



Eurochild

Putting children at
the heart of Europe

***Impuls aus europäischer Perspektive: Wie die
Zivilgesellschaft das Europäische Semester
mitgestalten kann/sollte***

***Input from the European perspective: How
civil society can/should shape the European
Semester***

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Eurochild – a Civil Society Organisation

Our vision

A society where children grow up happy, healthy and confident and respected as individuals in their own rights.

Our mission

Promoting the rights and well-being of children in policy and practice through advocacy, membership-exchange and research.



Our values

The UN Convention the Rights of the Child underpins all the work we do.

Our work recognises:

1. Children as rights-holders, who are actors in their own lives, not passive recipients of support
2. Centrality of parents, families & care-givers, on whose well-being children's development depends
3. Responsibility of States to provide supportive, enabling frameworks for the existing capabilities of children & families to flourish



The European Semester

The **European Commission published the 2022 European Semester Spring Package in May** including Country Reports and Country Specific Recommendations.

The reports **analyse the economic and social situation** in each Member State.

The Country Reports provide an overview of the economic and social developments and challenges that Member States are facing, as well as a forward-looking analysis of their resilience.

The overview **includes an assessment of progress on how the Member State is aiming to reduce the number of children in poverty by 5 million by 2030.**



Monitoring & Analysis

The Semester Report Cycle includes monitoring & analysis of:

- The Recovery and Resilience Facility, including the **National Recovery and Resilience Plans**
- The Cohesion policy 2021 – 27, including **the European Social Fund Plus and the European Regional Development Fund**
- The monitoring of the **Child Guarantee** via the revised Social Scoreboard
- The annual **UN Sustainable Development Goals monitor report**



Recovery & Resilience Facility

Secures funding for the period of 2020-26 for implementation of national reforms to tackle the impact of **COVID-19 pandemic**.

Each [National Recovery & Resilience Plan](#) is built around 6 pillars, including Policies for the next generation, children and youth, including education and skills.

[Germany's recovery and resilience plan | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

2 main priorities: green and digital transitions

The plan will foster economic growth and create jobs. This boost to the economy will **bring up to 135,000 people into jobs**. Digitalization of education - create the **first national online education platform** to help learners acquire competences based on their individual learning pathways (**€630 million**).



Eurochild's Activities

The 2022 Eurochild Semester Report incorporates:

- the Semester Cycle - **analysis of Country Reports & Recommendations**
- the development of the **Child Guarantee National Action Plans & child poverty;**
- experiences of **EU funding programmes.**



The Impact of Civil Society (1)

- EU policies such as European Semester – its an annual cycle, the Commission welcomes contributions from stakeholders.
- **To shape 2023 Semester Spring Package – CSOs contributions are expected by December**
- EU funding - **Partnership and multi-level governance** as a key principle for delivering cohesion policy. That partnership shall include at least the following partners:
 - *(c) relevant bodies representing civil society, such as environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, fundamental rights, rights of persons with disabilities, gender equality and non-discrimination*
- Consultation and support to CSOs is ensured by involving those partners in the preparation of **Partnership Agreements of the 2021-27 period** and throughout the preparation and implementation of programmes, including through participation in **monitoring committees**.



The Impact of Civil Society (2)

National Civil Society Organisations can **track developments at a national and European level** and **respond** to the most pressing needs of children at risk of poverty or social exclusion across Europe.

Keep pressure on the EU and Member States to maintain a focus on child poverty and investing in children.

Raise awareness of children's rights and their importance in any National Reform Programme.

Persuade EU institutions and national governments to prioritise child poverty and social exclusion and revealing the gaps at the national level.



Thank you for your attention
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