# Lithuania - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Lithuania published on 30/06/2023. 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.

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Children at risk of poverty	17,8%
Children of Ukraine	1,006 children in temporary foster care from Ukraine
Homeless minors or minors in a situation of severe housing hardship	8%, approximately 38,000
Children with disabilities or specialized needs	24,692
Minors with a migration background	4,543 Immigrant children and 1,047 emigrant children
Minors with mental health problems	Identified without data
Children in alternative care	6,939 children without parental care; 132,501 in institutions
National minorities	31,502, thereof 1,036 Roma children
Children from families under social care	11,479 families with 20,138 children
Minors in prisons	17



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### Planned key services and actions

Early Childhood Education and Care: Providing care services focused on families with risk factors Education: Support for purchasing school supplies, additional benefits for children in general education Healthcare: Providing more information and services for children with disabilities, enhance mental health, promote psychological resilience, develop healthy lifestyles, ensure availability of vaccinations Nutrition: Improving the legal regulation of free school meals for pupils

Housing: More favourable conditions to rent social housing, increasing subsidies, improving living environment for children with disabilities Children in Alternative Care: Increase and differentiate the foster care allowances, strengthening of Foster Care Centres' activities Other: Organising after-school activities, also for Roma children and children in migration, increasing monthly allowances for children, free positive parenting consultations.

### **Designated Funding**

- 8,7% of **ESF+ Funds** (98,98 million EUR) are allocated to the implementation of the NAP
- EU funds' investment programme for 2021-2027

#### **Stakeholder Engagement**

Interviews and consultations with stakeholders from different institutions, bodies and organisations have been held.

#### A Children's Council,

composed of 15 children aged 10-16 has worked together with experts to analyse relevant topics and provide feedback on the planned measures.

## Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

#### A Child Welfare Council,

composed of governmental institutions, NGOs and children has been established that are reviewing the implementation of the NAP every six months.

#### Indicators include:

- Number of children in temporary and permanent foster care
- Children with special educational needs
- The level of reading ability
- Children receiving pre-school education

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- Data Care Country
  Overview
- <u>Country profile Children</u> <u>arriving from Ukraine</u> (jointly with UNICEF ECARO)