



Implementation of the European Child Guarantee

The flagship technical support request

This flagship project aims at supporting Member States to implement the Council Recommendation establishing a European Child Guarantee. It offers technical support to implement actions and policies, which prevent and combat child poverty and social exclusion. Technical support can be used to complement other funding instruments such as the ESF+ or the ERDF. The target group are children at risk of poverty or social exclusion, with special attention paid to those experiencing specific disadvantages: homeless children or children experiencing severe housing deprivation, children with a migrant background or minority ethnic origin, children with disabilities, children with mental health issues, children in alternative, especially institutional, care, and children in precarious family situations.

The child guarantee at a glance

Health and social services



Member States should guarantee effective access for children to key services, including:

- Adequate housing
- Free healthcare
- Healthy nutrition

Education



- Free early childhood education and care
- Free education and school-based activities
- At least one free healthy meal each school day

Nearly 18 million children are at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the European Union

Fact 1: In a majority of EU Member States, the risk of poverty or social exclusion is higher for children than among the total population.

Fact 2: In 2019, 22.2% (nearly 18 million) of children lived in households at risk of poverty or social exclusion, compared to 20.9% of the total population.

Fact 3: Inadequate education and poor health make children more likely to drop out of school. As adults, they are more likely to be (long-term) unemployed and to experience poverty, because of reduced job opportunities and earnings.

IMPACT OBJECTIVES:

✓ Ensuring equal opportunities for children, and in particular those who experience social exclusion due to poverty or other forms of disadvantage.

✓ Contribute to equality and fairness in society and to strengthening the Social Europe.

REDUCE



CHILD
POVERTY



WHAT TYPES OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT?

This flagship presents indicatively a series of technical support measures, which could facilitate the implementation of the Child Guarantee

Assessment of the state of play on access to key services

Review and development of legislative and policy frameworks

Stimulating stakeholders involvement

Design & implementation of specific services and policy measures

Design of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools

Capacity Building

EXAMPLES OF PAST/ON-GOING TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROJECTS

Health and social services

- ➔ Review of the legal framework for family support and protection
- ➔ Reform of the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) framework for children with disability
- ➔ Improving the friendliness of the justice system for children// Barnahus
- ➔ Housing first: Pilot-test and implement innovative approaches to combat homelessness
- ➔ Improving the existing system of substitute care for children

Education

- ➔ Setting up a National quality framework on early childhood education and care
- ➔ Establishment of an Early Warning System to identify and track students at risk of drop-out, early leavers, and out-of-school children.
- ➔ Implementation of a comprehensive, innovative and tested approach to learning in some schools located in deprived areas, based on activities involving local authorities and parents.
- ➔ Reform of the education system, including new legislation, in order to render it more inclusive.