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1 Introduction

In the lead-up to the preparation of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of the European Child Guarantee in Austria, stakeholders active in the field of child and youth policies as well as service provision were requested in a nationwide call to voluntarily report measures that support the objectives pursued by the Child Guarantee to the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection. Based on the feedback received, the measures presented below provide a representative overview of the services made available to children and young people in Austria. As the measures were reported on a voluntary rather than on a comprehensive, mandatory basis, no claim to completeness is made. In fact, a large number of further measures that have not been reported are in place in Austria and support vulnerable children and young people in line with the objectives of the Child Guarantee. Studies that had been reported as well as ideas for possible new measures are also included in this overview. Status of measures: September 2021 to February 2022.

2 Notifications of Measures by the Federal Ministries, the Umbrella Organisation of Austrian Social Insurance Institutions and the Austrian National Public Health Institute¹

Federal Chancellery

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Bundes-Jugendförderung” (Federal Youth Promotion)	The Bundes-Jugendförderungsgesetz (B-JFG, Federal Youth Promotion Act) regulates financial support for youth organisations and their activities in out-of-school youth education / work. The focus is placed on the development of intellectual, psychological, physical, social, political, religious and ethnic competencies of children and young people. All projects must be participatory, gender equitable and involve groups of the population who are disadvantaged or experience discrimination. Barrier-free accessibility must be ensured for all participating persons.	implemented
Caritas “Lerncafés” – free learning assistance / tutoring for children and young people	Free learning assistance / tutoring and after-school care services are provided for compulsory school pupils aimed at addressing learning deficits and improving their German language skills. Support is also provided to enable children to succeed at school, pass their school leaving certificates and complete secondary school education or an apprenticeship. Parents are informed about important topics and dedicated leisure activities are organised to promote contact and a sense of belonging and togetherness across different cultures.	implemented
“CONCORDIA Lern- und Familienzentrum LenZ Familienorientierte Integrationsbegleitung 2.0” (CONCORDIA Learning and Family Centre LenZ Family-oriented Integration Support 2.0)	Integration of children, young people and families with a refugee and migration background in Vienna through the provision of out-of-school learning support for children and young people. Focusing especially on mothers / women and building on targeted services and specific measures, parents are involved in their children’s educational process, receiving guidance, counselling and support.	implemented

¹ Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (Austrian National Public Health Institute), established by federal law: <https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/geltendefassung/bundesnormen/20004884/g%C3%83%E2%80%9320fassung%20vom%2015.08.2021.pdf> (in German)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme)</p>	<p>Services provided under “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood intervention Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantage), starting with pregnancy until the child’s third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under “Frühe Hilfen” aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive roll-out of services by the end of 2023 (please also see Gesundheit Österreich GmbH Austrian / National Public Health Institute).</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Gesundheitskompetente Offene Jugendarbeit” (health literate open youth work)</p>	<p>The nationwide “Netzwerk Offene Jugendarbeit” (bOJA, Network Open Youth Work) developed a procedure on conferring a health literacy award for site-based (e.g. youth centres) and mobile open youth work facilities. The relevant criteria for promoting health literacy in an out-of-school youth work setting were developed based on a participatory approach in cooperation with youth workers. The service also contains a dedicated website as well as regular networking meetings facilitating exchange on different health-related topics.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“HEROES® – Gegen Unterdrückung im Namen der Ehre. Für Gleichberechtigung” (HEROES® – Against oppression in the name of honour. Supporting equality)</p>	<p>This project focuses on prevention work with young men from what are known as “honour cultures”. (Young) men advocate against the oppression of women in the “name of honour”, acting as role models and thus counteracting the emergence of parallel societies.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Individual learning support for Roma children (Romano Centro, Vienna)</p>	<p>Learning assistants /tutors visit families to support the learning of pupils/students in their homes for approximately one hour per week. Target group: Children and young people across all school levels /types, who are at risk of not being able to continue their education trajectory as planned. The aim is to empower them to learn independently and to draw children’s and young people’s attention to the range of opportunities available in the education system.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Youth Information – Youth Portal	The nationwide service enables young people (12–26 years), legal guardians, family members, educators, teachers, youth workers and political decision-makers to access and obtain information on all youth-related topics. The service is supplemented by the Austrian Youth Portal, as the central online youth information platform operated by the Federal Chancellery. Low-threshold, target group specific content and easy comprehensibility are of key concern in the provision of all youth information services.	implemented
Learning support / tutoring “Roma Service” in Burgenland	Learning support / tutoring for Roma families to help pupils/students with home and school exercises. This support service also includes the provision of a social environment that offers entertainment and a change in routine for children as well as respite for parents. A programme feature in place since 2005 is the “RomBus-Rollendes Klassenzimmer” (RomBus – rolling classroom), a mobile space for counselling available directly on site in the Roma settlement.	implemented
Multilingual speech competition “SAG’S MULTI!” (tell it multilingually) 2020/2021	Multilingual speech competition (pupils/students alternate between first language and foreign language) directed at young people with and without a migration background from the 7 th grade. The goal is to promote mutual respect and recognition of people’s diversity in terms of language, cultural influence and background as enrichment.	implemented
Austrian family benefits made available by the federal government	“Familienlastenausgleichsfond” (FLAF, Family Burden Equalization Fund) is an earmarked budget for family income support used to finance most of the benefits provided by the federal government to families, including family allowance, childcare allowance, free travel for schoolchildren and apprentices, transfers to social insurance institutions (“mother-child health passport” examinations).	implemented
“Österreichische Jugendstrategie” (Austrian Youth Strategy)	Joint project involving all federal ministries (led and coordinated by the Federal Chancellery) aimed at bundling and systematising measures for young people and optimising their effectiveness. The Youth Strategy furthermore seeks to identify new fields of cooperation and further need for action in four fields of action: education and employment, participation and engagement, quality of life and sense of belonging and togetherness, media and information. Direct involvement of young people in the form of “reality checks” is another key element in developing and shaping the Austrian Youth Strategy.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Reform of child maintenance	Currently, various working groups are working on a reform of the maintenance law focusing on: legal regulation facilitating simple and transparent assessment and determination of maintenance payments, relief for the parent who mainly cares for the child and creating incentives for shared parental care, accelerating proceedings to determine the amount of maintenance payments, facilitation of amicable solutions – developing the necessary basis for and provision of a “maintenance payments calculator” made available by the Ministry of Justice, adaptation of the law on advance maintenance payments to the codified substantive maintenance law.	planned
“Roma Schulmediation” (Roma school-based mediation) (Romano Centro, Vienna)	Roma mediators come to Viennese schools with a high percentage of Roma children to mediate between teachers, pupils and parents. They motivate and support children in class, help teachers and headmasters / administrators to understand the social and cultural background / life situation of children, and contribute in contacts with parents to developing a positive approach towards school life. In their role as mediators and assistants, they also help children in developing their sense of identity.	implemented
“Saferinternet.at” – website, workshops and networking meetings	“Saferinternet.at” supports the safe, competent and responsible use of digital media and is directed at children and young people, parents, youth workers, teachers and educators. Saferinternet.at offers a wide range of services (workshops, publications, a website and a newsletter) aimed at increasing people’s media literacy and enabling them to use digital media safely and effectively.	implemented
Textbooks for recognised ethnic groups	On the basis of the educational legislation concerning minorities (minorities’ school acts), schools offering bilingual education (minority languages, languages spoken by ethnic groups) may in all subjects covered – in addition to the German-language textbooks – purchase textbooks in/for the second language. The limits (number of titles) per pupil/student to be observed for comparable German-language education applies likewise for the second language books.	implemented
Textbooks for blind and visually impaired pupils	With a view to promoting inclusion and accessibility, teaching materials (or adapted teaching materials) are prepared for blind and visually impaired pupils within the context of the family-related service “Schulbuchaktion” (provision of textbooks / teaching materials free of charge to pupils/students). As required, such materials may be made available in printed form (e.g. enlarged font, Braille) or digitally (e.g. pdf files, ebooks with screen reader).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Textbooks for pupils who need German-language support, and mother-tongue lessons	Additional funding going beyond the limit defined for textbooks per pupil/student is made available for pupils / student with “German as a second language” (16.90 euros per pupil/student) and for “mother-tongue lessons” (14.70 euros per pupil/student) within the context of the family-related service “Schulbuchaktion” (provision of textbooks / teaching materials free of charge to pupils/students).	implemented
Textbooks for pupils with special educational needs	Increased funding (+25 euros) for primary school pupils with “special educational needs” and funding of therapeutic teaching aids within the context of the family-related service “Schulbuchaktion” (provision of textbooks / teaching materials free of charge to pupils/students).	implemented
Transportation of pupils/students on occasional transport services within the context of the benefit “Schülerfreifahrt” (free transport for pupils/students) covered by the Familienlastenausgleichsgesetz (FLAG, Family Burden Equalization Act).	In areas and regions in the federal provinces that are not (sufficiently well) served by public transport it is possible to either arrange – as required – transportation with regional transport companies for travel to and from school for distances in excess of 2 kilometres in each direction or to conclude cost-reimbursement contracts (where services are provided by another party). The provision regarding the minimum distance of 2 or more kilometres does not apply for pupils/students with disabilities.	implemented
Start of negotiations for revising the agreement under Art. 15a Bundesverfassungsgesetz (B-VG, Federal Constitutional Law) on early childhood education.	As negotiations on an extension and improvement of the existing agreement are currently still underway, it is not yet possible to provide specific content-related information (please also see Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research).	being implemented
Certification as a family-friendly municipality including supplementary UNICEF certificate as “Child Friendly Municipality”	The certification as a family-friendly municipality is a community policy process developed for Austrian municipalities, market towns, towns, cities and districts (with elected representatives). The process seeks to identify family-friendly measures in the municipality and to determine the need for further related activities.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“ZUSAMMEN:- ÖSTERREICH” (TOGETHER:- AUSTRIA)	People with a migration background visit schools in their role as “integration ambassadors”. As role models, they seek to motivate and inspire pupils/students, and to contribute to dismantling prejudices. Sharing their personal experience / stories of integration with pupils / students, they engage in an exchange of views on integration, discrimination and tolerance. Such visits are can also be conducted virtually.	implemented

Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“AusBildung bis 18” (education and/or training until the age of until 18) / “Ausbildungspflicht” (legal obligation to undergo compulsory education and/or training)	This accompanying measure supports the legal obligation to undergo compulsory education. It was developed, as in today’s world only having a compulsory school leaving certificate often proves insufficient when trying to find and keep a job. Since 2017, young people up to the age of 18 have therefore been obliged to attend further education or training after having completed compulsory schooling. “AusBildung bis 18” provides counselling and support services to young people looking for training or further education opportunities.	implemented
When allocating housing, preference is given to persons who have been victims of violence	Persons who have experienced a physical assault, a threat of such an assault or behaviour that significantly affects their mental health are given easier access to subsidised housing. The measure as such is directed at adults; in reality, women and children are the most frequent victims of violence.	implemented

Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Safeguarding the sustainable acquisition of skills and competencies – “Pädagogik- Paket” (pedagogy package)	The reforms of the “Pädagogik-Paket” aim at securing the sustainable acquisition of skills and competencies for all children and young people. Clear and uniform specifications define which skills and competencies are to be developed at what point in time and to what level. A special focus is placed on the use of diagnostic tools as a basis for targeted support, in particular for pupils/students at risk of not acquiring basic skills and competencies.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Aktion Unentgeltliche Schulbücher”, i.e. “Schulbuchaktion” (provision of textbooks/teaching materials free of charge)</p>	<p>The Austrian “Schulbuchaktion” is a family policy and education policy service. Provided within the context of the “Familienlastenausgleich” (family burden equalisation scheme), the free textbooks/teaching materials programme serves to relieve the financial burden on parents and at the same time makes an important contribution to promoting education and equal opportunities of all pupils/students.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“COVID-19-Maßnahmenpaket” (package of measures aimed at mitigating the impact of COVID-19) involving “Förderstundenpaket” (package of tuition units) at general compulsory schools/general and academic secondary schools/intermediate vocational education schools/colleges of higher vocational education)</p>	<p>In the school years 2020/21 and 2021/22, additional support resources were made available to general compulsory schools, general and academic secondary schools, intermediate vocational education schools and colleges of higher vocational education. The services provided are to benefit all pupils/students, being especially directed at those who are – as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic – lagging massively behind in their learning (locations with pupils/students with increased support needs/language support needs and locations affected by special socio-economic challenges).</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>German-language support (German language-support classes and German-language support courses)</p>	<p>Compared to the previous support scheme (that focused on very small and resource-intensive language-starter groups) and from a teaching and resource-oriented perspective, the establishment of German-language support classes enables ensuring the provision of more efficient and more effective support to pupils/students. Pupils/students, whose language skills are not yet sufficient to enable them to follow classes with German as the language of instruction, receive additional help in German language support courses. Depending on the number of eligible pupils/students per school location, such courses are organised either as integrative courses or in parallel to the scheduled lessons.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Digitale Schule” (digital school) – digital devices for pupils/students</p>	<p>Since the school year 2021/22, pupils attending the 5th grade have been equipped with digital devices. In the first year of implementation, this was also include the 6th grade. Apart from a share of 25% to be borne individually (income-dependent to cushion adverse social impact) the cost of the devices is covered by the federal government. Alongside promoting the acquisition of digital skills and digital learning, this measure aims to counteract disadvantages relating to social background and gender.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
All-day school forms – funding under the Bildungsinvestitionsgesetz (Education Investment Act)	The goal is the provision of high-quality, non-discriminatory, demand-oriented, efficient and sustainable, comprehensive, nationwide day care services for 40 % of the children aged 6 to 15 years and/or for 85 % of the general compulsory schools. This is to be achieved through further investments in maintaining and expanding the offer of all-day school forms. Funding is made available for leisure time activities in the context of day/afternoon care at school (until 4 p.m. and, if required, until 6 p.m. or – in the context of morning care – from 7 a.m. until classes begin).	implemented
“Initiative Erwachsenenbildung” (adult education initiative)	Under the Adult Education Initiative, free education services are made available across Austria for people aged 15 plus, who want to acquire basic educational skills and compulsory school-leaving qualifications. Approx. 30 % of participants are young people up to 18 years of age.	implemented
Art and culture education for schools	Art and culture education programmes for schools supported by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, “Kultur:Bildung”, “culture connected” and “K3-Kulturvermittlung mit Lehrlingen”. Participatory cultural education encourages children and young people from different social and cultural backgrounds to take part in artistic-creative as well as social processes. The campaign “Österreichs Jugend lernt ihre Bundeshauptstadt kennen – Wien Aktion” (Austria’s youth get to know their federal capital – school trip to Vienna) contributes to promoting both citizenship and political education of Austria’s youth.	implemented
“PERMA.teach – mit Positiver Psychologie zu psychosozialer Gesundheit” (Positive Psychology for psychosocial health)	By introducing the PERMA.teach approach in the classroom, children and young people learn how to apply evidence-based interventions from Positive Psychology on a daily basis and thus strengthen their wellbeing. The PERMA.teach approach will be tested in 10 pilot schools (primary and secondary schools). Research is also planned on the effectiveness of PERMA.teach with pupils/students in pilot classes, their teachers and their parents.	planned
“Schülerbeihilfe” (“pupils grants”, i.e. education allowance)	In pursuing the goal of promoting equal opportunities and equality, the Schülerbeihilfegesetz 1983 (1983 Pupils Grant Act) enshrines in the Austrian legal system the possibility of financial assistance for attending a secondary school as well as for accommodation of pupils at a boarding school / boarding home or outside their parents’ residence and the preparation for final examinations at schools for persons in employment. In addition, in cases of social need, the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research provides assistance for students to enable participation in school events lasting several days.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Sommerschule" (summer school) – targeted remedial teaching in summer	Considered a social mandate, Summer School offers support to pupils who need help with catching up in school subjects. In this context, a special focus is placed on remedying language deficits; for the Summer School 2022, a barrier-free support concept was developed for children with disabilities.	implemented
Language learning support	The promotion of pupils' / students' skills in German as the language of instruction includes German language support for "non-regular" pupils/students (i.e. whose first language is not German), and language-sensitive teaching in all subjects. In the context of first language classes, pupils' / students' first language skills are also supported at Austrian schools. At bilingual schools, further languages of instruction alongside German are Slovene (in Carinthia), and Croatian (in Burgenland). The modalities for offering the above-mentioned languages as compulsory subjects and optional subjects (including Romany) are also governed by relevant regulations.	implemented
Start of negotiations for revising the agreement under Art. 15a Bundesverfassungsgesetz (B-VG, Federal Constitutional Law) on early childhood education.	As negotiations on an extension and improvement of the existing agreement are currently still underway, it is not yet possible to provide specific content-related information (please also see Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research).	being implemented
Agreement between the Federal Government and the Provinces under Art. 15a Bundesverfassungsgesetz (B-VG, Federal Constitutional Law) on early childhood education for the kindergarten years 2018/19 to 2021/22	Under the Art. 15a agreement, the Federal Government is investing in the expansion of education and care services for children under the age of three. The goal of this measure is to enable more flexibility and longer opening times, provide an impetus towards improving the children-staff ratio, facilitate continuation of the free compulsory kindergarten year for 5-year-olds, as well as more intensive and enhanced quality early language support etc.	implemented
Further development of inclusive education services	The aim is to further develop the education system to ensure that as many children as possible are offered a learning environment that provides them with opportunities, thus facilitating positive learning experiences in line with their needs and talents. Key elements in this context are availability of inclusive educational services and opportunities as well as guaranteed quality of special needs education.	planned

