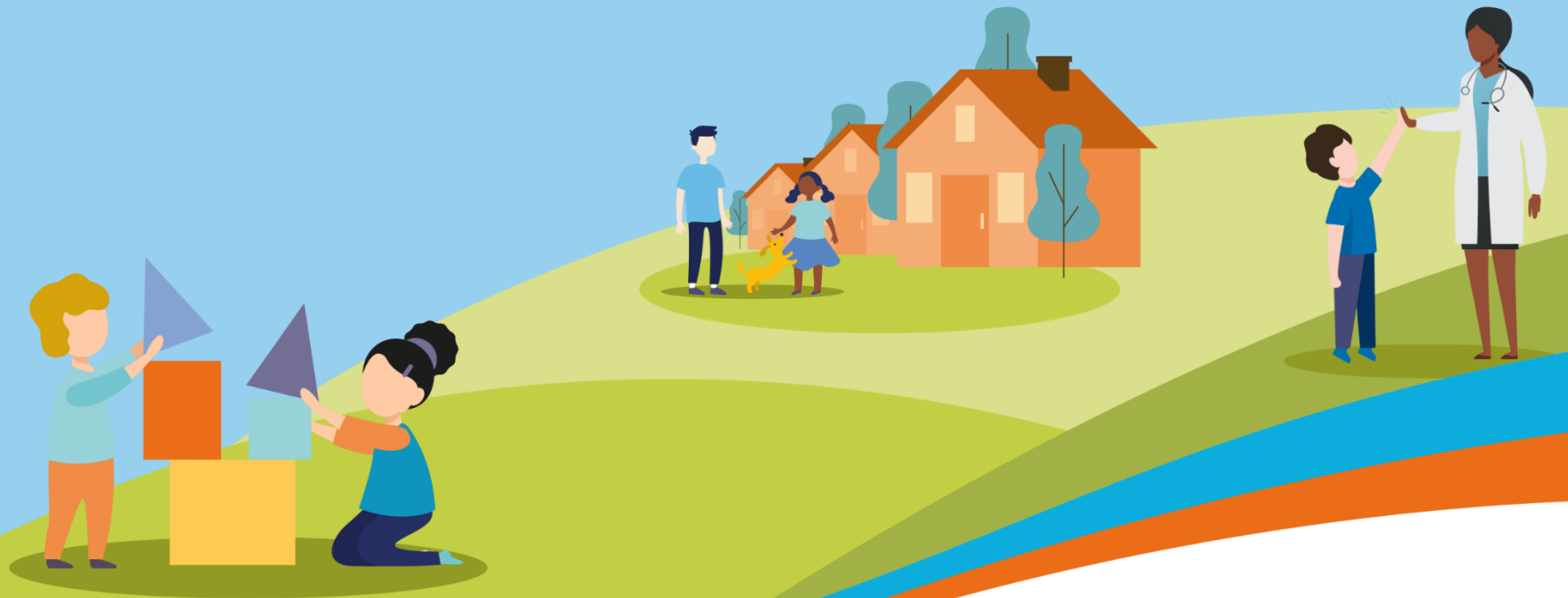
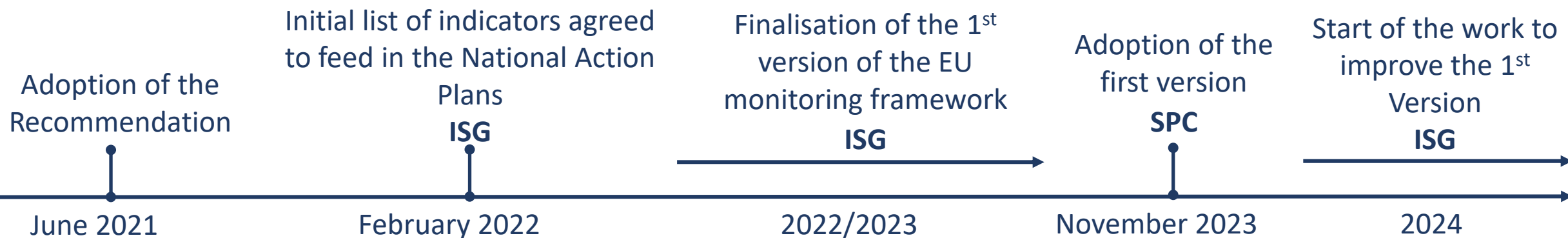


European Child Guarantee EU Monitoring framework



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In line with the Recommendation, the **Social Protection Committee (SPC)** endorsed the **EU monitoring framework**, developed by its Indicators' Sub-Group (ISG), in **November 2023**



