



# Investing in Children's Services, Improving Outcomes

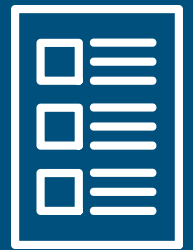
## Recommendations:

- Reducing inequality at a young age by investing in early childhood education and care
- Improving education system's impact on equal opportunities
- Improving the responsiveness of health systems to address the needs of disadvantaged children
- Providing children with a safe, adequate housing and living environment
- Enhancing family support and the quality of alternative care settings

ESN has been working with a number of agencies to map the implementation of children's services in 14 European countries



## Principles and findings:



### Principle 1: Early childhood Education and Care

*The legal and Policy framework, funding and financial incentives, provision's variability, and inter-services and parental cooperation*

### Principle 2: Education systems and equal opportunities

*The inclusiveness of education system, with a focus on children with disabilities, migrant and ethnic minorities and children from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds*

### Principle 5: Risk assessment protocols

*Protocols to assess the risk to a child and which forms of support are implemented when risk has been detected.*

### Principle 4: Access to housing

*Measures guaranteeing the access of families with children to housing and which forms of support for families with children at risk of eviction*

### Principle 3: Responsiveness of health system

*Specific provisions for children with disabilities, children with mental health problems, unaccompanied children, pregnant teenagers and children from families with a history of substance abuse*

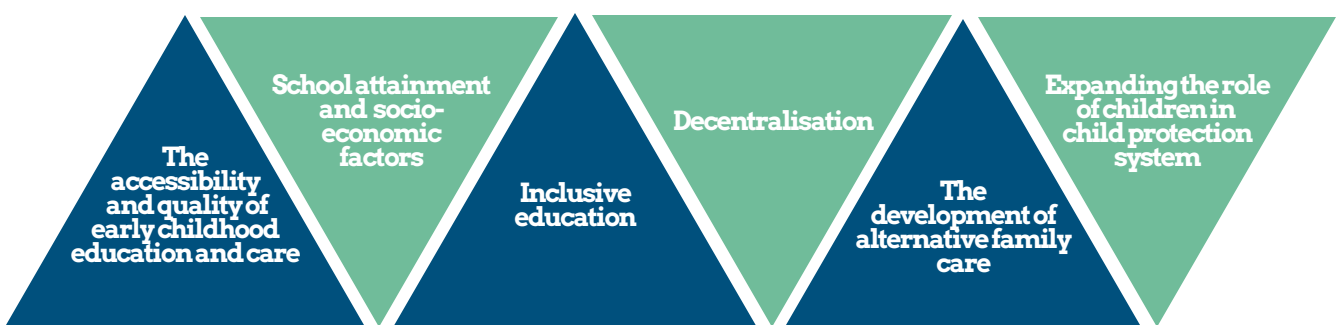
*Provisions guaranteeing that children are not placed in institutions and that children without parental care have access to services.*

*Specific mechanisms to listen to and record the voice of the child within the child protection system*



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## Themes:



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