



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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**Annual work programme for the implementation of the Preparatory action "Child
Guarantee Scheme/Establishing A European child guarantee and financial
support", for 2019**

[Commission Decision C(2019)5088 of 10 July 2019]

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ANNEX

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in the budget remarks, this work programme contains the action to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2019 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2.): EUR 15 000 000
- for prizes (implemented under direct management (1.3.): N/A
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4): N/A
- for actions implemented under [insert management] modes (1.5): N/A
- for financial instruments (implemented under indirect management) (1.6): N/A
- for other actions (1.7): N/A

1.2 GRANTS

Budget line:	04 03 77 25 Preparatory Action – Child Guarantee Scheme / Establishing a European Child guarantee
Legal Basis:	Preparatory Action within the meaning of Article 58(2) (b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union

1.2.1 – Preparatory Action: Child Guarantee Scheme - Establishing A European child guarantee and financial support (2019_04.037725)

Objectives pursued and expected results

This third phase of the preparatory action (PA) on establishing an implementing framework for a Child Guarantee scheme will follow on the first and second phases of this PA. The first phase of the PA consists of a feasibility study for four groups of vulnerable children. The second phase will be a policy and financial impact study on what would be needed in order to be able to extrapolate the conclusions of the feasibility study to larger groups of children in the EU.

The third phase will be dedicated to conducting experimental projects in selected EU Member States. These Member States will be determined at a later stage. This third phase will put into practice the results of the previous two phases, in order to test whether such a scheme could be made operational on the ground and upscaled in a cost-effective way and provide a new approach to reducing child poverty.

Description of the activities to be funded

The experimental projects will specifically verify, under concrete and controlled circumstances, the feasibility, added value and cost-effectiveness of an EU-wide Child Guarantee, as well as its potential to reduce child poverty.

The experimental projects will focus on the following areas of action (1) education, (2) childcare and (3) nutrition, and will test how these would reduce poverty and improve well-being of children. The projects will last maximum 24 months.

Type of applicants targeted by the direct award

The Commission intends to implement this third phase of the preparatory action by a direct award to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the basis of Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation. UNICEF is an international organisation commanding a high degree of specialisation and technical competence in the area covered by the proposed action. It has the required operational capacity on the ground throughout the EU.

The explanation with regards to the fact that UNICEF meets the conditions of article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation, will be substantiated in the award decision.

Implementation:

Directly by DG EMPL