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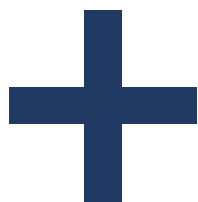
- Assess the implementation at the EU level (it should complement monitoring of measures at the national level)
- Feed in the national monitoring reports due in March 2024
- Identify good practices and foster mutual learning

A framework composed of EU and National* indicators building on data from Eurostat (complemented by other sources) and divided in 7 sections

6 sections monitoring their access to the key services identified in the Recommendation:

1 section

monitoring the number and situation of children in need**, the target group



early childhood education and care (ECEC)



education and school-based activities



at least one healthy meal each school day



healthcare



healthy nutrition



adequate housing

*EU/National indicators: a distinction between indicators agreed and used by the ISG, especially in the [Portfolio of EU Social Indicators](#).

EU indicators are indicators with a high level of reliability and comparability allowing to conduct *comparative* assessment of Member States' social performance, while national indicators benefit from a lower level of reliability and comparability, and are based on commonly agreed definitions and assumptions providing key information on their social performance

**children in need: persons under the age of 18 years who are at risk of poverty or social exclusion (AROPE)

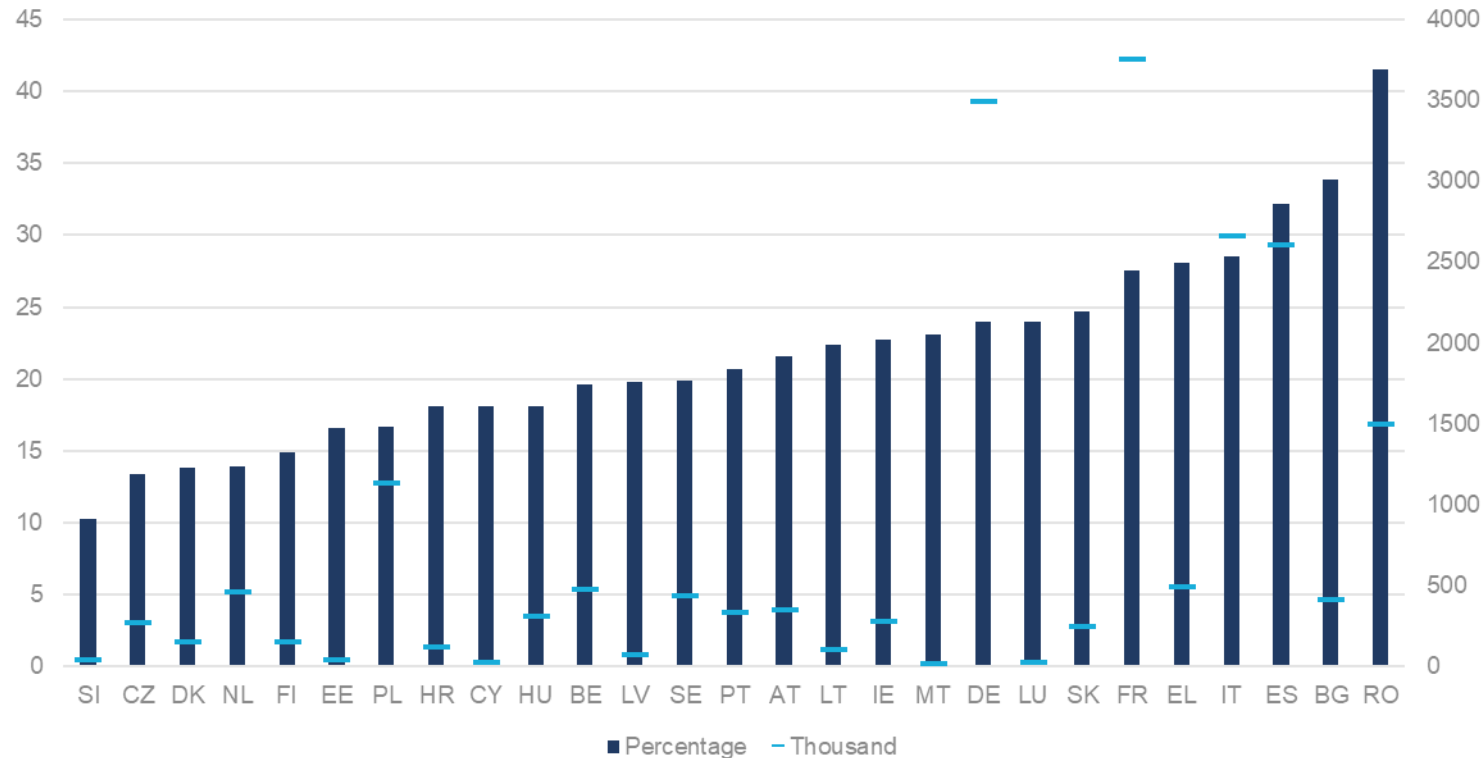
Monitoring of the number and the situation of children in need