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Wir verstehen uns!” (we understand one another) – Video and telephone interpreting in educational institutions</p>	<p>In educational institutions, complex and emotionally charged topics such as support at an early age, the child’s development, progress and performance as well as career decisions are discussed between parents/guardians, pupils/students and teachers/educators. However, such discussions are often affected by linguistic and cultural misunderstandings, which may also adversely impact the development of the child or young person. Timely involvement of professionally trained interpreters can contribute to preventing and/or quickly and easily resolving such situations.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Federal Ministry of the Interior

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>Suitable accommodation for children covered by the federal basic welfare support (Bundesgrundversorgung)</p>	<p>Unaccompanied refugee minors are accommodated in dedicated federal care facilities specifically designated for this purpose. Qualified staff take care of unaccompanied refugee minors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When assigning rooms to unaccompanied refugee minors, account is always taken of their nationality and age. Whenever children who belong to a family unit are to be accommodated, care is taken to ensure that they are always accommodated with their family members. Where possible, it is ensured that rooms are of adequate size and that open spaces, play facilities and recreation facilities are available.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Care under the federal basic welfare support for children with specific needs and at risk of harm</p>	<p>When developing the child protection concept, the Bundesbetreuungs- und Unterstützungsagentur (BBU GmbH, Federal Agency for Reception and Support Services) places a special focus on involving children in co-shaping their stay under the federal basic welfare support. Special importance is attached to identifying special needs of unaccompanied refugee minors as well as of children in a family unit (e. g. trauma, physical and mental impairments, LGBTIQ*) and avoiding risks.</p>	<p>planned</p>
<p>Establishment of a nationwide protection facility for victims of child trafficking</p>	<p>The Fifth National Action Plan on Combating Human Trafficking (2018–2020) set out the objectives that guide activities aimed at combating trafficking in human beings for the coming years. Examining the establishment of one or more (nationwide accessible) protection facilities for victims of child trafficking is a task defined for the Working Group on Child Trafficking under Objective III.11. The process for establishing the facility or facilities was launched by the Federal Ministry of the Interior – Criminal Intelligence Service Austria at the beginning of 2022.</p>	<p>planned</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Early childhood care as well as education services and school-related activities for foreign national minors in the federal basic welfare support	Care for unaccompanied foreign national minors as well as for foreign national minors in family units is provided by the Federal Reception and Support facilities in the context of the federal basic basic welfare support. In addition to educational programmes and German-language and integration classes, the services also include recreational facilities for children, playgrounds and playrooms. In cooperation with local schools a school-like setting is also in place for unaccompanied minors of school age.	implemented
Ensuring healthcare provision in the context of federal basic basic welfare support	As part of the process enabling access to the federal basic welfare support, foreign nationals in need of assistance and protection will also undergo an initial medical examination. Qualified medical care and specialised psychological or psychosocial care is provided on site in the federal care facilities. Special attention is paid to the needs of children. Inclusion in the federal basic care services programme provides access to the Austrian healthcare system.	implemented
European Migration Network (EMN) studies on minors in the asylum / migration procedure	The EMN is tasked with collecting reliable and comparable information on the thematic areas of migration and asylum for the EU and its Member States' institutions. With respect to minors in the asylum/migration procedure, the following two relevant resources were prepared by EMN: the report on "Children in Migration" (2021); and the study on "Unaccompanied Minors following Status Determination in Austria" (2018).	implemented

Federal Ministry of Justice

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Reform of the law of parent and child (legislation covering the rights of the child)	The objectives of the reform are to strengthen parents' responsibility for their child (emphasis on duties), to organise the separation of parents in such a way that a child can continue to have close relationships with both parents, as well as measures aimed at protection against violence, a stronger integration of the child's perspective in guardianship proceedings and a fair sharing of parental responsibilities.	being rolled-out

Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Further development and expansion of public transport	Example: Austrian Federal Railways Framework Plan 2022–2027, based on which 18.2 billion euros will be invested in a modern railway network over the next six years. Particularly important in the context of mobility as a social issue; especially crucial also for children from low-income households.	implemented
Consideration of low-income households in the “Erneuerbaren-Ausbau-Gesetz” (EAG, Law on the development of renewable energy)	Subsidies for low-income households, exemption from all green electricity charges for low-income households (“GIS Info Service GmbH” – i.e. the company that levies the compulsory broadcasting reception fees). Low-income households that do not fall into this category will in future pay a maximum of 75 euros per year.	implemented
Promotional campaign and support programme “Sauber Heizen für Alle” (clean heating for all)	Additional support for low-income households. Switching to a climate-friendly heating system is promoted with up to 100% of the costs funded (connection to local/district heating network, wood-fired central heating unit or heat pump), for single/two-family houses/terraced houses, start: 3 January 2022 – contribution to addressing energy poverty (lower running costs for renewable heating systems).	implemented
Promotion of research and technology	Promotion of young researchers and human potential, provision of research funding programmes for young talents and internships, annual supervised and paid summer internships, raising people’s awareness of science: organisation of the Long Night of Research, promotion of the science communication platform “fti remixed”, enhancing the attractiveness of job profiles.	implemented
Girls’ Day Mini (for kindergarten children) and Girls’ Day (for children up to the age of about 16)	Annual action days on the topic of equal access to education and awareness raising, sharing hands-on practical experiences in male-dominated professions and fields of study. The goal is to get children interested in STEM subjects (mathematics, information technology, natural sciences and technology), thus contributing to developing new perspectives for their future career. In future, additional measures aimed at raising parental awareness are to be launched.	implemented
“Just Transition” (just and fair transition)	Discussion of economic and labour market policy issues related to the transformation towards a resilient, climate-neutral and environmentally sustainable society and economy; focus on education and training, skills and qualifications, demand for skilled workers for the climate and energy transition. Subsequently, also discussions on the social impact of the energy transition as well as on other aspects such as mobility.	implemented

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Child and youth mobility	<p>Advisory and educational services from kindergarten to primary school through to compulsory secondary school/grammar school, including “klimaaktiv mobil – Mobility Box”, “Klimameilenkampagne” (climate mileage campaign), competitions etc., newsletters, information materials and fact sheets, such as “Mit Klimazwergen unterwegs” (travelling with climate dwarfs). Related measures and activities include guidelines for school mobility management, recommendations for action relating to school and kindergarten routes also against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic etc., information and materials on “school streets” (i.e. street in which schools are located), “Elternhaltestellen” (places where parents may stop to drop off their child/children), “Pedibus and Velobus” (children walk or bike in groups to kindergarten/school accompanied by a voluntary supervisor), pedometer campaign, strategy for climate-friendly mobility for children and young people, involvement of parents and training of educators, workshops on “Autofasten am Schulweg” (avoiding using the car to get to school) and “Zu Fuß zur Schule” (walking to school), research on the “Recht auf einen zumutbaren Schulweg” (the right to a reasonable and safe route to school) based on the Swiss example, activity programmes such as “Radfahren für Kinder” (cycling for children) and “Ö radelt in die Schule” (A(ustria) bikes to school), “Richtlinien und Vorschriften für das Straßenwesen” (RVS, Guidelines and regulations for the road sector, planning guidelines for child-friendly traffic planning (new, revised 2022 edition) and the “klimaaktiv mobil” guide (directed at decision-makers in cities and municipalities).</p>	implemented
“Klimaaktiv mobil” (active climate-friendly mobility): mobility management for children and young people	<p>In January 2022, the new “klimaaktiv mobil” focus on mobility for children and young people was launched. This includes advisory and educational services, the strategy for climate-friendly mobility for children and young people, the involvement of parents and training of educators/teachers, research on the “Recht auf einen zumutbaren Schulweg” (the right to a reasonable and safe route to school) based on the Swiss example), activity programmes such as – “Radfahren für Kinder” (cycling for children) and “Ö radelt in die Schule” (A(ustria) bikes to school), “Richtlinien und Vorschriften für das Straßenwesen” (RVS, Guidelines and regulations for the road sector, planning guidelines for child-friendly traffic planning (new, revised 2022 edition) and the “klimaaktiv mobil” guideline, as well as the launch of the international platform “THE PEP Partnership on child and youth-friendly mobility”. These activities are closely linked to the Ministry’s new third Youth Objective: promoting active, sustainable and safe mobility for children and young people to strengthen healthy mobility and paving the way to a climate-neutral mobility future and also serve as a contribution towards implementing this goal.</p>	planned

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"Klimabonus" (climate bonus)	A lump-sum payment is made available to compensate for the additional costs arising from CO ₂ pricing. Support consists in a flat rate payment of between 100 and 200 euros per capita, depending on the region.	implemented
"Klimajugendrat" (Youth Climate Council)	Dialogue event organised by the federal youth representatives; the framework programme is supported by the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; exchange between young people from all over Austria and Members of Parliament from all parties (National Council, European Parliament, Federal Council) on climate topics	implemented
"Klimarat" (Climate Council)	Citizens' Climate Council of citizens involving young people; 100 randomly selected citizens from all regions and parts of society; discussion on what has to be done today for a climate-friendly healthy future; development of measures to actively shape the climate future of our country.	implemented
"Klimaticket Österreich" (climate ticket Austria)	Holders of this ticket may use all modes of public transport across the whole of Austria. Reduced fare for young people up to and including 26 years (821 euros instead of 1095 euros). Special account was taken of families/facilitating transport for children: In conjunction with the "Klimaticket Ö Classic", "Klimaticket Ö Jugend", "Klimaticket Ö Senior" and "Klimaticket Ö Spezial" and for a one-time family surcharge of 110 euros per year, up to four children between the ages of six and 15 may also be covered by this special ticket. A proof of family ties is not required.	implemented
LCOY (Local Conference of Youth)	Support provided to the annual LCOY (Local Conference of Youth) in Vienna, held to prepare youth positions for the international climate conferences. Support relates to content, organisational matters, facilitating participation in workshops and financial assistance.	implemented
Austrian Youth Strategy	The coordination group at the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology develops and records the Youth Objectives defined by the Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology for the Austrian Youth Strategy (target group aged between 15 and 30) and the corresponding measures. The Youth Objective resulting from the pandemic situation is: "we design framework conditions and structures that support and empower young people to be able to actively face crises and to experience self-efficacy and a sense of being capable of taking action". The Youth Competence Centre is coordinated in the Federal Chancellery.	implemented

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Austrian Youth Strategy – now also features on the departmental website of the Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology	In order to achieve the Youth Objectives defined by the Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology and to make the targeted measures available to a broad, interested public, the Ministry’s website was expanded in 2021 to include the topic “Austrian Youth Strategy”. This ensures that all of the Ministry’s youth-related measures can be accessed collectively via a link and are thus also available to disadvantaged young people.	implemented
“Österreichische Verkehrssicherheitsstrategie 2021–2030” (Austrian Road Safety Strategy) and ongoing awareness-raising activities launched by the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, as well as research by the “Österreichischer Verkehrssicherheitsfonds” (VSF, Austrian Road Safety Fund)	Teaching traffic-safe behaviour from an early age is indispensable. The Austrian Road Safety Strategy therefore sets clear goals for active, safe and climate-friendly mobility. In this context, a special focus is placed on children as the youngest road user group. To further strengthen the respective activities, a range of measures in various areas, relating to education or infrastructure, for instance, have been launched. Especially in the school environment, topics such as walking and cycling safely to and back from school, are to be treated as a main priority. This includes raising awareness of the importance of being visible for other road users and wearing a helmet. Key topics in this context are drawing children’s attention to the problem of the “blind spot”, drivers of heavy-duty vehicles struggle with, and enhanced safety in cars through proper wearing of seat belts. In addition, and on an ongoing basis, the Austrian Road Safety Board conducts related research work and implements awareness-raising measures.	implemented
“Österreichisches Umweltzeichen für Schulen” (Austrian Eco-label for Schools)	The Austrian Eco-label for Schools contributes to integrating environment, health and educational quality into everyday school life. Participation and social cohesion support the commitment to future-oriented education, ecological school development and a general climate at school where everyone feels comfortable. By consciously addressing eco-label issues, teachers and students, staff and parents become more committed to sustainable development in their everyday lives. Precautionary environmental management helps to identify and tap into saving potentials.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Right to a safe route and independent travel to school (infrastructure)	Independent and safe mobility is an important pre-requisite for the healthy physical, mental and psychological development of children. This necessitates the nationwide development of safe transport infrastructure for eco-modes of mobility (cycling, walking and public transport), enabling all children and young people to get around and travel independently and safely. Accompanying tailored mobility management is essential in ensuring take-up of this infrastructure. The goal is thus to develop a concept for Austria that is based on the Swiss model. In a first step, it will be necessary to reach out to relevant legal experts in these fields (with related activities possibly accompanied by a diploma/master thesis and/or PhD thesis).	planned
UNFCCC Climate Change Conference	Participation of two youth delegates as members of the Austrian delegation at the annual international conference on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC Climate Change Conference), selected by "CliMates" in connection with the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY). Their participation is financed by the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology.	implemented

Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture, Civil Service and Sport

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Equal opportunities in cultural participation	The "Brunnenpassage" in Vienna's 16 th district sees itself as an "ArtSocialSpace" that promotes equal opportunities. The two projects "Tanz die Toleranz" (dance tolerance) and the "Brunnenchor" (Brunnen choir) encourage a new form of encounter between young people through intercultural and inclusive artistic work. Everyone, regardless of talent and experience, age and gender, skin colour, religion, ethnicity or social background, is to be enabled to participate in art and culture. Dance and song connect people across social, cultural and linguistic barriers. This programme is directed especially at children and young people.	implemented
"Freier Eintritt bis 19" (free admission up to the age of 19)	Based on the initiative "Freier Eintritt bis 19", the Austrian Federal Museums and the Austrian National Library have opened their doors to children and young people since 1 January 2010. Young people have access to Austria's most important cultural treasures without any financial barriers. Free admission is granted until the age of 19. This also applies to students aged 19 plus when they are with their school class and an accompanying adult/teacher.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Kinder gesund Bewegen 2.0" (motivating children to exercise and stay healthy)	Nationwide programme to promote physical activity for children in kindergartens, primary schools and associations/clubs. The goal is to promote physical activity and sport in children's everyday lives. The programme is implemented by the umbrella sports associations ASKÖ, ASVÖ and SPORTUNION (14,000 sports clubs nationwide) and focuses on children from two to ten years of age, regardless of performance level, social environment and cultural background to ensure equal opportunities and the highest possible level of equality.	implemented
SUPERAR Association for the Promotion of Music	SUPERAR offers children and young people the opportunity to benefit from free music lessons regardless of their socialisation, orientation, religion or cultural affiliation. Children and young people from the age of four are involved in various singing, dancing and orchestra programmes and consistently receive up to six hours of free music tuition per week.	implemented

Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Support for pupils attending an agricultural and forestry college	Support for boarding school fees for pupils with respective needs, with specific needs in class, healthy nutrition (at least one healthy meal per school day, consideration of healthy, organic, sustainable and regional food in the curriculum), adequately sized rooms in boarding schools.	implemented

Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Der gesunde Teller" (the healthy plate) –pictorial representation of health-promoting and sustainable meals based on recipes for which the nutritional value has been calculated to support a healthy diet.	As a useful guide for food shopping, it is planned to make available recommendations for the composition of health-promoting meals, giving the quantity ratios of foods and portion sizes. Pictorial representation of meal ideas together with the respective recipes are to provide incentives for the preparation of health-promoting meals that also focus on regional and seasonal products.	planned

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Gratiszahnspange” (free braces) for children and adolescents with significant misalignment of the teeth or jaw	Orthodontic alignment treatment free of charge for children and adolescents up to the age of 18 if they have a significant misalignment of the teeth or jaw (severity level IOTN 4 or 5).	implemented
“YOUNG CARERS AUSTRIA” app	Since autumn 2021, specific support-related information has been made available to young carers on the “Young Carers Austria” app. The objective pursued is inter alia to bundle information and to provide an overview for caring children and young people as well as to parents and interested persons of the support services.	implemented
Raising the attractiveness of understaffed professions in the field of psychosocial care of children and adolescents	Measure under the “Zielsteuerungsvertrag” (federal target-based governance agreement) relating to “Zielsteuerung Gesundheit” (target-based health governance). After consultation with the Public Health Group and Healthcare Structure Group, two starter measures from the comprehensive package were defined: “Making the area of developmental and social paediatrics more attractive” and “Strengthening, making visible and further developing psychiatric networks for children and adolescents” in line with the “Österreichischer Strukturplan Gesundheit” (ÖGS, Austrian Structural Plan for Health).	planned
Expansion of psychotherapeutic care for children as a particularly vulnerable group	By the end of 2023, an additional 300,000 therapy hours financed by the health insurance funds are to be made available. Of these, a total of 39,000 hours are to be earmarked as psychotherapy hours in the context of the expansion of the provision of services in kind for children as a particularly vulnerable group.	implemented
Expansion and optimisation of school vaccination services	Low-threshold immunisation services are to be made available in the context of school-based immunisation programmes. The goals are improving equity for all children, achieving high immunisation coverage rates and reducing financial barriers to immunisation	idea/planned
Expansion of eviction prevention in Austria	Affordable, permanent and adequate housing is an essential starting point for the implementation of the topics/services under the “Programm Kinderchancen” (programme aimed at promoting opportunities for children) and benefits all target groups addressed. Within the framework of § 5b Covid-19-Gesetz-Armut (COVID-19-Anti-Poverty Act), the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection therefore implements a support programme to prevent COVID-19 related evictions.	implemented
“Ausbildungs-Fit” (fit through training and education) including pre-module	“AusbildungsFit” (AFit) is a follow-up measure to “Jugendcoaching” (youth coaching) and focuses on young people at risk of exclusion in the process of transition from compulsory schooling to further (vocational) training or labour market integration. This measure seeks to make young people fit for labour market integration following an orientation phase in the preceding module.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Training course on raising awareness of and dealing with (suspected) cases of domestic violence, sexual abuse and other cases of hardship – directed at public officials/authorised staff accompanying children in out-of-home care as supervisors on contact visits to their parent(s)	Training course for public officials/authorised staff, representing relevant organisations sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection who accompany children in out-of-home care / or who live with the respective other parent as supervisors on visits to their separated or divorced parent(s). The goal is to raise public officials' /staff's awareness of and promote their competencies in dealing with (suspected) cases of violence. The course is held in cooperation with experts of the "Wiener Netzwerk gegen sexuelle Gewalt an Mädchen, Buben und Jugendliche" (Vienna Network against Sexual Violence against Girls, Boys and Adolescents). Sharing of quality standards as a recommendation for "supervised contact visits".	implemented
Roll-out of project "PERSPEKTIVE: ARBEIT" (future prospects: work) – economic and social empowerment of women affected by violence (currently in Lower Austria and Vienna)	Based on holistic and individual support, goals (personal and professional) are being realised step by step; psychosocial support, measures for financial stabilisation, qualification and job coaching, relief of staff providing counselling services at the "Arbeitsmarktservice" (AMS, Public Employment Service Austria), better opportunities for the children of women affected by violence. The aim is to gradually roll out the programme throughout Austria.	implemented
Call for tenders for school/kindergarten catering based on health promotion aspects	Definition of the terms and conditions set out in the call for tenders for school/kindergarten catering and development of an electronic tender tool developed to facilitate the optimal implementation of the recommendations (made by the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection in cooperation with the federal provinces) for health-promoting catering in kindergartens/childcare facilities and schools.	idea
"Berufsausbildungsassistenz" (vocational training assistance)	Vocational training assistance (building on § 8b "Berufsausbildungsgesetz" / Vocational Training Act) (§ 8b BAG) was set up to provide guidance, supervision and support to young people who the Public Employment Service was unable to place in an apprenticeship relationship due to personal placement obstacles. For young people covered by this programme this means that training focuses on acquiring skills in certain segments of the profession (i.e. skills only in certain aspects of the professional profile) or extension of the apprenticeship period.	implemented
Implementation of the Housing First approach	Affordable, permanent and adequate housing is an essential starting point for implementation of the topics / services provided under the National Action Plan of the European Child Guarantee in Austria and benefits all target groups addressed. The Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection supports projects aimed at improving the housing situation in line with the Housing First approach, such as the project "zu Hause ankommen" (settling in at home).	implemented

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Study analysing the influence of advertising of unhealthy food on children	With a view to assessing the effectiveness of the nutritional profile for managing food advertising directed at children in audio-visual media (Austrian measure in the framework of the EU-wide Joint Action “Best ReMaP”), a study is to be conducted to analyse the currently broadcast advertising of unhealthy food ² , and repeated at intervals in the future.	idea
Recommendations for catering in kindergartens	Both the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection and the federal provinces prepare and make available recommendations and information on health-promoting catering in kindergartens / childcare facilities in order to optimise the food and beverage offered – “Österreichische Empfehlung für das Mittagessen im Kindergarten und Qualitätsstandard für die Verpflegung im Kindergarten” (Austrian recommendation for lunch in kindergartens and quality standard for catering in kindergartens), published in 2022.	implemented
Recommendations for catering at school	Both the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection and the federal provinces prepare and make available recommendations and information on health-promoting catering in schools to optimise the food and beverages offered – “Österreichische Empfehlung für das Mittagessen in der Schule und Checkliste für Schulverpflegung” (Austrian recommendation for school lunch and checklist for school catering) with accompanying background document.	implemented
Development of the electronic “Mutter-Kind-Pass” (mother-child health passport) platform including interfaces to “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) networks	The mother-child health passport is to be further developed into an electronic documentation and communication platform to simplify access to examination results, increase (equal) opportunities in healthcare for pregnant women and their children (especially for disadvantaged families), improve accessibility (especially for socially disadvantaged families) and create an opportunity to evaluate information for health policy, economic and social issues.	implemented
Development and coordination of an “Österreichische Stillstrategie” (Austrian breastfeeding strategy)	Based on a targeted, clearly defined strategy, measures aimed at promoting breastfeeding in Austria are to be processed in a more structured and consistent way. The strategy seeks to make breastfeeding attractive again, reduce the number of women who stop breastfeeding prematurely, and contribute to promoting children’s health.	implemented

² “Unhealthy food” is considered to be particularly rich in energy and poor in nutrients, with high amounts of fat, salt and sugar. For the exact limit values, please see [“Empfehlung der Nationalen Ernährungskommission – Österreichisches Nährwertprofil zur Lenkung von Lebensmittelwerbung an Kinder in Audiovisuellen Medien”](#) / Recommendation of the National Food and Nutrition Commission – Austrian nutrient profile for the purpose of managing food advertising to children in audio-visual media (in German).

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Establishment of a “Survivorship Passport” for children and young people after cancer treatment	A “Survivorship Passport” (based on a request expressed by affected adolescents and young adults) provides bundled information on their disease at the end of cancer treatment (including therapies received, any complications, assessment of individual risk, long-term effects). The goal is to further improve and facilitate care and aftercare as well as transition of children and adolescents into the adult sector of the health system.	planned
Promotion of counselling and care for African women and girls – prevention and elimination of FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) in Austria	Support for (potentially) affected girls and women through individual and group counselling, including interdisciplinary approach (medical and psychosocial) on integration, work, (further) education and training, prevention of violence, prevention of other harmful traditional practices (HTPs), prevention of human trafficking and especially trafficking in women, residence issues, empowerment of women and girls etc.	implemented
Promotion of the “StoP – Stadtteile ohne Partnergewalt” (neighbourhoods without partner violence) project	Following its launch in Vienna, the project is being rolled out to six further federal provinces. Training course in Vienna, implementation of StoP elements and information / awareness-raising campaign to recruit multipliers. The project also involves teaching and acquisition of the necessary knowledge and skills to implement the violence prevention objective, and getting the whole neighbourhood involved. Promoting active citizenship.	implemented
Promotion of projects aimed at supporting single parents and their children	Project funding to support single parents and their children: low-threshold services for eligible families as well as mitigating the pandemic-related burdens. Assistance consists of support in the management of day-to-day life and daily chores (such as childcare, help in the household), legal and psychosocial counselling and support, tutoring for children, networking and sharing of information, empowerment, improvement of the housing situation.	implemented
Health promotion of children and young people – a campaign aimed at previously “hard-to-reach” population groups with low vaccination coverage rates	Launch of an awareness-raising / educational project addressing children and young people in refugee homes, children’s and young people’s residential homes, youth centres, schools etc. in the context of which adequate information about preventive health protection and health promotion is to be provided, while also exposing myths, prejudices and rumours.	idea
Austrian Health Target 6 “To ensure conditions under which children and young people can grow up as healthily as possible”.	To avoid duplication of structures, activities launched in the context of the Austrian Health Target 6 build on the “Kinder- und Jugendgesundheitsstrategie” (Health Strategy for Children and Young People). The goal is to raise and strengthen awareness among decision-makers about the special needs of children and adolescents, to lay the foundation for long-term health during pregnancy and early childhood, and to strengthen the life skills / health of children and adolescents inter alia through education.	implemented

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“Gesundheitsziele Österreich” (Austrian Health Targets)	Building on cross-sector cooperation, the 10 Austrian Health Targets were developed to improve the quality of health and life of all people in Austria, extending their healthy life expectancy without any health-related complications. Many targets (including targets number 2, 6 and 9) are focused on children and adolescents, as is the programme “Frühe Hilfen” / Early Childhood Interventions Programme (please also see Gesundheit Österreich GmbH / Austrian Public Health Institute).	implemented
Vaccinations for children with health problems	Fixed, earmarked budget for children with serious diseases who have a weakened immune system. Regular funding is urgently needed, as vaccinations often have to be repeated due to lack of response caused by their weakened immune system – which translates into higher costs for families.	idea
Influenza vaccination to become an integral component of the free child vaccination programme	During the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccination against influenza was included in the free child vaccination programme and is now to become an integral part of the child vaccination programme.	idea
Youth coaching	Young people with disabilities as well as young people in need of assistance or with multiple problems, in particular young people that fall under the provisions of § 3 Ausbildungspflichtgesetz (Compulsory Training Act) receive counselling, support, care and case management. Strengths and weaknesses are identified, an individual career and development plan is drawn up and vocational perspectives are presented to the target group.	implemented
Free early summer meningococcal (TBE) vaccination	TBE (tick-borne encephalitis) vaccination is not included in the free vaccination programme. As TBE is an issue in every federal province, vaccination is recommended for all persons living in Austria. This also applies to asylum seekers and travellers or trainees in endemic areas in Austria. Vaccination is, however, a cost factor, especially for larger families.	idea
Free human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination up to 18 years of age	In Austria, HPV vaccination is free of charge for children up to the age of twelve, for young people aged between twelve and 15 (as a result of the pandemic up to 16 years) it is available at reduced cost; the National Vaccination Committee explicitly recommends vaccination for all persons of each sex up to the age of 30. There is, however, clear evidence that the high costs associated with vaccination (approx. 3 times 200 euros) are for many young people a reason to decide against having the vaccination. Cost coverage by the state may thus facilitate the decision to get vaccinated, thereby increasing the vaccination coverage rate and reducing the prevailing burden of disease.	implemented

