country profile
- <u>(In)visible Children Country</u> <u>Report</u>

## Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

A national framework for data collection and indicators for the monitoring of the implementation of the Child Guarantee National Action Plan will be set up, which will also define children's participation and a financial framework for monitoring implementation.

## **Read the full NAP**