Indicator	Type	Source	Reliability*
Children AROPE: number and share	EU	Eurobase	✓
Share of children AROPE, by components	EU	Eurobase	✓
Relative median at-risk-of-poverty gap for children	EU	Eurobase	✓
Share of children (<16) with limitations due to health problems	EU	Eurobase	✓
Share of children AROPE with at least one parent born outside the EU/living in a single-parent household/who have at least one parent with a disability	EU	Eurostat	✓
Number of children in alternative care, broken down by care type; and share of children in residential care out of the number of children in alternative care	National	DataCare/figures checked and updated by the ISG	✓

* ✓ : reliable figures available for all Member States / ✓ : reliable figures available for most Member States

Monitoring of the number and the situation of children in need





Children AROPE: number (rhs) and share (lhs), 2022 data



In the EU, nearly 1 child out of 4 is at risk of poverty or social exclusion (EU AROPE rate for children in 2022: 24.7%)

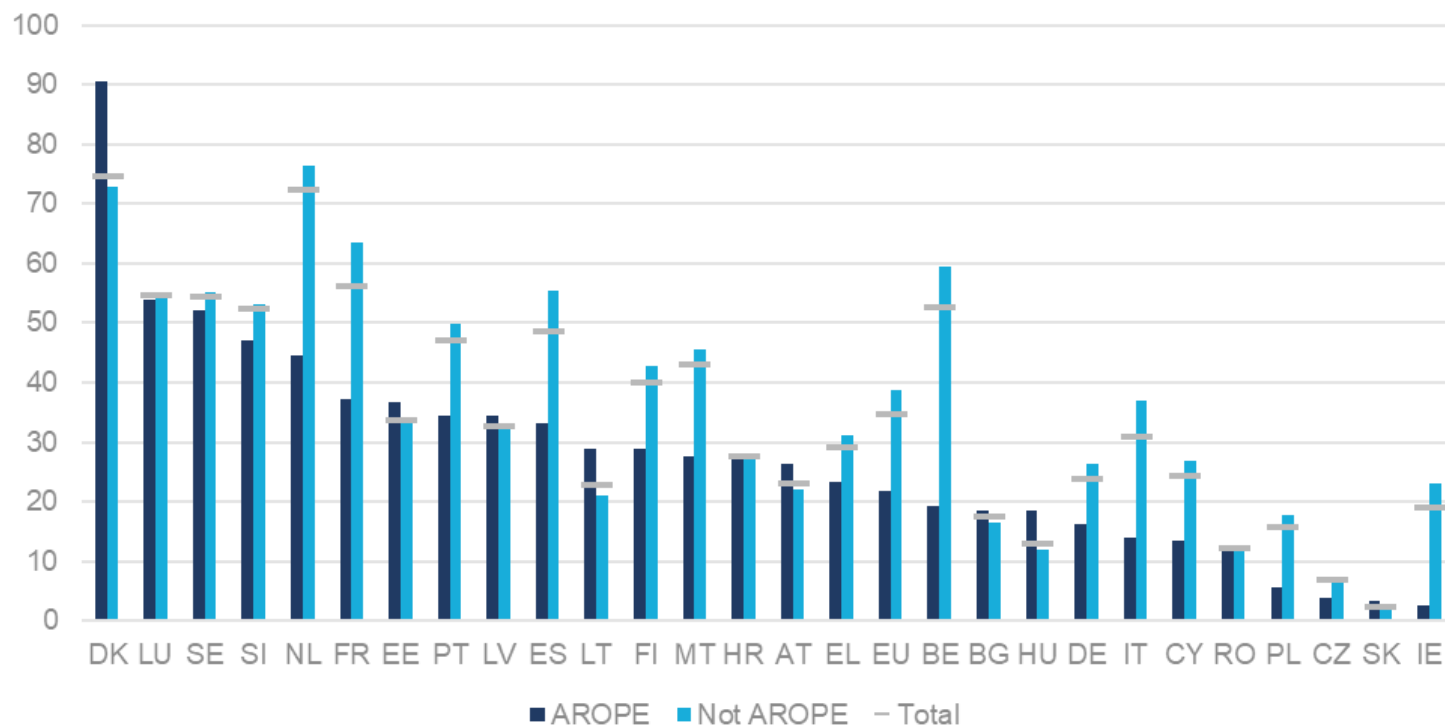
Source: Eurostat

Monitoring of the effective and free access to ECEC

Indicator	Type	Source	Reliability
Share of children AROPE in formal ECEC, broken down by child's age (<3; 3-CSA), and intensity of care	EU	Eurostat	
Age at which there is a legal entitlement to ECEC	National	Eurydice	
Net out-of-pocket cost of childcare for a low-income household as % of average wage	Context	Tax-Ben (OECD)	
Public expenditure on ECEC per children in ECEC in GDP per capita	Context	Eurobase	