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Free child vaccination programme	Until the age of 15, all children living in Austria are to have free access to all vaccinations important for public health. This covers the majority of vaccine-preventable diseases in childhood and adolescence, which is also important for community / herd protection in the population as a whole. Further expansion of this programme is planned (please see the measures detailed above).	implemented
Free youth screening for young people between the ages of 15 and 18	To close the gap between school and preventive medical check-ups, young people between the ages of 15 and 18 are offered the opportunity of an annual medical health check-up. Alongside early detection of diseases, this check-up also enables raising young people's awareness of the role played by a healthy lifestyle and sharing the relevant information.	implemented
Free oral hygiene for children and adolescents between the ages of ten and 18	Between the ages of ten and 18, children and adolescents can have their teeth cleaned professionally (= oral hygiene) once a year by a contracted dentist at the expense of their respective health insurance provider. Children and adolescents with fixed braces can benefit from this oral hygiene service twice a year. This measure is intended to reduce the number of minors with tooth decay.	implemented
Free accident insurance for children and young people in educational institutions	Kindergarten children who attend the compulsory final year of kindergarten, pupils and students are insured free of charge under the statutory accident insurance scheme. The insurance cover extends to all accidents related to attendance at a childcare facility, school or university.	implemented
Free health insurance cover for children (co-insurance in the health insurance for children)	Children, adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren and foster children are co-insured under the statutory health insurance scheme. This measure ensures comprehensive access to healthcare for children and young people in Austria.	implemented
"Lebensmittel unter der Lupe" (food under the magnifying glass)	Since 2017, funding under "Gemeinsame Gesundheitsziele" (joint health targets) has been used to systematically collect product-related information (nutritional values etc.) based on the product labelling given on processed food. This information is then made available to consumers, presented in a transparent manner in an online tool. This measure provides an important contribution to the establishment and further development of nutrient monitoring and promotes dialogue with food industry representatives to improve the nutritional situation in Austria.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Package of measures to combat male violence against partners and children	“Männerinfo-Telefon” (hotline for men) provides initial counselling and crisis counselling for male perpetrators of violence, men in crisis and difficult life situations as well as for their relatives or caregivers, and provides advice on accessing further support. Violence prevention work with men is being expanded and an additional 12,000 counselling hours for men in crisis are made available throughout Austria. Further related activities include gender-sensitive work with boys and young men in workshops, a media campaign to promote low-threshold awareness-raising and sensitisation.	implemented
“Nationale Ernährungs-kommission” (NEK, National Nutrition Commission) – Working Group on Young Children, Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women	Within the framework of the National Nutrition Commission, a working group on young children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers was inter alia set up to deal with all nutritional issues affecting the target group and to develop recommendations.	implemented
Online financial education workshops for multipliers in the field of youth work	This measure seeks to reach out to young people – including outside the school context – to familiarise them with financial topics such as household budgeting, making financial provisions as well as credit and debt management. To this end, the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection cooperates with the nationwide “Netzwerk Offene Jugendarbeit” (bOJA, Network Open Youth Work) association and holds one-to-two-hour workshops with youth workers. The financial knowledge thus acquired is then shared with young people in youth centres.	planned
Project funding: “TdU-Wien – Theater der Unterdrückten, Wien” (Theatre of the Oppressed, Vienna) – Project: GAP – Girls Against Poverty!	Girls at risk of poverty or exclusion and their social environment are empowered and helped to network and develop strategies for action in dealing with poverty, violence and marginalisation during the COVID-19 crisis. Implemented in the form of a theatre project.	implemented
Project funding: ABZ*AUSTRIA – Verein zur Förderung von Arbeit, Bildung und Zukunft von Frauen (association for the promotion of work, education and the future of women) – Project: Mutfluencer:innen (courage influencers) – empowering young people during the COVID-19 pandemic	“Mutfluencer:innen” (courage influencers) are youths and young adults (16–26 years) at risk of poverty and exclusion, who receive coaching and supervision in the context of this project, empowering them to develop their own peer projects addressing topics related to poverty, violence prevention, psychological stress, fears about the future, those particularly affected (women, girls, marginalised groups) and digital access.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>Project funding: Berufsverband Österreichischer Psycholog:innen (BÖP, Professional Association of Austrian Psycho- logists) – Project: “Wir stärken Stärken” (we strengthen strengths)</p>	<p>Across the federal provinces, gaps in the provision of psychological treatment for children and adolescents between the ages of ten and 18 are to be closed. The goal is to combat child poverty through free (and partly multilingual) online workshops as well as health and clinical psychological counselling / treatment for children / young people at risk of poverty or exclusion.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Project funding: “Bundesarbeitsge- meinschaft Freie Wohlfahrt” (BAG, Federal Association Free Welfare), Hilfs- werk Österreich – Project: Social assistance during the pandemic. Joining forces to strengthen children, young people and their families NOW</p>	<p>Caritas, Diakonie, Hilfswerk, Red Cross and Volkshilfe are jointly developing a catalogue of cumulative measures for children and young people aimed at safeguarding the subsistence of children and young people, covering immediate assistance, support for educationally disadvantaged children and young people, including a wide range of low-threshold counselling and information services.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Project funding: “FEM Institute für Männer- und Frauengesundheit” (institute for men’s and women’s health) – Project: “selbstwert – Mädchen und junge Frauen stärken!” (self-esteem – strengthening girls and young women!)</p>	<p>Transnational measures to promote / stabilise mental health, provide support in crisis situations, improve health equity, facilitate access to monthly hygiene and COVID-19 products, and strengthen health literacy. Directed at girls and women (between the ages of twelve and 25 years) from socioeconomically disadvantaged households, (single) mothers and migrant women.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Project funding: “Fremde werden Freunde” (strangers become friends) – Project: Psycho- social guidance and support for young adults with a ref- ugee or migration background</p>	<p>Transnational, low-threshold psychosocial health counselling for young adults with a refugee or migration background (between the ages of 16 and 30) who have been severely affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this context, psychological support, coaching on problem-solving, workshops as well as intercultural exchange groups and awareness-raising measures at universities are made available. Some of these measures are specifically targeted at women.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Project funding: "Gemeinsam – Verein Initiative Interkulturelle Arbeit" (together – association initiative inter-cultural work) Project: Nightingale – Mentoring	120 mentors (students) provide guidance and assistance to 120 pupils/students (between the ages of eight and 12) who are at risk of poverty (especially children from third countries and with a refugee background) who need support in learning German and with integration issues. Joint educational, cultural and leisure activities improve children's social integration and self-esteem.	implemented
Project funding: "ISOP Innovative Sozialprojekte" (innovative social projects) – Project: "Gestärkt in die Zukunft" (empowered into the future) – initiatives aimed at combating poverty in the region of Southeast Styria – Southern Burgenland	Learning support, digital education and the provision of digital learning materials contribute to enabling pupils and young people up to the age of 25 with a migration and refugee background, parents and women (especially mothers and single parents with a migration and refugee background) to undergo schooling and training. Interventions/support made available include affordable housing, financial coaching, low-threshold psychotherapeutic and women-specific therapy services .	implemented
Project funding: "Pro mente Oberösterreich" (Upper Austria) – Project: Children of mentally ill parents – alleviating poverty-related family hardship, social exclusion and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic	Rapid help and assistance for children with mentally ill parents: online platforms, online chat counselling, and one-to-one on-site counselling. Raising awareness/ educating the experts and the public at large regarding the challenges faced by children with mentally ill parents. The goal is to eliminate prejudice and stigmatisation. Benefits in kind to alleviate poverty, leisure activities to ease the burden and offer some respite.	implemented
Project funding: "Sindbad – Mentoring für Jugendliche Österreich" (Sindbad – youth mentoring Austria) – Project: 80 mentors for 80 young people at risk of poverty	Individual coaching and support are provided by volunteer mentors (20–35 years old) to pupils (between the ages of 13 and 19) with a migration background during transition from compulsory schooling to further education or training. Pupils/students are thus given orientation and support in choosing a profession and help with the job application process. The project also includes joint activities with regard to various vocational / school options. Throughout the programme, the mentoring team is assisted and coached by experts.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Project funding: association “Big Brothers Big Sisters” – Project: School Mentoring – Mentoring programme to strengthen and empower disadvantaged children and their parents at socially challenged schools	Support is provided to pupils (aged between eight and ten years) at risk of poverty or exclusion due to living in challenging family and school situations. The programme involves one-to-one mentoring, once a week for a period of two hours by volunteer mentors. Throughout the various lockdown phases, the situation, which deteriorated as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, has improved across all federal provinces. The relevant measures also serve to relieve parents, especially those with a migration background or single parents.	implemented
Project funding: association “Pat:innen für alle” (sponsors for all) – Project: “Pat:in für dich” (sponsor for you) – Sponsorships for children and young people in need to alleviate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic	The increased need for sponsorships attributable to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis is being mitigated in Vienna, Lower Austria and Upper Austria by bringing sponsors into contact with children and adolescents at risk of poverty who have been severely affected by the impact of the pandemic. For at least three hours a week, these sponsors help children, young people and their relatives with their schoolwork and support them in organising their daily lives, leisure time and holidays.	implemented
Project funding: “Volkshilfe Solidarität” – Project: Safeguarding livelihoods for children and young people at risk of and affected by poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic	Families at risk of poverty from all over Austria receive a payment of 1,200 euros per child, which has a positive effect on the increased number of applications attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nationwide, children and young people receive 100 euros / month for one year, The need for support is determined by means of the at-risk-of-poverty threshold (EU-SILC). Social workers supervise and support the affected families throughout the term of the project.	implemented
RESET – Psychotherapeutic interventions to prevention violence and extremism	Psychosocial services are made available to refugees and people with a migration background. Many elements of these services are specifically directed at children and young people. The programme also includes new psychotherapeutic and psychologically guided services. In this context, the focus is placed on managing stress and emotions with a view to developing essential barriers against the transmission of experienced violence.	implemented
“Richtig Essen von Anfang an!” (REVAN, healthy eating from the start) – increasing the accuracy of existing information measures	Finetuning and increasing the accuracy of existing information measures and services: interlinking potential cooperation partners, organising focus groups with those affected to clarify needs, and reviewing the REVAN (healthy eating from the start) information services, adapting relevant information services, expanding further training activities aimed at multipliers.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Richtig Essen von Anfang an!” (REVAN, healthy eating from the start) – Recommendations</p>	<p>Recommendations seek to define scientifically based information as dietary recommendations in order to promote health and reduce diet-associated diseases, building on clear and structured communication about nutrition.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Richtig Essen von Anfang an!” (REVAN, healthy eating from the start) – Developing recommendations for action and measures to promote breastfeeding</p>	<p>The programme aims to enable every child to benefit from a healthy diet from the very beginning, thus increasing the number of children of healthy weight. Stakeholder dialogue, focus groups involving relevant professional groups and those affected, report with recommendations for action and measures, timetable for the implementation of measures.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Richtig Essen von Anfang an!” (REVAN, healthy eating from the start) – Optimising communal catering in childcare facilities and schools</p>	<p>Optimisation of communal catering in childcare facilities and schools based on collecting and summarising information on existing concepts / models and supply structures, identifying challenges and/or potential need for optimisation and solution concepts, defining focal points and developing at least one good practice model that can be rolled out in cooperation with the social insurance institutions as well as implementing the roll-out or this model / these models.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“SchulstartKLAR 2022–2028” (ready for school 2022–2028)</p>	<p>Across Austria, children / students from households that receive social assistance or needs-based minimum income will also benefit from basic material support at the start of school: in the context of “SchulstartKLAR” vouchers to purchase age- and school-type appropriate school items for children and adolescents – from primary level to secondary level 2 – will be made available.</p>	<p>being rolled-out</p>
<p>Continuation of the needs-oriented development of rehabilitation facilities for children</p>	<p>Children and adolescents up to the age of 18 have the opportunity to access rehabilitation services in a rehabilitation centre for children and young people.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (Austrian Public Health Institute)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Gemeinsam gesund durch die Corona-Pandemie?!“ (let’s stay healthy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic)</p>	<p>The target group are residents of the “Seestadt Aspern” urban development project in Vienna’s 22nd district, and especially people at risk of poverty. A particular focus is placed on the group of women and children. The goals pursued in this context consist in 1) developing a broad-based health promotion landscape that takes account of the challenges related to COVID-19, 2) developing and firmly establishing the existing health network structures as well as establishing a contact point with a “link worker” (social prescribing) addressing the triage of preventive, health-promoting and social services and 3) the development and implementation of interdisciplinary primary prevention programmes involving local physicians and health services.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Toolbox to incentivise people to attend preventive medical check-ups (such as “Mutter-Kind-Pass”/ mother-child health passport)</p>	<p>A study is being conducted to analyse the reasons for the decline in uptake of “mother-child health passport” examinations after pay-out of the childcare allowance had no longer been linked to having these examinations performed, as well as the reasons for the below-average take-up of midwife counselling services by population groups with a low level of education and socio-economic status and/or non-Austrians. Recommendations for action are to be developed.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Raising the attractiveness of professions currently characterised by a shortage of qualified personnel in the field of psychosocial care of children and adolescents. Possibilities and potential for further development in selected areas.</p>	<p>Within the framework of target-based health governance, an analysis of the current situation was conducted for seven selected areas and/or occupational groups in the field of psychosocial care for children and adolescents – followed by strengths and weaknesses analysis. As a next step, measures are being developed to raise the attractiveness of developmental and social paediatrics and to increase the visibility, strengthen and further develop child and youth psychiatric networks.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Baby-friendly Hospitals Initiative in the context of the “Österreichisches Netzwerk Gesundheitsfördernder Krankenhäuser und Gesundheitseinrichtungen” (ONGKG, Austrian Network of Health-Promoting Hospitals and Health Care Institutions).</p>	<p>Breastfeeding and promotion of breastfeeding are among the most effective and cost-efficient preventive measures in the health and social sectors. This initiative seeks to improve the conditions for breastfeeding and to actively encourage mothers to breastfeed. The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that infants be exclusively breastfed during their first six months of life. In this respect, mothers are to receive all the support they need.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Exercising, sports and health for girls and boys in extracurricular youth work	Children and young people are to be encouraged and motivated to pursue a healthy lifestyle. The starting point in this context is sports and exercising in extracurricular youth work. The target group is to get acquainted with and is invited to try out new types of exercise and to become aware of the interconnection between exercising and other aspects of health (such as psychological, social, and nutritional aspects, addiction prevention, risk competence, empowerment, self-efficacy etc.). The related activities at the same time contribute to fostering integration and equal health opportunities for socially disadvantaged young people.	idea
Further development of the project approach “Gesamthafte Lösung zur Organisation der psychologischen und psychotherapeutischen Versorgung” (concept for a holistic solution in the organisation of psychological and psychotherapeutic care) directed at the target group of children and adolescents	In close cooperation with those affected as well as the occupational groups involved in providing care (focus groups, individual interviews, round tables), a survey of factors that facilitate and/or hinder the take-up of psychosocial support services for children and adolescents is being performed. Subsequently, and based on assessment criteria that are to be jointly developed, the strengths and weaknesses of previous approaches to be used for children and adolescents are being analysed and a suitable model for children and adolescents is to be developed.	implemented
Funding call: projects aimed at fostering a positive self-perception (body-positivity) and reducing weight-related stigmatisation	Call for the submission of projects aimed at increasing children’s, adolescents’ and young adults’ wellbeing and psychosocial health, involving their caregivers. In this context, a particular focus is placed on the promotion of a positive self-perception (body positivity) and reduction of weight-related stigmatisation. The call for projects aims at the development and establishment of health promoting projects covering this thematic focus. At least two such projects are to be funded.	implemented
Fostering of holistic projects aimed at health promotion (in the workplace)	Fonds Gesundes Österreich (Austrian Health Promotion Fund) supports pilot projects aimed at introducing holistic (workplace-related) health promotion or sustainability projects aimed at integrating health promotion in the workplace into regular operations (workplace health management), considering – as required – thematic and target group-specific approaches (such as childcare facilities).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Gesund Aufwachsen" (growing up healthy)	In families where one parent suffers from a mental illness, children face a particular challenge and are at increased risk of developing a mental illness themselves. Since additional caregivers are an important factor for resilience, sponsors are sought for children in such households. These sponsors are trained accordingly and spend time with the children on a regular basis.	implemented
"GEVAN/Gesundheit und Ernährung von Anfang" (health and nutrition from the start)	In cooperation with social institutions, hospitals and women's health centres, information is shared with women to improve health literacy and nutrition-related competencies of pregnant women and young mothers. This measure is aimed at women with a migration background and socio-economically disadvantaged women during pregnancy, birth and early parenthood. In this context, a special focus is placed on individuals with Turkish, Arabic, Farsi, Somali and French as first languages.	implemented
Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) Study	The HBSC (Health Behaviour in School-aged Children) study is the largest European child and adolescent health study. It is conducted in close cooperation with the WHO (World Health Organization) Regional Office for Europe by an interdisciplinary research network, meanwhile composed of 46 countries, in a four-year cycle and thus creates a unique data basis for child and adolescent health.	implemented
"Initiative Wohlfühlzone Schule" (comfort zone school) – Psycho-social Health and (Cyber-)Bullying Prevention in Schools	In the context of several calls for project proposals issued by Fonds Gesundes Österreich (Austrian Health Promotion Fund), mainly teacher training colleges in cooperation with health promotion institutions were invited to submit projects in which 15–25 schools each implement a site-specific school development project over a period of two years or longer. The goal is to support schools in strengthening psychosocial health and bullying prevention as well as reducing school dropout rates. By the beginning of 2021, a total of six projects had already been launched in different federal provinces.	implemented
"Kinder essen gesund" (children eat healthy)	A number of different tools are used to improve nutrition of children between the ages of four and ten (especially from socially disadvantaged families) and the quality of communal catering in primary school settings. The tools used to achieve these goals include projects, videos, the dedicated website/ toolbox, the "Children eat healthy" charter, a collection of recipes and a newsletter. Projects seek to increase the health literacy of parents, educators and those responsible for communal catering and are being implemented in the following provinces: Burgenland, Lower Austria, Styria, Vorarlberg and Vienna.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Koordinationsstelle Kinder- und Jugendgesundheit” (coordination unit for child and adolescent health)</p>	<p>The “Koordinationsstelle Kinder- und Jugendgesundheit” (coordination unit for child and adolescent health) is mandated with generally promoting, in cooperation with an intersectoral committee, child and adolescent health in Austria and in particular with advancing implementation of the Health Strategy for Children and Young People and the Austrian Health Target 6. Regular intersectoral exchange within the committee facilitates tapping into synergies and enables development of ideas.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Österreichisches Programm der Frühen Hilfen” (Austrian Early Childhood Interventions Programme)</p>	<p>Services provided under “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantage), starting with pregnancy until the child’s third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under “Frühe Hilfen” aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive, nationwide roll-out of services by the end of 2023.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Partizipativ erstellte Gute Gesundheitsinformationen” (PeGGI, participatory production of good health information) on physical activity and nutrition (as a pilot of “Österreichische Plattform Gesundheitskompetenz” / Austrian Health Literacy Platform)</p>	<p>Health information for young people between the ages of 14 and 17 is produced in a participatory manner. This information is to be designed according to the quality criteria defined by “Gute Gesundheitsinformationen Österreich” (GGI, Good Health Information Austria). Young people participate via photovoice, are involved in focus groups, or give feedback on the product in order to ascertain young people’s requirements in term of content, design and medium. In addition and in cooperation with “Frauengesundheitszentrum Graz” (Women’s Health Centre, Graz), a guideline for the creators of health information with a focus on target group participation is being developed.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Call for project proposals: Projects aimed at promoting the psychosocial health of children, adolescents and young adults</p>	<p>The focus of this call for project proposals is placed primarily on strengthening the wellbeing and psychosocial health of children, adolescents and young adults, involving their caregivers. Funding is expected to be made available for a total of four projects.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Social Prescribing in primary care	In order to gather experience with Social Prescribing in Austria, the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection provides funding for selected primary healthcare facilities. In the context of this call for project proposals, thematic guidance is provided by experts from the Austrian Public Health Institute. The findings will then be integrated into the overarching project "Vorbereitung und Umsetzung von Modellregionen Social Prescribing" (preparation and implementation of Social Prescribing model regions). The objective is to develop a substantive basis for the sustainable implementation of Social Prescribing in Austria.	implemented
Prevention against poisoning (ViZ / Poisons Information Centre 2021) "Vergiftung, nein danke!" (poisoning, no thanks!)	The preventive activities launched by the Vergiftungs-informationszentrale (ViZ, Poisons Information Centre) is to educate parents, grandparents and other contact persons about potential "hazards" in the household. Project-based activities may include: webinars, presentations given in online and in-person seminars, further training events; publication of reports on facts, figures, data, experiences and useful information shared by the Poisons Information Centre; use of both digital media (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube) and analogue media (such as posters and flyers).	implemented
"WohlfühlPOOL" (feel good pool): Resources to strengthen the psychosocial health of children, adolescents, young adults and their caregivers	This measure is directed at multipliers and caregivers who work with children and young people, especially teachers, educators, headmasters / school administrators and parents. Information on low-threshold, largely digital support services for direct psychosocial support and for teaching core content and skills in the field of psychosocial health and wellbeing is made available on a dedicated website.	implemented

