Financing ECEC centers for children under 3 years of age in Hungary

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Financing regime

- Supply side funding
- Contribution to operational costs
- New buildings and renovation
  - Almost exclusively by using EU sources
## State contribution and number of ECEC places for under 3’s

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Financing strategy

• Public / private

• Composition of sources
  – State contribution : 35-40%
  – Municipal / other provider contribution : 40-50%
  – Parental fees ( supported fees and ceiling: 15-20% )
Background

• Leave policy
• Split ECEC system
  – ECEC for under 3’s
  – ECEC for 3-6 year-olds
• Access issues
  – Eligibility
  – Geographic distribution of places
  – EU Country Specific Recommendation
Quality

• Full-time provision with hot meals
• National standards for the children’s environment
• National core pedagogical curriculum + local curriculums
• Qualified workforce
• Adult/child ratios
Efficiency

- Working together: ECEC and other services
- Amount of funding and accessibility of funding
- Issue of affordability (for parents and providers)
Ratings

- Efficiency: 2-3
- Affordability: 4
- Access: 1
- Inclusiveness: 2
- Quality: 3