Monitoring of the effective and free access to ECEC

Share of children (<3) in formal childcare at least 1 hour per week (2022)



15

is the average percentage points gap between the participation of children AROPE and not AROPE in ECEC in the EU



Source: Eurostat

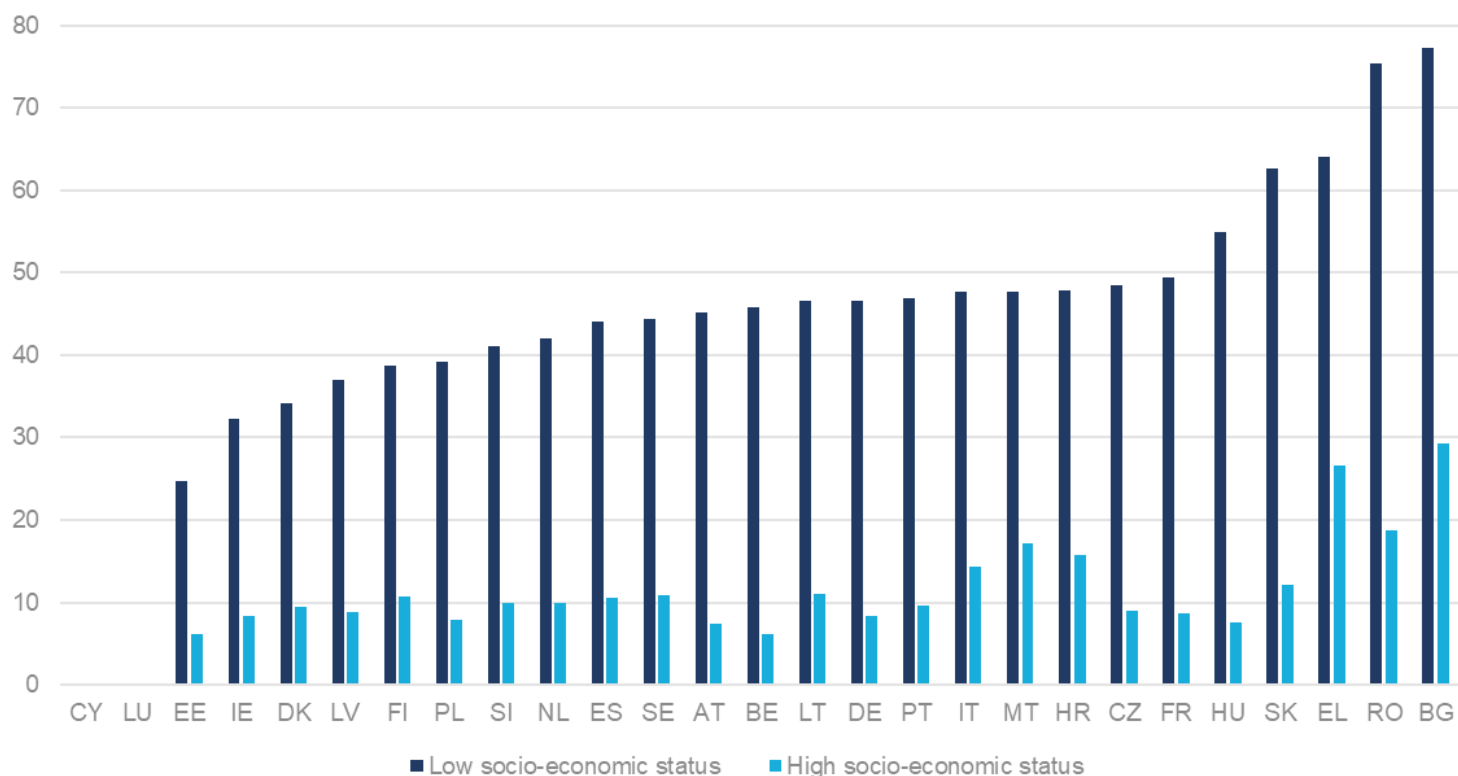


Monitoring of the effective and free access to education and school-based activities

Indicator	Type	Source	Reliability
Share of low-achieving 15 years olds in reading, maths and science, by socioeconomic category	EU	PISA (OECD)	✓
Share of children AROPE living in a household reporting great difficulties to pay for formal education	EU	Eurostat	✓
Share of children (<16) AROPE who suffer from the enforced lack of access to school trips and school events that cost money/to regular leisure activities	EU	Eurostat	✓
EU average share of early school leavers, broken down by sex, and by parental education attainment	Context	Eurobase	✓
Number of students (15) per teacher in schools, by schools' socioeconomic profile	Context	PISA (OECD)	✓
Public expenditure on education per student in GDP per capita, by education level	Context	Eurobase	✓