Umbrella Organisation of Austrian Social Insurance Institutions

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Frühe Hilfen" (Early Childhood Interventions Programme)	Services provided under "Frühe Hilfen" (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantage), starting with pregnancy until the child's third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under "Frühe Hilfen" aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive, nationwide roll-out of services by the end of 2023 (please also see Gesundheit Österreich GmbH / Austrian National Public Health Institute).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“GET! Gesunde Entscheidungen treffen” (making healthy decisions)</p>	<p>“GET! Gesunde Entscheidungen treffen” consists of a range of specific thematic teaching concepts for primary and secondary schools aimed at strengthening pupils’ / students’ health literacy, which forms the basis for self-determined health-promoting action. The services offered are, for instance, aimed at increasing language and reading skills as well as promoting critical thinking with regard to health information, promoting health-relevant behaviour, sharing of knowledge about health systems and relevant contact points, and raising parents’ and educators’ awareness.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Programme “Richtig Essen von Anfang an!” (REVAN, healthy eating from the start) operated by the Österreichische Gesundheitskasse (ÖGK, Austrian Health Insurance Fund)</p>	<p>The Austria-wide programme “Richtig essen von Anfang an!” (REVAN, healthy eating from the start) provides information on healthy nutrition and is aimed at families with children (from pregnancy to kindergarten age). Based on quality-assured working materials / tools (such as workshops), the national nutrition recommendations are shared with the general public. The goal is to raise awareness among (expectant) parents and to encourage them to apply the acquired knowledge in the long term. The programme also involves training courses for relevant professional groups and educational institutions.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Schulische Gesundheitsförderung” (health promotion at schools) organised by the Austrian Health Insurance Fund (ÖGK)</p>	<p>Within the framework of health promotion at school, the Austrian Health Insurance Fund provides schools with individual and comprehensive support and builds on existing health-promoting offers and resources. The Austrian Health Insurance Fund plays an advisory and steering role, supports processes based on a defined project management cycle and arranges for access to services made available by other social insurance institutions. In the school setting it is possible to reach all children and young people from all social classes, ethnic groups, regions etc. – including vulnerable target groups. Health promotion at school can contribute to improving the target groups’ health as well as the possibilities and opportunities available to them throughout their lives.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Study on the expansion of the project concept “Gesamthafte Lösung” (holistic solution) for the target group of children and young people with psychological difficulties</p>	<p>The “Konzept für eine gesamthafte Lösung zur Organisation der psychologischen und psychotherapeutischen Versorgung” (concept for a holistic solution in the organisation of psychological and psychotherapeutic care) developed by Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (Austrian Public Health Institute) outlines potential approaches to the range of psychosocial assistance services directed at adults only. Based on this concept, a separate model for access to psychosocial care directed at children is to be developed within the context of this project. The aim is, inter alia, to support children and adolescents and/or their relatives in quickly and easily identifying and establishing contact with the “best point of service” for their concerns.</p>	<p>planned</p>

3 Notifications of Measures by the Federal Provinces, the Ombuds Offices for Children and Young People, and Cities & Towns

