

Latvia - Child Guarantee National Action Plan Overview

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This overview presents highlights extracted from the National Action Plan (NAP) from Latvia. 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*	
Families with a large number (3 or more) of children	15 500 families
Families caring for children with disabilities	In 2022, 8 988 children with disabilities were registered
Children deprived of parental care	In 2022, 5 798 children were in care outside the family
Children victims of unlawful acts receiving a social rehabilitation service	In 2022, 1700 children received such service
Ukrainian children	8 928 Ukrainian refugees aged between 5 and 18 are registered in Latvia

* In accordance with the Latvian Law on the Protection of Children's Rights, ECG target groups have not been clearly identified



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Planned key services and actions

Material support for families with children: Social insurance (maternity and paternity benefit, sickness benefit); State social benefits and remuneration (State family allowance; Childcare allowance, Allowance and remuneration for raising a child under guardianship, Disabled childcare allowance...); Assistance provided by municipalities (minimum income threshold; housing allowance, payment of certain expenditure, assistance in crisis situation); Tax relief

High-quality and Inclusive Education: Early education programmes; Admission priority to orphans and children deprived of parental care; Project to reduce school drop-out; Competency-based curriculum approach project; Municipal pedagogical-medical commissions; Programme "Milk and fruit for school"; Purchase of resources, tools and equipment; Subsidised or free transport for certain categories of children; Free school

Free healthcare: Free access to healthcare; Full or Partial reimbursement of medicines; Individual rehabilitation plan; Accessible information; Centre for Disease Prevention and Control; School scheme to promote healthy habits; long-term policy to promote healthy nutrition for children

Adequate housing: Various assistances in resolving housing issues; social housing availability; Temporary accommodation; repair assistance of residential premises or housing; Municipal assistance with the purchase or construction of residential properties

Out-of-family care: Precedence of family-like environment; State financial assistance; Continued support for young people deprived of family care until age 24

Designated Funding

European: ERDF, FEAMD; ESF, SIF, EAGF

National: Resources from Ministries involved

Stakeholder Engagement

National and local authorities, along with NGOs such as the Latvian Children's Welfare Network (CWN), were involved in identifying children in need.

Representatives of the CWN have attended meetings with Child Guarantee Coordinator.

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Statistics are provided by Ministries involved and The Central Statistical Bureau

The Children's Cooperation Council guarantees implementation of the European Child Guarantee.

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