



EU Policy Webinar on the implementation of the European Child Guarantee

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The Social Protection Committee in a nutshell

- Advisory Committee to the EPSCO Council (EU social and employment ministers)
- All EU Member States and the European Commission
- Mandate covers all major areas of social protection;
- Tasked with monitoring the social situation and social protection policies, engage in mutual learning, send opinions and reports to Council;
- Participates in the European Semester and operates on the basis of the social open method of coordination

SPC support for policy implementation

- The European Semester: follow up of country specific recommendations by the Commission and by the SPC and EMCO in the framework of Multilateral Implementation Reviews
- Thematic work in the SPC and its sub-groups (benchmarking, in depth thematic discussions)
- Mutual learning/Peer Review in Social Protection and Inclusion Programme
- **Annual Report** examines social conditions and social protection policies across the EU.

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Social Protection Committee Annual Report 2023

*Review of the Social Protection Performance Monitor (SPPM)
and developments in social protection policies
Key social challenges and key messages*



The 2023 edition of the report focused on the energy and cost of living crisis.

- most Member States, the number of children at risk of poverty or social exclusion decreased in 2022, but there are also a few cases of significant increase;
- there has been no sign of convergence when looking at the share of children at risk of poverty or social exclusion across Member States
- price rises had a negative impact on households' purchasing power, especially for lower income families; impacts on families with more children.

Main elements of the ECG

Target group: children in need (defined as “persons under 18 years old who are at risk of poverty or social exclusion”)

Guarantees effective and free access to

- high quality early childhood education and care,
- education and school-based activities,
- at least one healthy meal each school day,
- healthcare;

•effective access to

- healthy nutrition,
- adequate housing.

Governance / Tasks for the Member States

- nominate a national Child Guarantee Coordinator;
- identify children in need and barriers they face in accessing the services;
- national action plans, incl. targets, corresponding measures (national and local) and monitoring & evaluation arrangements in the period until 2030 - 26 plans received;
- involve relevant stakeholders from national, regional and local level, including children in drafting, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the national action plans;
- adequate resources to fight child poverty and social exclusion;
- develop effective outreach measures towards children in need and their families, in particular at regional and local level through educational establishments, trained social workers, family-support services, etc.
- biannual reporting to the Commission on implementation of measures – 1st round by March 2024.

Governance / SPC activities

- **Benchmarking framework on childcare and support to children and support to children** monitors:
 - children's right to affordable early childhood education and care of good quality children's;
 - right to protection from poverty.
- Complements and reinforces existing monitoring frameworks – eg the one on the minimum income and the ECG monitoring framework



Thank you for your attention

SPC webpage: [Social Protection Committee - Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/euro-just/eu-social-protection-committee/)