Province of Burgenland

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Support for single parents	Financial support is made available to single-parent households, the level of support depends on the number of children the household receives family allowance for. Up to the third child, family allowance is 200 euros per child. For more than three children (i.e. starting with the fourth child) a lump sum of 750 euros is paid out per household. The household's net income must not exceed 1,700 euros per month for one parent and one child. This ceiling is gradually raised depending on the number of children in the household.	implemented
Means-tested minimum income	With a view to combating social exclusion and/or other social hardship and to ensuring the broadest-possible promotion of lasting integration or reintegration into the labour market, a means-tested minimum income scheme was set up. Services under this scheme are made available to some 500 children or their legal representatives.	implemented
Occupational integration	Benefits under § 24 of the Burgenland Sozialhilfegesetz 2000 (2000 Burgenland Social Assistance Act), occupational integration: vocational/occupational orientation, vocational training (apprenticeship scheme), training/retraining/follow-up training as well as on-site supervision and support in companies, training workshops or similar facilities, trial periods in a job as well as financial assistance for people with special needs for modifications to private vehicles needed for travel to work.	implemented
Occupational therapy	Partially inpatient measures in the context of services provided to people with special needs (occupational therapy). Occasionally, young people with disabilities under the age of 18 may join day care after having completed compulsory schooling.	implemented
Burgenland Family Card	Free bonus card that grants Burgenland families discounts at 100 enterprises. The goal is to facilitate involvement and participation in society also by offering low-cost access to leisure activities.	implemented
Parent education programme – "FamilyWeb" and brochures	Digital educational programmes directed at parents. Free webinars featuring local experts are made available on the dedicated website; the respective videos may also be downloaded from the website. Related brochures and fact sheets are also made available.	implemented
"Erziehungshilfe" (food and day care/after-school assistance/parenting support)	Parents' contributions for the cost of meals served in kindergarten and schools as well as costs for afternoon and/or day care are covered by child and youth welfare services.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“EU-Schulklassen-Förderung” (funding support for school trips to EU institutions)	From the 9 th school grade on (i.e. pre-vocational schools, secondary schools and colleges), trips by Burgenland school classes to institutions and bodies of the European Union and the Council of Europe (based in Brussels, Strasbourg or Luxembourg) are co-funded by the Province of Burgenland.	implemented
Family counselling centres	The Province of Burgenland operates three family counselling centres where free psychosocial and legal counselling is provided to Burgenland families. This service is financed with funding from both federal and provincial levels.	implemented
“Familienhilfe” (support for families)	The goal is to support families to whom services under basic support (for instance in cases where the main income earner / caregiver is temporarily unable to provide for the family due to illness) are made available or who receive low-threshold childcare guidance and especially household management support.	implemented
“Familienintensivbetreuung” (full-scale support for families)	In the context of this measure social workers support, counsel and directly assist families, helping them – on site in the family home – to manage their lives.	implemented
Funding of individual integration activities upon application	Financial support is provided for activities aimed at fostering integration. Once the relevant application for funding has been granted, support provided ranges from coverage of the costs of membership in an association through to reimbursement of costs for transportation to and from integration-promoting activities.	implemented
Support for caregiving by relatives to family members in need of care	Provided the necessary prerequisites are met, the Province of Burgenland supports the care / nursing by relatives of persons starting from care level 3. Co-funding is provided to cover part of the caregivers’ (non-wage) labour costs. The target group under this temporary pilot project are persons of working age who wish to care for / nurse their relatives.	implemented
Support for participation in multi-day school events (such as sports and project-based events)	Co-funding is provided to enable pupils / students from public compulsory general education schools, whose main place of residence is in Burgenland, to participate in multi-day school events.	implemented
Co-funding provided for the purchase of a family car	For the purchase of a family car, a one-off payment is granted as a contribution to the acquisition costs, provided the defined eligibility criteria are met.	implemented
Promotion of parent-child centres	The province of Burgenland provides annual funding for the operation of parent-child centres.	implemented
Support at an early age	Up to school entry age, support at an early age as well as early visual and auditory intervention is made available as special support for young children with special needs, developmental delays or disabilities or whose development is at risk. In addition, professional counselling is provided to parents. Co-funding of (part of) the costs for related further training is also possible.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
School enrolment booklet: "Komm mit in die Schule" (Let's start school)	A booklet containing stories to be read to children and play along games are made available free of charge to every child in Burgenland upon school enrolment. The goal is to encourage children to learn how to read in a playful manner and to prepare children in the best way for starting primary school.	implemented
Help and support in challenging situations in life	Help and support for individuals facing challenging situations in their lives is provided in the form of cash and non-cash benefits. Currently this assistance increasingly consists of coverage of outstanding rents, payment of electricity and/or gas bills, financial contributions to cover living expenses etc. Although this measure is not specifically directed at children and/or young people, they benefit indirectly from the funding made available (i.e. they will not lose their home due to lack of funds, and children's bedroom furniture, a washing machine, food etc. can be acquired thanks to assistance provided under this programme).	implemented
Funding for schooling of children with very special needs	Funding to cover the costs necessary to provide education and training for school-age children who due to the severity of their disability are unable to attend a public school for children with special needs. Coverage includes the additional costs incurred in enabling children with severe disabilities to have access to and undergo education and schooling that meet their special requirements (school and boarding costs, cost of transport to and from a special school etc.).	implemented
Funding for aids (for children with disabilities)	Contributions to the costs incurred by persons with disabilities for the provision of prostheses, orthopaedic and/or other aids as well as the repair and/or replacement of such aids if they can no longer be used or have been lost, provided these aids enhance this person's capabilities and/or alleviate the impact of their disability / ies, illness or infirmity.	implemented
Mainstreaming/ integration-promoting activities in child education and childcare facilities in Burgenland	In all child education and childcare facilities across the Province of Burgenland, children with special educational needs are educated, trained, brought up, cared for and supported together with children without special educational needs. In order to fulfil these tasks, the Province authorities may – as set out in Art. 6 par. 2 of the Burgenland Kinderbildungs- und -betreuungsgesetz (KBBG, Child Education and Childcare Act) of 2009 – enlist the assistance of qualified third parties, such as mobile special needs education service providers who strengthen the children's skills and abilities, empower them and support their development.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic	At two locations (Eisenstadt and Oberwart), the “Psychosozialer Dienst Burgenland” (PSD, psycho-social service Burgenland), held by Province, provides clinical-psychological diagnostics and counselling for children and adolescents and their parents. Importance is attached to interdisciplinary cooperation, exchange and contacts with other support services and professional groups working with children (including schools, kindergartens, youth welfare services, school psychologists, “SOS-Kinderdörfer” / SOS Children’s Villages, as well as third-party treatment and therapeutic facilities).	implemented
Child bonus	The child bonus is an income-related allowance granted for children up to the age of three. Starting with the application date, this monthly payment is made available for a maximum of 12 months. The application for support under the child bonus scheme can be submitted from the child’s birth until the age of 30 months.	implemented
Child vaccination programme	The free child vaccination programme for children up to the age of 15 is jointly coordinated by the Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, the Austrian social insurance institutions and the federal provinces. Under this programme, vaccinations are made available against measles-mumps-rubella (MMR); meningococcus ACWY, rotavirus; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and haemophilus influenzae type b (Di-Tet-Pert-HiB-IPV-Hep B); tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio (Di-Tet-Pert-IPV), human papillomavirus (HPV), hepatitis B and pneumococci. In addition, a vaccination against influenza for children aged between two and five has been made available under this programme since 2020.	implemented
Children’s rehabilitation	There is low-threshold access to rehabilitation treatment for children and adolescents, regardless of whether rehabilitation is required following medical treatment or because of a congenital disability, genetic defects or developmental disorders. Upon full roll-out of rehabilitation facilities starting in 2020, the annual cost allocated for this measure to the Province of Burgenland totals 248,200 euros (valorised).	implemented
Child protection centres	Child protection centres offer counselling services and care for children and adolescents at risk of and/or affected by violence and, if necessary, crisis intervention in cases of physical, psychological and sexual violence as well as neglect. In the context of outreach activities, staff from child protection centres are involved in violence prevention activities in kindergartens and schools.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Co-financing of Caritas "Lerncafés" (tutoring facilities) operated by the Diocese of Eisenstadt in Burgenland	Tutoring and after-school care offered by Caritas (social aid organisation of the Catholic Church). At the four tutoring / after-school care facilities operated by Caritas in Eisenstadt, Neusiedl, Rust and Oberwart, 85% of the children / adolescents have a migration background. The services provided to pupils/students at "Lerncafés" are free of charge and managers of the respective facilities are also in regular contact with parents.	implemented
Free human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination	Free vaccination programme for (school) children: HPV vaccination for children aged nine to twelve years. HPV booster vaccinations at reduced cost for children aged 13–15. HPV vaccinations at reduced cost for citizens of Burgenland between the ages of 16 and 45.	implemented
Learning support	German language courses for children with a migration background in compulsory education.	being rolled-out
Let's Rock This Camp	Every year in summer, a multi-day workshop directed at young people from Burgenland (between the ages of 10 – 16 years) is organised under the heading of "Let's Rock this Camp". This singing and dancing workshop is led by experienced singing teachers and choreographers and focuses particularly on children and young people from disadvantaged / precarious family backgrounds (the participation fee per child amounts to 300 euros).	implemented
Website: "Mach Mint" (join STEM)	"Mach MINT" (join STEM) is a newly created online platform aimed at raising girls' and women's interest in science, technology, engineering and craft-based professions. The information provided on www.mach-mint.at seeks to support women in Burgenland in making their career choices.	implemented
Inspiring girls from kindergarten onwards to take up technical, craft-based professions with a view to counteracting the gender pay gap	Workshops on the topics of gender equality and gender equity are organised and related working material is made available to raise awareness among parents, early childhood educators, kindergarten and elementary school teachers, jointly addressing and working on this topic in kindergartens and primary schools.	planned
Financial support for parents of twins and multiples	Income-independent support of 700 euros for twins and/or an additional 300 euros per child for multiples	implemented
"MHD – Mobiler Heilpädagogischer Dienst" (mobile special needs education service)	The mobile special needs education team includes physiotherapists, music therapists, special kindergarten teachers, speech therapists and early intervention specialists who provide free support and therapy for children (with disabilities) of kindergarten age across the Province of Burgenland, also providing professional advice to parents and kindergarten teachers.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Mobile paediatric nursing	Specially trained experts (qualified paediatric nurses) from the association “MOKI Burgenland – Mobile Kinderkrankenpflege” (mobile nursing care for children) provide nursing and care for children and adolescents at home, also advising and supporting parents in the care of children with disabilities as well as chronically ill, seriously ill and dying children.	implemented
Personal recreational activity assistance (for young people with disabilities from the age of 14)	Personal assistance can be made available to young people with disabilities who, due to their disability, are unable to engage in recreational activities alone or without the help of others. This assistance scheme seeks to support young people with disabilities to organise their free time themselves, thus contributing to a self-determined and independent life also during leisure time.	implemented
Foster children / foster persons	If it is necessary to place a child outside their family, the relevant law provides for placing especially infants and toddlers primarily in foster families, including also in the event of crisis placements. In this context, the Province of Burgenland seeks to increase the number of places in foster families, inter alia by providing social insurance coverage for foster persons. The goal is to further enhance both the attractiveness and the quality of foster care by offering foster persons the opportunity of employment.	implemented
Project promoting oral hygiene: “Gesund im Mund” (a healthy mouth)	In the context of health promotion and disease prevention measures, the “dental decay prevention” programme was reintroduced in primary schools in autumn 2019. The goal is to raise people’s awareness of oral hygiene in order to minimise dental damage, reduce treatment costs and improve people’s general dental health.	implemented
Project “Gesunde Kinder im Burgenland” (healthy children in Burgenland)	This health promotion project implemented in Burgenland kindergartens has been running since 2012. In 2019, the programme was expanded to include dental decay prevention and mental health (also involving further training for educators and teachers). In 2020, the project was extended to also include primary schools. The priority topic of “Bio-Essen im Kindergarten” (organic food in kindergartens), defined in the current government programme, is also implemented in the context of the “Gesunde Kinder im Burgenland” (GeKiBU, healthy children in Burgenland) project.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Project: “Netzwerk Kind – Frühe Hilfen” (network child – Early Childhood Interventions Programme)	“Kind Burgenland” (child Burgenland) is a province-wide network, which makes available low-threshold support free of charge in stressful situations and arranges suitable assistance for (expectant) families with children up to the age of three. Services provided under “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socioeconomic disadvantage) during pregnancy and until the child’s third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social and health equality. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under “Frühe Hilfen” aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive roll-out of “Frühe Hilfen” will be completed by the end of 2023 (please also see: Gesundheit Österreich GmbH).	implemented
“Schulassistentz” (school assistance services)	With a view to enabling persons with disabilities to undergo school-based education and training meeting their special requirements, the additional costs attributable to the disability are covered, i.e. assumption of the salary costs incurred for school assistance services staff (who accompany and provide nursing care to the pupil/student with disabilities).	implemented
School attendance abroad	Upon application and provided specific requirements are met, the province of Burgenland makes available financial support for a period of one or a maximum of two semesters to pupils/students undergoing schooling abroad. The related funding is income-dependent, scaled and adjusted according to the applicant’s respective situation.	implemented
“Schulsozialarbeit” (social work in schools)	Under this programme, which was set up as an additional, regular, low-threshold service, social workers are available in certain schools during fixed office hours. They provide counselling and support for children, young people and families in stressful situations, complementing existing and well-established in-house child protection services offered in schools (including school psychologists, school assistance services and counselling teachers).	implemented
“Schulstartgeld” (one-off payment to support children starting school)	Families with children starting school receive a one-off payment of 100 euros to cover related expenses.	implemented
“Sozialpädagogische Kinder- und Jugendbetreuung” (support for children and young people provided by social educators)	Under this mobile service, social educators and social / youth workers provide assistance (including, for instance, tutoring) to children and young people in need of support enabling them to cope with and manage various issues and situations in life.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Promotion of language skills as well as multilingualism in child education and/or childcare facilities in Burgenland	A key focus of the Province's educational system is the promotion of multilingualism and especially minority languages. In certain municipalities and when a child education and/or childcare facility is established in local administrative districts with Croatian, Hungarian or mixed populations, education at this child education and/or childcare facility shall be provided not only in German but also in the language spoken by the respective ethnic group (§ 7 Bgld. KBBG / Burgenland Childcare and Child Education Act).	implemented
Strengthening extracurricular youth work	The Province Government of Burgenland is committed to strengthening "open youth work", interlinking and networking with youth work and social work provided in schools. Offers and services made available in the context of open or extracurricular youth work are free of constraints related to consumerism and/or underlying commercial goals. Focusing in particular on socially disadvantaged young people, open youth work thus makes an essential contribution towards promoting social integration and participation.	implemented
Child poverty study	The University of Applied Sciences Burgenland developed a research and action plan to be implemented in cooperation with a wide range of cooperation partners and stakeholders. This project constitutes a first step towards developing better insights into child poverty in Burgenland and bringing together stakeholders from different settings.	completed
Co-funding of the "Verein Tagesmütter Burgenland" (association of registered childminders in Burgenland)	With a view to promoting the compatibility of family and work, registered childminders support families in looking after their children until completion of compulsory schooling in cases where institutional care is not available or not sufficient.	implemented
Therapy and curative treatment (for children with disabilities)	This measure covers support for treatment by doctors and other healthcare professionals, involving therapeutic measures (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, music therapy, speech therapy, hippotherapy, autism therapy etc.), therapeutic products as well as care in hospitals, sanatoriums and other facilities and institutions.	implemented
Placement of children and young people in facilities operated by child and youth welfare services	Within the context of residential care, children and adolescents may also be accommodated in child and youth welfare facilities. In accordance with the relevant legal provisions, out-of-home facilities for crisis intervention measures are also made available. In addition, support is provided to children / adolescents diagnosed with a psychiatric disease, who need funding for therapies and/or individual treatment and care, and/or treatment and care provided in social-therapeutic or social-psychiatric facilities.	implemented
Events for families	Free events for families seek to promote social participation and provide low-cost leisure activities.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Full out-of-home accommodation	The costs incurred for the placement of persons with disabilities in an out-of-home facility for individuals with disabilities (housing) are to be covered in full by the Province. Generally, children and adolescents with disabilities remain in the care of their families for a long time. In some situations, however, full-time inpatient accommodation is necessary and/or required to ensure the provision of the best possible care.	implemented
Access to an early childhood education and childcare facility in Burgenland for all children, all-day attendance free of charge	Attendance at an early childhood education and childcare facility is free of charge for children whose main residence is in Burgenland. Meals, attendance of school-age children, participation in special extra-mural activities as well as expenses for materials are, however, not covered.	implemented

Province of Carinthia

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Family holiday campaign	This measure is directed at families who cannot afford a holiday, especially single parents and families with many children. Upon application, the Province of Carinthia covers a major part of the costs incurred for a week's family holiday. Every year, up to 45 families are thus given the opportunity to spend a low-cost holiday in Carinthia.	planned
Mobile outpatient care – further expansion and differentiation of family supervision and support services (full-scale / intensive support for families, mobile addiction care service, mobile crisis intervention service, “family council” services)	Ongoing further development and expansion of family guidance and support measures in the context of outpatient care and full-scale support to families, as well as further substantive differentiation of the services provided. Measures already implemented include mobile family coaching, a mobile crisis intervention service, a mobile addiction care service and “family council” services.	implemented
Outpatient clinics for diagnosis and treatment as well as child and adolescent psychiatric outpatient clinics	Currently, there are five outpatient clinics in Carinthia offering specialist services and/or clinical-psychological diagnosis, treatment and therapy close to home. Two further outpatient clinics are planned / in the preparatory phase in the cities of Klagenfurt and Villach. These two outpatient clinics will also include interdisciplinary mobile teams who provide outreach care and support for families, children and adolescents.	planned

