



Child Guarantee Monitoring

Group Meeting

29 November - Online

EURODIACONIA CHILD GUARANTEE MONITORING GROUP MEETING



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The Child Guarantee Monitoring Group is a working group of Eurodiaconia members working with children from disadvantaged backgrounds or who are interested in child poverty. The group serves as a vehicle to monitor the implementation of the European Child Guarantee at national level. It also works as a capacity-building instance for members and an opportunity for peer learning and experience exchanges.

In past meetings of the Monitoring Group we have looked into the general state of play of the Child Guarantee implementation, and we have addressed, in particular, two of its pillars: access to free early childhood education and care, and access to free education. Following the same rationale, the next online meeting of the group will focus on two other pillars of the Guarantee: access to free healthcare and healthy nutrition.

Childhood poverty is a strong determinant of health, as growing up in poverty directly impacts the wellbeing of children and young people. For a fair start in life, equal opportunities for all children, and in particular those who experience social exclusion due to poverty or other forms of disadvantages, effective access to health care and healthy nutrition are crucial. Children living and growing up in poverty and low-income households are more likely to experience many negative health and social consequences during childhood and into adulthood (non-communicable diseases such as obesity, mental health, socio-cognitive development, plus a wide range of environmental and respiratory diseases, such as asthma and infections). Only by ensuring that children can make use of timely, universal and high-quality preventive and curative health systems, have access to mental health and psychosocial wellbeing support, and benefit from health-promoting environments and healthy diets at home or in educational settings, their future can be secured.

The meeting will take place online the 29 of November at 10:00 am, and it will be co-organised jointly by Eurodiaconia and EuroHealthNet, a European partnership for improving health, equity and well-being. The meeting will welcome participation from the members of Eurodiaconia, EuroHealthNet and other national members of the EU Alliance for Investing in Children.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Bring together different multisectoral stakeholders involved in the implementation and monitoring of the European Child Guarantee and the policies covered by its pillars (here: healthcare and healthy nutrition), or working with children in vulnerable situations at national level in the context of the health and nutrition provision,
- Facilitate discussions and exchanges around the Guarantee's implementation through general frameworks of the National Action Plans, as well as concrete projects included in the action plans with a focus on access to healthcare and healthy nutrition,
- Build up capacity for multisectoral collaboration at the national level and support functional network of policy and practice stakeholders around issues of healthcare and healthy nutrition.

By organising an online exchange session, the organisers – Eurodiaconia and EuroHealthNet – intend to foster greater collaboration, generate opportunities for national and transnational alliances, and help participants gain insights regarding the state of access to healthcare and healthy nutrition for children in different countries, with a focus on children in vulnerable situations. It can further improve policy and practice in these fields, and enhance participatory processes to better meet the needs of end beneficiaries – children in vulnerable situations such as living in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion across the EU Member states.

Ultimately, the exchanges of this meeting will serve as a feedback material for the elaboration of a Child Guarantee's implementation report by Eurodiaconia, aiming to influence the European Commission's review of the European Child Guarantee implementation. Reach out to the European Parliament Working Group on Child Guarantee and the European Commission's Network of National Child Guarantee Coordinators will be sought.

AGENDA	
10:00	<p>Welcome & Tour de table By Eurodiaconia</p>
10:15	<p>Updates on the Child Guarantee and EU developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of play in a nutshell, where are we now and what's ahead? • Have you been involved in any (new) actions related to the Child Guarantee implementation?
10:30	<p><i>European Child Guarantee's pillars: Access to healthcare and healthy nutrition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance, state of play, and contribution from public health sector – Presentation by Dorota Sienkiewicz, EuroHealthNet <p>Q&A</p>
11:15	<p>Break-out groups: (1) access to healthcare & (2) healthy nutrition at the national level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practices and emerging approaches at the national level – Presentation by invited EuroHealthNet members (1-2 MS) • Moderated discussions and exchanges in smaller thematic groups where everybody will have a chance to contribute and build connections. • The aim will be to further the work around policy and practice on these topics in the context of the Child Guarantee, identify opportunities, gaps, and break challenges in a more coordinated manner. <p>Speakers: MS example on access to healthcare, MS example on access to healthy nutrition (tbc)</p>
11:45	<p>Report back from break-out groups & plenary reflections</p>
12:00	<p>Conclusions and next steps By Eurodiaconia & EuroHealthNet</p>



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