Monitoring of the effective and free access to education and school-based activities

Share of 15 year olds with low achievements in maths (2022)



35


is the average **percentage points gap** between the shares of low-achievers in maths with low/high socioeconomic status, after the COVID pandemic

Source: PISA (OECD). Data not available for CY and LU

*Low/high socioeconomic status: the lowest/highest quarters of the OECD index for economic, social, and cultural status, taking into account the parents' highest level of education, their occupational status and home possessions, including books in the home

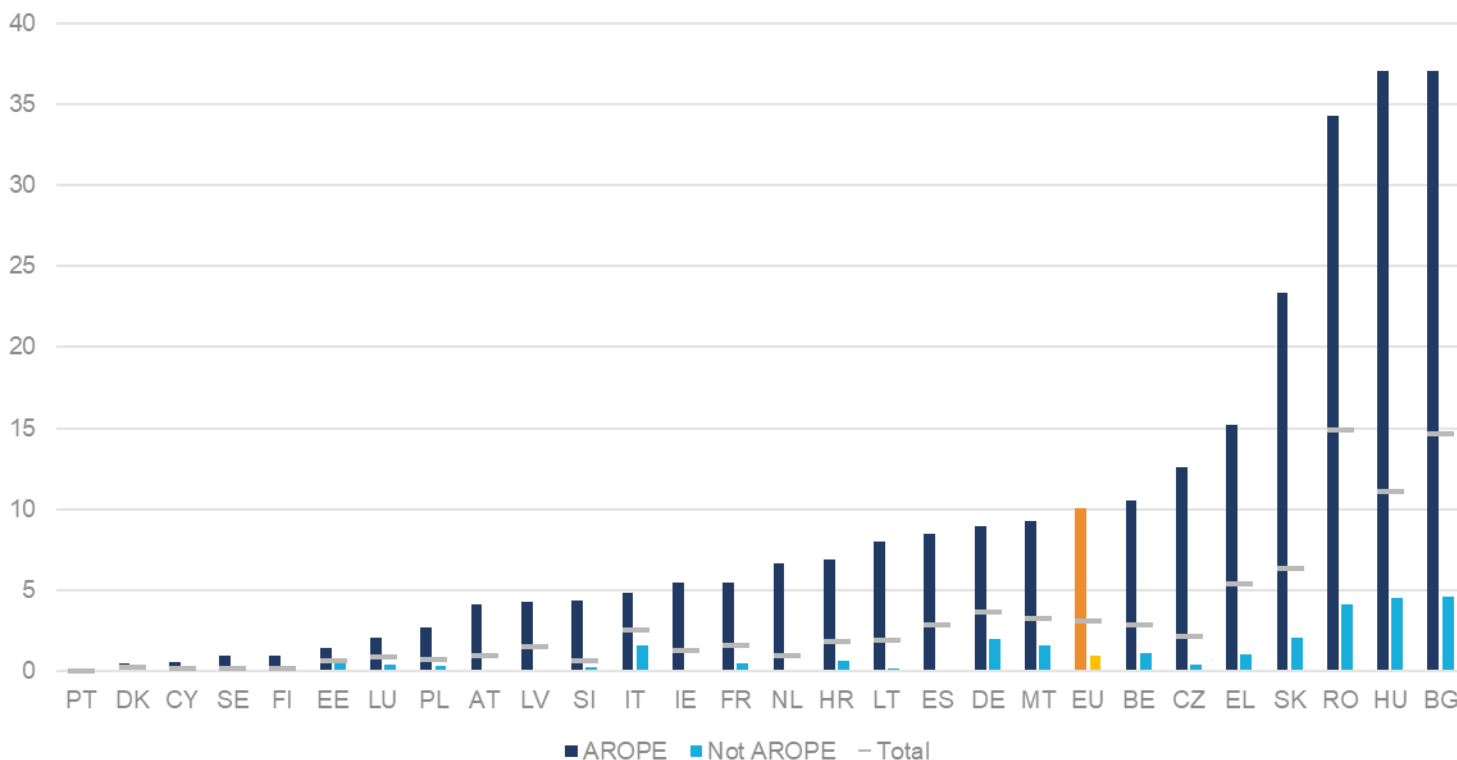


Monitoring of the effective and free access to at least one healthy meal per school day

Indicator	Type	Source	Reliability
Share of children (<16) AROPE who suffer from the enforced lack of access to fresh fruits and vegetables/to a meal with meat, chicken or fish (or vegetarian equivalent) at least once a day	EU	Eurostat	