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Contact point for care leavers	The services provided by this contact point cater to the needs of care leavers and future care leavers. In addition, the related services are also provided by inpatient child and youth welfare facilities and their staff.	implemented
“Familienfreitag – online” (online family Friday)	Every Friday, parents, guardians and interested parties have the opportunity to meet online to exchange information on various family and parenting topics.	implemented
Province-wide roll-out of “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme)	Services provided under “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantage) starting with pregnancy and until the child’s third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under “Frühe Hilfen” aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive roll-out of “Frühe Hilfen” across the entire Province of Carinthia will be completed by the end of 2023. Currently, services provided under “Frühe Hilfen” are not yet available in three Carinthian districts. (Please also see: Gesundheit Österreich GmbH)	implemented
Healthy and regional food in vocational school cafeterias	The basis for the range of products offered is the “Gesunde Schuljause” (healthy snack at school) guideline. A special agreement covers certain groups of food that must be of regional origin. A bonus system was also introduced, based on which the person running the cafeteria will be entitled to certain discounts / benefits if they offer more regional and/or organic products. Such discounts relate, for instance, to a rent reduction of up to 20%. This concept was well-received and an increasing number of vocational schools have expressed their interest in implementing this approach in their cafeterias.	implemented
Free special tuition / remedial lessons	Parents in Carinthia spend up to 14 million euros per year on after-school private tuition for their children. With a view to promoting equal opportunities for all Carinthian children with learning difficulties / deficits, holders of the “Kärntner Familienkarte” (Carinthian family bonus card) may get a number of private tuition sessions free of charge for their children. The subjects covered are Maths, German and English (both in person and online lessons). The goal is to provide targeted support for children with learning difficulties / deficits, thus seeking to ensure that they will be able to catch up and not lag behind later on.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Help and financial support for families in emergency situations	One-time financial support is made available to families with children facing a particularly difficult social situation or sudden financial emergency. At the same time, this programme covers measures towards ensuring the family's long-term independence and also involves a wide range of family assistance and support systems.	implemented
"JUWO" and "EXTRA" – provision of low-threshold housing assistance, coaching and support	The two existing youth emergency shelters have expanded their concept to include low-threshold housing assistance and support. Low-threshold provision of housing, including coaching and supervision is made available to young people from the age of 16 to avoid hidden youth homelessness. Low-threshold supportive housing (Housing First principle) is made available to young adults from the age of 18, who are financially independent.	implemented
Kärntner Tourismusschule (KTS, Carinthian Tourism School) and Fachberufsschule für Tourism (FBS, Specialised Vocational School for Tourism) Warmbad Villach	At both tourism schools, students' awareness for regional and seasonal food is raised during theoretical and practical serving, cooking and kitchen management lessons. In the context of this interdisciplinary approach, the slow food philosophy is shared with students, drawing their attention inter alia to the value of regional, sustainable food production, the artisanal and creative processing of regional products and a conscious eating culture.	implemented
"Kinder-und Jugenderholungsaktion" (recreational initiative directed at children and young people)	In the context of this initiative, the Social Welfare Department, in cooperation with "Arbeitsvereinigung der Sozialhilfe Kärnten" (AVS, Working Association of Social Welfare Carinthia), every year organises recreational activities for children of pre-school and school age as well as for young people aged 13–16 during their summer holidays. This campaign is primarily directed at families who find it difficult or impossible to provide their children with a relaxing holiday at reasonable cost.	implemented
Kinderschutzzentrum Spittal (Spittal child protection centre)	The goal of setting up a further child protection centre, this time in the village of Spittal, is to ensure provision of related regional support and care in Upper Carinthia. The services provided seek to strengthen families, and their children and adolescents, promoting a healthy environment for them to grow up in. Confidentiality is key the services offered, which are provided free of charge and, if the client so wishes, also anonymously.	planned
Further roll-out of mobile youth work (street work)	Low-threshold, mobile youth work or street work facilitates reaching out to children and young people in their living environments. In addition, the availability of basic services (provision of food, the opportunity to shower, have clothes washed etc.) for the target group can be ensured at a contact point. As street work is not yet available in all Carinthian districts, roll-out of this type of youth work is planned in further major towns.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Austrian Eco-label for kindergartens in Carinthia	The Austrian Eco-label for kindergartens has been awarded since 2017 with a view to promoting a major focus on education relating to sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals already at kindergarten / pre-school level. As the Austrian Eco-label has not yet been awarded to Carinthian kindergartens, incentives are being created (provision of counselling services and financial support to cover the related fees and certification costs).	implemented
Pilot project “Kein Kind zurücklassen” (leaving no child behind) – establishment of consistent, interlinked prevention systems in communities	The “Kein Kind zurücklassen” (leaving no child behind) pilot project seeks to ensure that children and young people grow up in a healthy and education-friendly environment, thus contributing towards fostering a child and family-friendly society. In the context of this project, local communities and authorities prepare an action plan involving prevention systems and health promoting activities that consistently covers the various stages of childhood and adolescence.	implemented
Project “Gesundes und nachhaltiges Kochen” (healthy and sustainable preparation of meals) in socio-educational institutions	Promotion of and raising awareness about healthy meals, the sustainable use of food and the preparation of healthy meals in socio-educational residential communities for young people. Information on preparing healthy, sustainable, balanced meals at low cost is shared in workshops with both young people living in these facilities as well as with staff.	idea
Project “SELBST sicher. SICHER ich selbst” (self-assured. sure of myself). Health promotion in socio-educational institutions with a focus on addiction prevention – being implemented	A total of 15 residential groups have already made use of the services provided under this health promotion initiative focusing on addiction prevention. In eight workshop modules, covering a period of about ten weeks, coaching on topics related to addiction / addictive substances / consumption / preventive measures etc. is provided to young residents by two social workers. In addition, caregivers / staff at these residential facilities are trained in a two-day module on methods of motivational interviewing and the “Risflecting” approach.	implemented
“Schnelle Hilfe – Wir betreuen Ihr krankes Kind” (rapid help – we look after your sick child)	Following successful completion of the pilot project “Schnelle Hilfe – Wir betreuen Ihr krankes Kind” (rapid help – we look after your sick child), the negotiation procedure under public procurement law has started. Depending on age and illness, individual targeted care is provided to children by trained registered childminders, early childhood educators or kindergarten teachers – ranging from preparing small meals to accompanying children to necessary medical appointments and caring for sick siblings. Parents’ contribution to this service is seven euros per hour.	planned

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
School-based and extramural educational, counselling and support measures	Department of Inclusion, Diversity and Special Needs Education Compensation for Disadvantages and Promotion of Special Needs-related Support. Diversity managers, educational counsellors at schools. Coverage of all in-school support systems and activities in the region (both from the qualitative and quantitative point of view); documentation on all supported areas (special needs education, support of gifted and talented children, promotion of language skills etc.); documentation on the educational trajectories of individual pupils; school psychology – psychological counselling for pupils/students, teachers and guardians, as well as facilitating, supporting and strengthening social work at schools. School-based and extramural support, tutoring and remedial lessons, granting of education allowances, accommodation and travel allowances; reduction of fees for afternoon care for children who attend all-day schools of general secondary education, support to enable pupils/students to attend school events; German as a second language classes, schooling for refugee children; transitional stage for refugee children; cooperation with parents' associations, the Austrian Health Insurance Fund, the Austrian Insurance Fund for Civil or Public Servants, Miners and Persons employed with the Federal Railways, the Austrian Workers' Compensation Board, EqualiZ, Netzwerk Prävention (prevention network); Red Cross Youth, Vocational and Educational Orientation Carinthia, Public Employment Service Austria, Austrian Economic Chamber, Chamber of Labour, adult education centres – taking compulsory school leaving certificate at a later stage, second-chance education, mentoring projects etc.	implemented
Ongoing development and roll-out of social work at schools	Social work in schools makes available the specialist support provided by social workers on site in schools, thus integrating it into everyday life at school (individual, group and/or class settings). Currently, the related services are available in all districts across Carinthia and in a wide range of schools. Further roll-out of social work to an increasing number of schools is planned with the aim of making it available throughout Carinthia.	implemented
Socio-educational day care centre "Buntes Haus"	The "Buntes Haus Völkermarkt" is the first socio-educational day care centre for children and young people in Carinthia. Day care not only covers the provision of daily meals, but also supervised study and recreational activities. Another focus is on in-depth work with parents (such as meetings with parents, joint workshops etc.).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Sozialraum-orientiertes Stützpunktwohnen” (supportive community-oriented housing)	Under this approach, assisted living is linked with the holistic specialised concept of community-orientation. By integrating the assisted living premises into the local community’s social space (i.e. housing complex/ neighbourhood / part of the city), the social, material and infrastructural resources of the respective social space are to be made available to the target group.	implemented
Video messages and useful advice for families	In times of COVID-19, families face particular challenges. Support, coaching and guidance facilitate management of everyday challenges of education, family and parenting life. Responding to these needs, the Department for Family Affairs has put together and videotaped valuable tips and advice on a range of topics from experienced parent educators. The videos are produced in cooperation with Carinthian parent education institutions.	implemented
“Zahngesundheitsprävention” (preventive measures to promote dental health)	With the inclusion of the “Zahngesundheitsprävention” project, a preventive measure directed at children that has been established for several years now, also forms part of the services provided in the context of primary care. Trained “proges” dental health educators visit accommodation facilities, distribute information material (in a number of languages) and hold professional workshops on dental health involving both children and parents (proper brushing of teeth, nutritional advice, sharing information directed at both children and parents etc.).	implemented

Province of Lower Austria

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Outpatient therapies (outpatient clinics)	Being specialised in comprehensive, in-depth multi-professional developmental diagnostics, outpatient clinics offer a wide range of services for children and adolescents with developmental issues or disorders. Depending on the respective needs, all types of “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) including medical treatment, various therapies, and educational support are provided in outpatient clinics.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Parenting support by the Lower Austrian Child and Youth Welfare Services	If the best interests of child are at risk and if more moderate means such as provision of social services (for instance at family counselling centres) prove insufficient, parenting support is to be provided to safeguard the best interests of the child according to § 38 of Niederösterreichisches Kinder -und Jugendhilfegesetz (NÖ KJHG, the Lower Austrian Child and Youth Welfare Services Act). The related services cover on the one hand providing support relating to bringing up the child at home / in the family's living environment and on the other hand, supporting the child outside of the family by providing residential care, placing it in an in-patient facility, a child and youth welfare facility or with foster carers. In this context, "Familienhilfe Plus für Familien mit Migrationshintergrund – Mobile Hilfen im Alltag" (MOHA, family assistance plus for families with a migration background – mobile assistance in managing everyday life) is directed specifically at families with a refugee or migration background.	implemented
Expert support for children with autism spectrum disorders	Similar to the model under which expert support is provided for deaf children and children with hearing loss or impairments, special kindergarten teachers from the Lower Austrian regions will be invited to attend a university course on autism spectrum disorders at the University College of Teacher Education Lower Austria. Following completion of their specialised training, they will advise and support staff at kindergartens regarding issues relating to children with autism spectrum disorders.	planned
Expert support for deaf children and children with hearing loss and hearing impairment	In 2016–2018, seven special kindergarten teachers completed the 4-semester course on sign language pedagogy with a focus on Austrian sign language at the University College of Teacher Education Vienna/Krems. Since then, these specifically trained special kindergarten teachers have been available locally and on a low-threshold basis to staff at kindergartens, providing advice and support relating to deaf children and children with hearing loss and hearing impairment.	implemented
Travel expenses (for travelling to / from school and kindergarten)	Funding of individual and group transport to and from schools and kindergartens is made available for children with disabilities.	implemented
Support at an early age	The aim of support at an early age (statutory support) is to promote the development of children with disabilities or children at risk of impairment, and to provide advice and support to parents. This type of support is available for children with intellectual / physical disabilities from birth until they start kindergarten, or in the case of children with sensory impairments (severe hearing or visual impairments) until they start school.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Guidelines for action aimed at promoting inclusion in early childhood / elementary educational institutions in Lower Austria	Development and implementation of guidelines for action with a view to (further) developing inclusive values, inclusive structures and inclusive practices and/or towards implementing inclusive education in early childhood / elementary educational institutions in Lower Austria.	planned
“Heilbehandlung” (curative treatment)	The statutory support provided under “Heilbehandlung” (curative treatment) covers provision for medical assistance, therapeutic assistance and therapeutic aids / equipment. Curative treatment support also includes accommodation and care in semi-inpatient and inpatient facilities, such as therapeutic centres for children and adolescents with cerebral movement disorders, as well as financial support for psychotherapies or mobile paediatric nursing, for instance.	implemented
Help to people affected by violence committed by relatives	In accordance with the “Niederösterreichisches Sozialhilfegesetz 2000” (NÖ SHG, the 2000 Lower Austrian Social Assistance Act), assistance provided in the case of violence by relatives includes the provision of special temporary housing for affected persons (in particular accommodation of women in women’s shelters) and their minor children as well as necessary support and counselling to enable them to cope with the experience of violence. The facilities are operated by independent welfare organisations, based on an agreement with the Province Government of Lower Austria.	implemented
Help for homeless people and people in extraordinary emergency situations	Assistance provided to homeless people and people in extraordinary emergency situations includes the provision of temporary housing opportunities, care and counselling. The facilities are operated by independent welfare organisations based on an agreement with the Province Government of Lower Austria. The related services provided in accordance with the “Niederösterreichisches Sozialhilfegesetz 2000” (NÖ SHG, the 2000 Lower Austrian Social Assistance Act) are primarily directed at adults aged 18 and over, but minors may also be accommodated in these residential facilities, emergency flats, in mother and child homes and shelters as well as in assisted living facilities.	implemented
Assistance in special / difficult circumstances, grants / loans and/or counselling by social workers	In the context of assistance in special / difficult circumstances, counselling by social workers as well as financial support is provided in the form of grants and (non-interest-bearing) loans to alleviate or eliminate emergency situations, which – through no fault of their own – pose a risk to people’s livelihoods. Such emergencies include, for instance, imminent eviction through no fault of their own or energy cut-off due to payment arrears, or financial assistance for replacing or acquiring an absolutely essential piece of furniture.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Financial assistance for education and schooling	Financial assistance for education and schooling relates to the assumption of costs attributable to a person's substantial impairment and incurred by all the measures necessary to enable a person with a disability or mental impairment to undergo education and schooling (including, for instance, financial assistance for home education/schooling if school-age children cannot attend school due to their impairment).	implemented
Therapeutic aids and provisions	Therapeutic aids and provisions help children with disabilities/health problems to cope with the challenges of daily life attributable to their impairment, and are intended to facilitate ongoing participation in society. Financial assistance can be provided to cover the costs of acquiring, repairing or replacing these aids and provisions, this includes for instance orthopaedic aids, guide dogs and partner dogs, and necessary modifications in children's homes.	implemented
Intercultural teacher education in the early childhood sector. University course for intercultural staff members	The aim of the planned university course is to train intercultural staff working in kindergartens in Lower Austria in a 4-semester course to be attended while in regular employment. Graduates will have received specialised training on promoting exchange between cultures and mutual learning processes in early childhood/elementary educational institutions. Building on children's everyday experiences and their family situations, these educators will, furthermore, be able to support the further development and scope of children's abilities and competencies.	planned
"KIPKE – Kinder psychisch kranker Eltern" (children of parents with mental illness)	In the KIPKE project, counselling is provided to children whose parent(s) suffer(s) from a mental illness. Preventive support is provided in particularly stressful situations for children and young people with one parent/parents with a mental illness and to trigger protective measures aimed at counteracting an increased risk of illness.	implemented
Course on "Inklusion in NÖ Kindergärten" (inclusion in Lower Austrian kindergartens directed at officers holding positions of responsibility in the Kindergarten Department)	All officers holding positions of responsibility in the Kindergarten Department at the Office of the Lower Austrian Province Government may attend a course on central inclusion-related topics, focusing both at theoretical and practical level. The goal is to enshrine the principles of inclusion on a social, institutional, interactional and individual level in Lower Austrian kindergartens.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“LEILA – Lernen Engagiert International: Lernpaten Amstetten” (committed learning internationally – study mentors) Learning support for children of compulsory school age</p>	<p>The association LEILA offers learning coaching, support and mentoring for children of compulsory school age. A total of 32 volunteer study mentors support 50 children at least once a week in mastering challenges faced at school, focusing especially on improving children’s German language skills.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Benefits under the “Niederösterreichisches Sozialhilfe-Ausführungsgesetz” (NÖ SAG, Lower Austrian Social Assistance Implementation Act) involving monthly benefits; benefits in case of illness, pregnancy and childbirth</p>	<p>Under the Lower Austrian social assistance act, monthly benefits (based on reference rates, additional funding) are granted to individuals facing social hardship to support their general subsistence and ensure their housing needs can be met. Lump sum funding based on defined reference rates is provided to cover these needs; for minors, funding based on reference rates is granted only to support general subsistence. Furthermore, additional funding may be made available for persons with disabilities or, if required, statutory health insurance coverage.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Lerncafés” (tutoring facilities) operated by Caritas St. Pölten</p>	<p>At the “Lerncafés”, qualified specialist staff provide tutoring and after school care aimed at enabling children to succeed at school, pass their school leaving certificates and improve their German language skills, thus also supporting their integration into society. In this project, coaching and assistance is provided to families with and without a migration background who, for various reasons (including low level of education, lack of German language skills), are not able to support their children with their schoolwork.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Lerncafés” (tutoring facilities) operated by Caritas Vienna</p>	<p>“Lerncafés” seek to provide children and young people – with and without a migration background – from a disadvantaged / precarious social environment (language deficits, educationally disadvantaged parental home, unstable / precarious housing situation etc.) with holistic long-term support to enable them to obtain a sound school education (such as a positive compulsory school leaving certificate) and to create the necessary groundwork as well as better conditions for their future professional life. The related services are provided free of charge at three locations in Lower Austria (Wiener Neustadt, Wolkersdorf and Korneuburg).</p>	<p>implemented</p>

