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.

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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](#).