Monitoring of the effective and free access to at least one healthy meal per school day

Share of children (<16) who suffer from the lack of access to a meal with protein food at least once a day (2021)



10%

is the **EU average share of children AROPE** suffering from the **enforced lack of access** to a meal with meat, chicken or fish (or vegetarian equivalent), (vs 1% of children not AROPE)

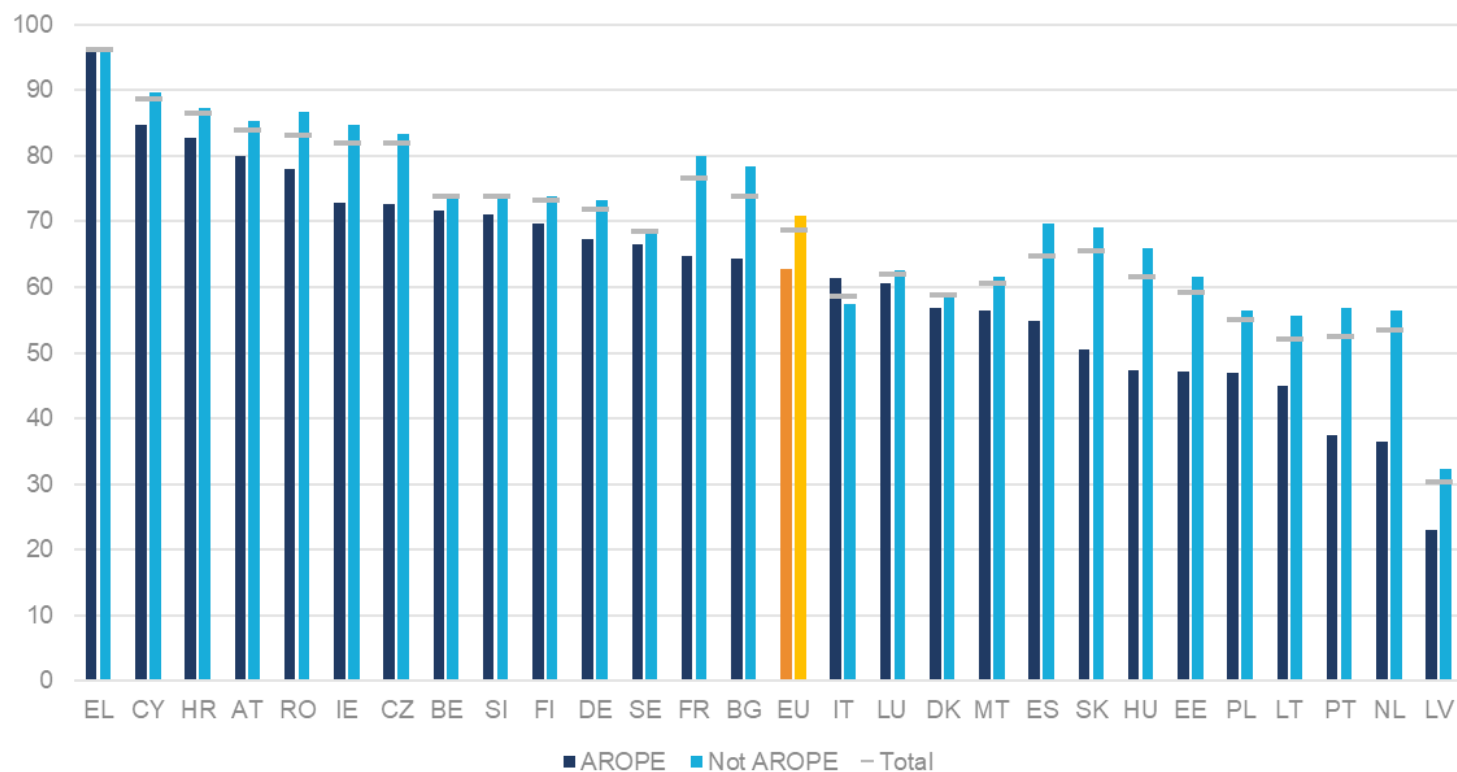
Source: Eurostat

Monitoring of the effective and free access to healthcare

Indicator	Type	Source	Reliability*
Share of children (<16) AROPE with “very good” health	EU	Eurostat	✓
Share of children (<16) AROPE with unmet needs for medical examination or treatment	EU	Eurostat	✓
Free/fully subsidised access to healthcare services for all children/low-income children	National	ESPAN/figures checked and updated by the ISG	✓
Free/fully subsidised access to regular health monitoring for all children/low-income children, by age	National	ESPAN/figures checked and updated by the ISG	✓
Infant mortality rate	Context	Eurobase/WHO	✓
Share of children (13) who reported feeling low more than once a week by gender and family affluence	Context	HBSC (WHO)	✓

