

Principle 11: Childcare and Support to Children

A European Child Guarantee



“ Children have the right to affordable early childhood education and care of good quality. Children have the right to protection from poverty. Children from disadvantaged backgrounds have the right to specific measures... ”

1 What are the demands of Social Platform & its Members?

Establish a **monitoring and reporting framework** to feed into the Social Pillar Action Plan and the European Semester;

Introduce a **European target for child poverty reduction as part of principle 11**, in line with the Sustainable Development Goal targets to alleviate extreme poverty and half child poverty by 2030;

Monitor the **Child Guarantee national strategies and action plans** against this target.



2 Why do we make these demands?

Children are at higher risk of poverty and social exclusion than the general population (24.3% versus 21.9%);

In 2018, 23 million children in the European Union were at risk of poverty or social exclusion;

The COVID-19 pandemic is contributing to growing socio-economic inequalities;

Children from disadvantaged backgrounds or in vulnerable situations are especially at risk of falling into poverty.

3 How should they be implemented at EU level?

The Child Guarantee needs to be adopted in early 2021 and adequate resources have to be allocated;

All children must have access to affordable quality services;

Children must have the right to participate, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds and those in vulnerable situations.

Our chapter on principle 11 also includes recommendations on the use of investment from the ESF+ to improve the quality & accessibility of early childhood education & care systems & the development of an EU strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse. Read more in our **full paper**.



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