



Analysis of the EU Alliance for Investing in Children  
achievements in influencing the Child Guarantee Council  
Recommendation

EU Alliance for Investing in Children asks	EC Proposal on the Child Guarantee	Child Guarantee Council Recommendation	Were we succesful?
The Child Guarantee is launched in the form of a Council Recommendation.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation takes a comprehensive approach and also looks at parents' access to resources and at children's participation in decision-making – in line with the 2013 Investing in Children Recommendation.</p> <p>(Ask for parents' participation too after the launch of the EC's proposal)</p>	<p>Partially</p> <p>The proposal asks MSs to take a comprehensive approach in tackling child and family poverty in their national action plans</p> <p>Children are mentioned as stakeholders that need to be consulted – But this is not in a constructive way</p>	Partially – no change from the EC's proposal	Partially
Children have access to 5 service areas plus leisure activities (as per 3 <sup>rd</sup> pillar of the IiC Recommendation) (also upon EC's proposal)	Partially Children have access to the 5 service areas but leisure activities are very much linked to school activities	Strengthened– children's access to leisure activities has been strengthened  It is now included in Articles 7 j & k	Yes

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<p>The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation ensures children’s access to free and effective access of children in need to key service areas</p> <p>(upon EC’s proposal)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>effective and free access’ means a situation in which services are readily available, accessible, of good quality, provided in a timely manner and where the potential users are aware of their existence, as well as of entitlements to use them, and provided free of charge, either by organising and providing such services or by adequate benefits to cover the costs or the charges of the services, or in such a way that financial circumstances will not pose an obstacle to equal access;</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>The Child Guarantee does not promote institutional care (upon the EC’s proposal)</p>	<p>Article 10d was calling for the prevention of institutional care and for the promotion of family and community based care</p> <p>Recital 23 was calling for children’s placement in institutional care as a last resort</p>	<p>Worsened.</p> <p>Article 10d now reads : take into account the best interests of the child as well as the child’s overall situation and individual needs when placing children into institutional or foster care; ensure the transition of children from institutional or foster care to quality community-based or family-based care and support their independent living and social integration</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation asks EU Member States to develop Child Guarantee Action Plans where they will outline the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted children</li> <li>Targets and indicators</li> <li>Policies and activities that MSs will implement to tackle child poverty and implement the Child Guarantee</li> <li>Use of EU funds and national budgets</li> <li>Timeline of activities</li> </ul>	<p>Yes All of our asks have been taken on board and the Commission has also included a new point on data collection which is very much needed.</p>	<p>Yes – things did not change from the EC’s proposal</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p>The Child Guarantee Action Plans are launched 6 months after the adoption of the Child Guarantee Recommendation (Message strengthened after the EC’s proposal as fears for 18 months)</p>	<p>Yes exactly as we asked for</p>	<p>MSs will have to submit the CG Action Plans 9 months after the adoption of the CG.</p>	<p><b>Overall yes – 3 months more than what we asked</b></p>
<p>The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation calls on EU Member States to use EU funds (ESF+, ERDF, InvestEU, ReactEU, RRF, AMIF) and national budgets to implement the Recommendation )</p>	<p>Yes exactly as we asked for</p>	<p>AMIF is not part of the funds anymore</p>	<p><b>Yes apart from the AMIF</b></p>

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The Council Recommendation on the Child Guarantee interconnects different EU policies	Yes – makes a reference to the liC Recommendation, the Disability Strategy, the European Semester, the LGBTIQ equality strategy and many more	Yes, things did not change	Yes
The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation is launched in time to be aligned with the programming of EU funds	Yes - since the programming of Structural Funds is late due to COVID-19. RRP's will not provide information on the CG implementation, but this can change in 2022.	Things did not change	Yes
The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation proposes targeted groups of children that should be supported but the decision is up to EU Member States recognising that each EU	Yes, exactly as we asked for ( groups of children: homeless children or children experiencing severe housing deprivation; children with a disability; children with a migrant background; children with a minority racial or ethnic background (particularly Roma); children being in alternative (especially institutional) care; children in precarious family situations.) but decision remains with EU Member States	Children with mental health problems are now also part of the target groups of children	Yes

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The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation is relevant for children 0-18 years old .	Yes	Wording did not change	Yes
Civil society participates in decision making	Civil society should take part in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Recommendation	Wording did not change	Yes
Civil society is getting funded to support the implementation of the CG Action Plans	No mention on civil society getting funded	Wording did not change	No
The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation sets an ambitious EU target in tackling child poverty aligned with SDG1 target that aims to eliminate extreme poverty and to half poverty and child poverty in all its forms by 2030.	Partially More ambitious targeting was needed  EU MSs will have to identify their own targets in the CG Action Plans	Wording did not change	Yes but more ambitious target was needed.

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<p>The Child Guarantee Council Recommendation comes with a strong monitoring and evaluation framework and is aligned with the European Semester</p> <p>Upon the proposal of the CG , the Alliance called for the reporting to take place annually</p>	<p>Yes – Member States will have to report twice per year to the EC A Child Guarantee Coordinator will be put in place The European Semester will monitor the implementation review the implementation of the Recommendation and report to the Council by 5years after the adoption;</p>	<p>Wording did not change</p>	<p>Overall yes apart from the ask on the annual reporting which will now take place twice a year</p>
<p>The CG takes a rights based approach, ensuring equality between children</p> <p>(Upon EC's proposal)</p>		<p>Strengthened the text now reads: The aim of this Recommendation is to prevent and combat social exclusion by guaranteeing access of children in need to a set of key services, thereby also contributing to upholding the rights of the child by combating child poverty and fostering equal opportunities.</p>	<p>Yes</p>