Monitoring of the effective and free access to healthcare

Share of children (<16) AROPE with “very good” health (2021)






62%

is the EU average share of children AROPE with very good health (vs 70% of children not AROPE)

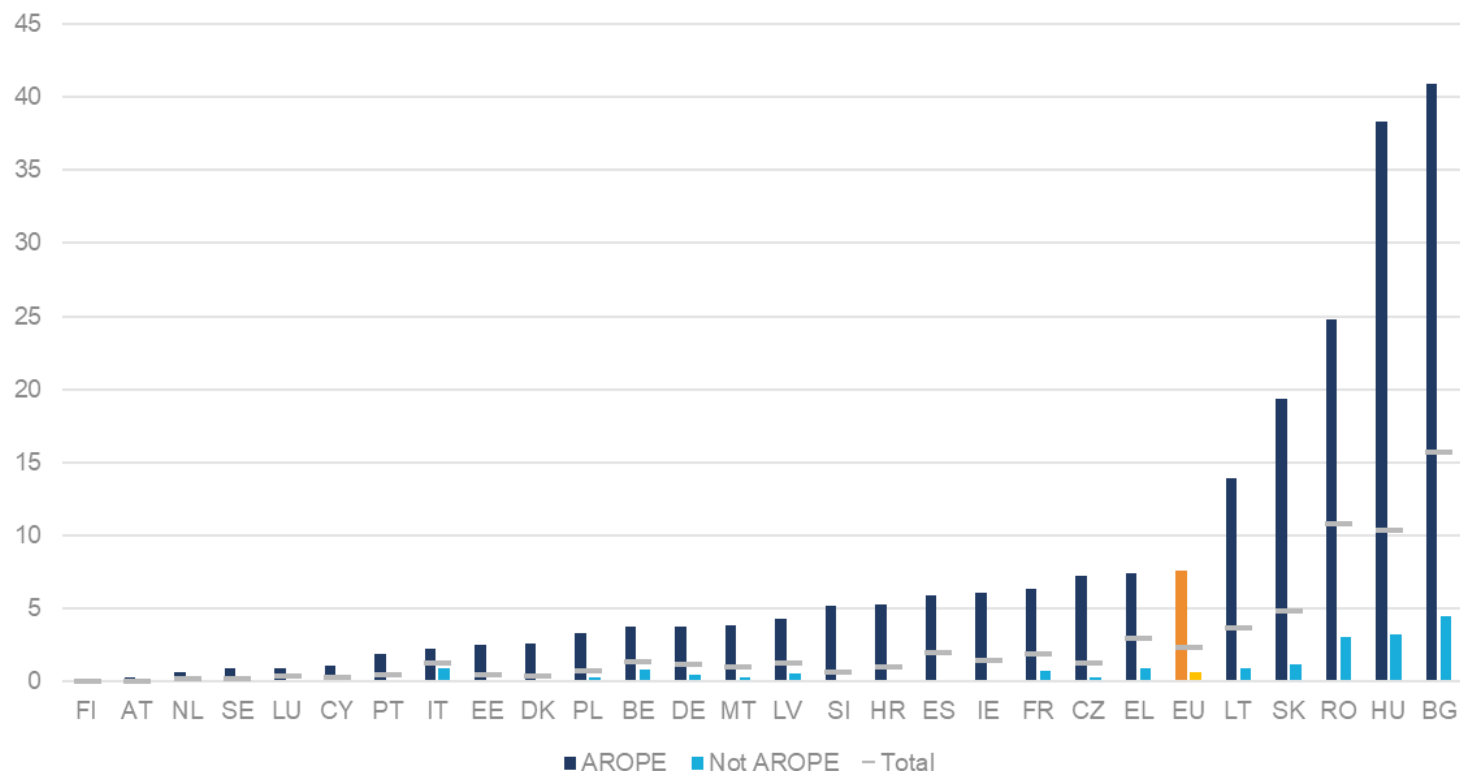
Source: Eurostat

Monitoring of the effective access to healthy nutrition

Indicator	Type	Source	Reliability*
Share of children (<16) AROPE who suffer from the enforced lack of access to fresh fruits and vegetables/to a meal with meat, chicken or fish at least once a day	EU	Eurostat	
Share of children (13) who eat breakfast every school day - by gender and family affluence	Context	HBSC (WHO)	
Share of children (13) who are overweight or obese - by gender and family affluence	Context	HBSC (WHO)	

Monitoring of the effective and free access to at least one healthy meal per school day

Share of children (<16) who suffer from the enforced lack of access to fresh fruits and vegetables at least once a day (2021)







