



Offering Free Breakfast to Disadvantaged Pupils in Public Education

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WHY?

Following the financial crisis in Cyprus, a great number of families were unable to afford breakfast for their children.

A lack of nutritious breakfast can lead to lower educational achievement.

Low educational achievements spurred by health problems in turn, increase the risk of early school leaving and social exclusion.



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It is not just a sandwich or a snack.



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The programme in numbers:

- **2000** pupils
- **118** school units
 - 52 Pre-primary Schools
 - 60 Primary Schools
 - 3 Lower Secondary Schools
 - 3 Higher Secondary Schools
- **Programme started:** February 2017
- Budget: **€808.000**
- Until 31.12.2018: **€585.000**
- Coordination between the **FEAD** and the **ESF**

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SELECTION PROCESS (1)

- At the beginning of the school year, a brochure is sent to all parents informing them about the possibility of having their child a free breakfast, the selection criteria and is sent signed back to school by the parents concerned
- Communication between each school's headteacher and the parents/guardians of eligible end recipients at an individual level



Το πρόγραμμα υλοποιείται με τη συγχρηματοδότηση της Ελλάδας και της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης (ΕΠΕΔΕ) και της Ευρωπαϊκής Κοινωνικής Ένωσης (ΕΚΕΕ)



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SELECTION PROCESS (2)

Children participating in the programme are selected based on financial and social criteria. They:

- come from families who receive the Guaranteed Minimum Income
- have unemployed parents
- are orphaned
- come from single parent families and/or belong to multi-child families (over 3 children)
- belong to families with a particularly inadequate income



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SELECTION PROCESS (3)

- The selection process of the eligible end recipients is carried out by each school's **Advisory Committee**. The committee consists of:

*Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher,
representative of the School Teaching Staff,
two representatives of the Parents' Association,
representative of the Local School Board*

- The Advisory Committee can also sometimes cooperate with the local church, the local authorities or others, who may be in a position to know the real needs of the pupils.



- The case of small schools
- The case of big schools
 - The use of coupons
 - The beneficiary's personal code and date of delivery

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HOW?

All students get their breakfast from the same place (school canteen) to avoid drawing distinctions between students, but the recipients are exempt from paying.





- **Key Issues**

- ✓ Avoiding stigmatisation of the end recipients
- ✓ Safeguarding families' and pupils' dignity
- ✓ Implementing with some flexibility based on specific circumstances and the decision of the advisory committee
- ✓ Keeping the cooperation between all stakeholders involved in the process (schools, school boards, parents' associations and canteen staff)



All Member States have the freedom to determine the target groups, the specific types of support provided and the geographic coverage of their programmes. In Cyprus we implement a targeted approach.

While given the limited resources of the FEAD, its specific role is to alleviate poverty and promote social inclusion. In this way the fund may be the first step on a pathway away from poverty. Since poverty is a complex matter, complementarity with the ESF and other EU and national instruments is crucial.



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