7,5%
 is the EU average share of children AROPE who cannot access fresh fruits and vegetables on a daily basis (=around 1,3 million children) (vs 0,5% for children not AROPE)



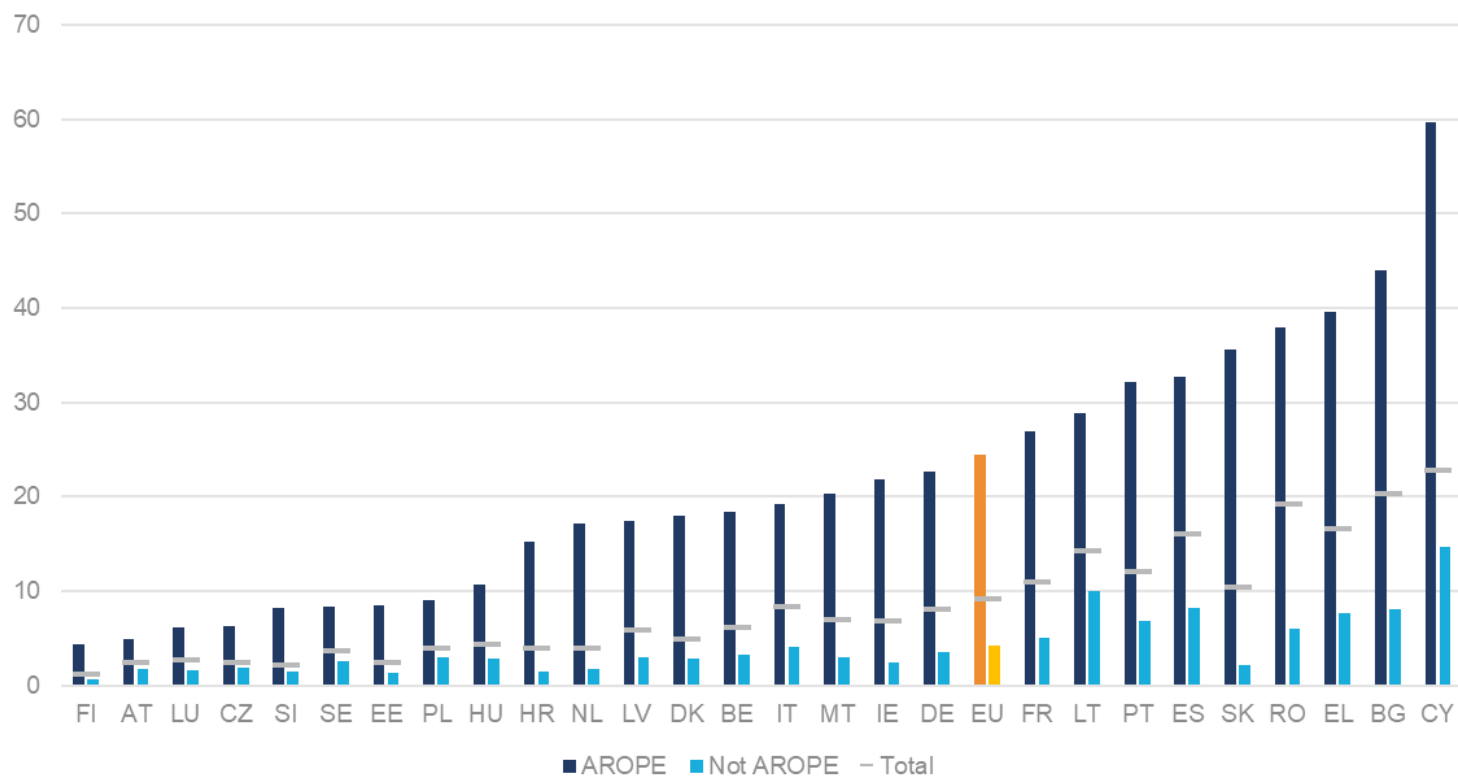
Source: Eurostat

Monitoring of the effective access to adequate housing

Indicator	Type	Source	Reliability
Share of children AROPE living in a household facing housing cost overburden	EU	Eurostat	
Share of children AROPE living in a household facing severe housing deprivation	EU	Eurostat	
Share of children AROPE living in an overcrowded household	EU	Eurostat	
Share of children AROPE living in a household unable to keep home adequately warm	EU	Eurostat	

Monitoring of the effective access to adequate housing

Share of children living in a household unable to keep home adequately warm (2022)



1 child out of 4 children AROPE lives in a household subject to **energy poverty**, on average in the EU (vs 1 child out of 10 children not AROPE)

Source: Eurostat

Link to the EU monitoring framework for the European Child Guarantee

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=27275&langId=en>

Thank you



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