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<p>“Mit Spiel und Spaß zur Sprache” (having fun learning a language in a playful way) – play-groups for children between the ages of two and six in need of German language support</p>	<p>This project seeks to ensure that participating children between the ages of two and six, who are growing up multilingually but were mostly (around 90%) born in Austria, are given the opportunity to acquire German language skills at first language level, while appreciating and promoting the language spoken at home. The project, under which cooperation with parents is an essential aspect, constitutes an important supplement to support provided in the educational institutions and at home.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Mobile care for children and young people</p>	<p>Provision of mobile care for children and young people with massive behavioural disorders – especially autism spectrum disorder – who live at home, cannot attend a day care facility because it is not possible for them to stay in a group, and who do not receive any other support. The goal is to stabilise the family system.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“NÖ Hilfsmittel-pool“ (Lower Austrian pool for therapeutic equipment and aids)</p>	<p>For children and adolescents with physical disabilities, and sensory or communication impairments, the Lower Austrian pool for therapeutic aids and equipment makes available technical aids (for instance to support augmentative and alternative communication), which enable or facilitate communication and participation in lessons or in everyday kindergarten life. Kindergartens and schools may apply on behalf of the child for such aids, which are to be used exclusively in the respective educational institution.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Lower Austrian Children’s and Youth Networks</p>	<p>As associations of practitioners, children’s and youth networks seek to promote networking and exchange among professionals. Sharing of information about the respective activities and services offered enables children and young people with psychosocial or socio-paediatric problems (such as anxiety, eating disorders, addiction, depression, autism, family problems) who need support to be referred to the appropriate expert or specialised institution.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Nursing care in schools</p>	<p>Financial support is granted to municipalities to employ nursing assistants in schools: one third of the annual costs involved in employing a nursing assistant is co-funded, though with the maximum contribution amounting to 3,780 euros for 20 hours a week.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Project “Wir stärken Stärken” (we strengthen strengths)</p>	<p>In this project, launched by the “Berufsverband Österreichischer Psycholog:innen” (BÖP, Professional Association of Austrian Psychologists), and co-funded by the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, psychological treatment is made available in Lower Austria to 180 children and young people from families at risk of poverty. One such treatment cycle covers 10 units per child / adolescent.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

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“Verwaltungs-fonds für in Not geratene Familien in Niederösterreich” (administrative fund for families in distress in Lower Austria)	Quick and unbureaucratic support is provided under the administrative fund for families in distress in Lower Austria. Support may be made available in case of death of a family member, illness of parents or children, and personal, family-related distress or economic hardship through no fault of one’s own, or even as a preventive measure in case of imminent hardship. Beneficiaries of social assistance under the Niederösterreichisches Sozialhilfe-Ausführungsgesetz (NÖ SAG, Lower Austrian Social Assistance Implementation Act) may receive additional benefits to avoid special cases of hardship.	implemented
X-Change	As role models, “Integrationsbotschafter” (integration ambassadors) with different backgrounds visit schools and share their personal experiences and their positive integration process with pupils/students with and without a migration background. Their reports about their personal experiences are then complemented with facts, figures and data on site in the school. Direct encounters between people with and without a migration background will contribute to gradually changing subjective views, opinions and attitudes and foster bridge-building.	implemented
Funding for therapeutic horse-riding lessons	With a view to supporting children with disabilities or health problems, one-time financial support is made available to fund 35 units of special needs therapeutic work with a horse and/or hippotherapy.	implemented

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Assistance at school for pupils/students with specific needs	Articles 48a and 48b of the “Oberösterreichisches Pflichtschulorganisationsgesetz 1992” (1992 Upper Austrian Compulsory School Organisation Act) form the legal basis for assistance in schools. This assistance aims to ensure the best possible level of support, making use of educational opportunities provided to pupils/students with specific needs (for whom the need for special needs educational support has been identified).	implemented
Further roll-out of support at an early age	Children with developmental problems, children with impairment(s) and children for whom the likelihood of an impairment any time in the (immediate) future cannot be ruled out, receive holistic support as early as possible. Counselling, coaching, supervision and support is provided to their families.	implemented

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Further development and roll-out of “Kinder- und Jugendkompetenzzentren” (competence centres for children and adolescents)	Staff at the “Kinder-und Jugendkompetenzzentren” (KIJUK, competence centres for children and adolescents) located in the towns of Leonding and Pramet, provide free of charge counselling services and coaching to families with children and their social environment. This free-of-charge support also includes therapies for problems relating to the physical, mental and emotional development of children, as well as socio-educational and special needs education services for children.	planned
Extended provision of places in dedicated accommodation facilities	24 places – some fully assisted, some partially assisted – in an apartment / shared flat, partially supervised assisted housing with coaching, short-term accommodation, and transitional accommodation in dedicated facilities for people with mental, physical, psychological and/or multiple impairments are being further developed. In these residential groups, specialised in children and adolescents, emphasis is placed on living in mixed-age and mixed-gender residential groups with a family-like setting, i.e. the smallest possible sized groups, each with a dedicated educator for residents to relate to.	implemented
Acquisition of vocational or professional qualifications	Acquisition of vocational or professional qualifications enables young people with impairments to receive training or acquire basic skills to enhance their opportunities of securing gainful employment on the general labour market. Over a period of three years, guidance with respect to the professional orientation of a person with impairments is provided. Building on individual support, education and training, sustainable vocational / professional and social integration is facilitated and promoted.	implemented
Skills-oriented activity	People with physical, mental, psychological and/or multiple impairments are offered permanent employment in commercial and production enterprises. Employment is no longer limited to dedicated workshops for people with disabilities, but also facilitated on the premises of commercial and production enterprises.	implemented
Family housing – supported living options for children and their parents	Families in precarious living situations are offered the opportunity of accommodation in supervised housing arrangements where assistance and guidance are provided by professionals (different operators at different locations in Upper Austria). The goal is inter alia to prevent traumatic stress for the children and to avoid taking children out of their family system. Coping with the situation and managing tasks is facilitated by roommates in the facility / the social environment. Voluntary participation is a prerequisite.	implemented
Financial support for families	Income-independent financial support: childcare bonus, multiple child allowance, free ski lift ticket for pupils / kindergarten children taking part in a skiing course / skiing day in Upper Austria. Income-dependent financial support for participation in public compulsory school events.	implemented

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Sheltered employment	People with disabilities are offered the opportunity of gainful employment in a sheltered workplace, for instance in a special workshop or through temporary employment with companies, thus facilitating training of people with disabilities to a level that enables permanent employment in the general labour market.	implemented
“Gesunde Schule Oberösterreich” (Healthy School – Upper Austria) quality seal	This quality seal was developed on the joint initiative of the Province of Upper Austria, the Upper Austrian Education Directorate and the Austrian Health Insurance Fund. Attached to the school building as a visible sign, it certifies that concepts and measures promoting sustainable health at school are being applied. Granting of this quality seal proves that a school implements balanced and sustainable health promoting measures in the following six areas: promotion of healthy eating, physical activity and sport, addiction prevention, psychosocial health, general framework conditions and teachers’ health.	implemented
“Hinter der Fassade. Gegen Gewalt zu Hause” (behind the facade. against violence at home) – information & help for young people	Cooperation with the Protection against Violence Centre Upper Austria and the Ombuds Office for Children and Young People of Upper Austria: Building on online information, three interactive stories told by victims and an educational workshop concept, young people (aged 14 plus) and educators are supported in dealing with the topic of domestic violence. The focus is placed on children’s rights, help, assistance and support services and especially young people’s individual limits and resources (https://hinter-der-fassade.at).	implemented
Hippotherapy and therapeutic equestrian vaulting	Physiotherapy using specifically trained horses is supplemented by therapeutic riding lessons. Targeted at children and adolescents, the goal is inter alia to enable them to develop a feeling for their core muscles, to stabilise their muscular system, positively influence muscle tension and improve their sense of balance. Assisted by the horse, psychological, psychotherapeutic, rehabilitative and socio-integrative exercises and activities are performed with the target group. The goal of this holistic form of therapy is to positively influence children’s and adolescents’ state of health, social behaviour and personality development.	implemented
“IGLU” – counselling for parents / mothers	At five counselling centres, guidance / counselling is provided for (expectant) parents with children up to the age of three as well as support from experts specialised in a wide range of early childhood topics (youth welfare, social work, psychology, medicine, breastfeeding counselling, nutrition counselling). These services are also made available with a view to intervening at an early stage in order to reduce the burden on family social workers.	implemented

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"Jobimpuls" – support in gaining access to the primary labour market	The services provided under "Jobimpuls" focus on young people and adults who find it impossible to gain access to the primary labour market without support and/or specific preparatory training. The related measures include occupational integration, on-the-job support, education and training activities.	implemented
"UFO" emergency overnight shelter, offering occupational training for young people	The UFO emergency overnight shelter is open to homeless young people aged 14 to 24. As well as offering emergency accommodation, this shelter seeks to enable the target group to secure their livelihood. In addition, basic services (food, opportunity to take a shower, wash their laundry) and/or counselling on reorganising their living situation are provided.	implemented
Youth project: "Zukunft und Integrität – Z.In" (future and integrity – Z.In)	Youth project aimed at reaching out to, counselling and supporting young people, who are members of groups characterised by violent and delinquent behaviour, and their parents.	implemented
Children's advocates and trusted confidants in institutions (internal project name: Kinder-anwaltliche Vertrauensperson in Einrichtungen – KAVE)	This person of trust and expert on children's rights is an external contact who provides additional support to children and young people in socio-educational institutions. Objectives: Prevention of violence, strengthening of the child's right to be heard and the child's right to participate, addressing and dealing with problems and concerns of children accommodated in these institutions. Protection and safety of the entrusted children and adolescents are jointly ensured with the respective cooperation partners. The Upper Austrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People is involved in existing networks focused on ensuring quality assurance in out-of-home care. Suggestions and information aimed at preventing and/or resolving grievances are shared with decision makers.	implemented
"Kindererholungsaktion" (recreational/holiday campaign for children) and "Kids Turnusse" (regular recreational activity programmes for children)	These recreational/holiday campaigns for children aged between six and twelve (in exceptional cases up to 14 years) and recreational activity programmes for children aged between twelve and 15 years, are directed at children from families under the care of the Child and Youth Welfare Services. Referred to this programme by staff from the Child and Youth Welfare Services, children are offered the opportunity to go on a two-week holiday. Every year, four regular cycles of activities take place involving a total of 60 children: one recreational/holiday campaign (30 children) and 2 rotational cycles of recreational activities (30 children each). With a view to mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 crisis, some 500 additional places were made available in 2021 for children from families at risk of poverty (not conditional on a referral by the Child and Youth Welfare Services).	implemented

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Children's rights in early childhood education/ prevention days organised by the Upper Austrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People (internal project name: "Kinder haben Rechte. Präventionstage im Kindergarten"/ children have rights. prevention days in kindergartens)	The project is aimed at kindergarten children, their legal guardians, staff, and early childhood educators. On prevention days, an impulse theatre play, which is based on the colouring book "All children all over the world have the same rights", is performed. Subsequently, the topic is examined in greater depth in a creative and playful way (focusing on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and children's rights in general). In addition, information for parents and material for educators is made available.	implemented
Child Protection Centres Upper Austria	At these centres counselling, crisis intervention services and psychotherapy are provided in cases of (suspected) violence against children and adolescents. Many centres also offer educational guidance and family counselling as well as legal aid. The services are directed at affected children and adolescents, families and caregivers / reference persons, and all individuals who are confronted with the issue in their professional or private lives.	implemented
Speech therapy screening	Speech therapy screening of all four to five-year-old children in kindergarten. Speech therapists assess the children's pronunciation, active vocabulary, sentence structure, speech comprehension, oral abnormalities, hearing and general age-appropriate abilities. At a face-to-face meeting, parents are subsequently informed of any need for treatment. In 2019/2020, such treatment requirements were identified in 40 % of the children assessed (in total some 16,460 children).	implemented
MINDLAB	"Mindlab" is a low-threshold employment and work project involving the provision of professional support, guidance and education / training. Directed at young people who have a greater need for guided support, this project seeks to broaden their scope of action and lay the groundwork for an independent, self-reliant way of life involving gainful employment.	implemented
Bullying and Violence Prevention Unit at the Upper Austrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People	The services currently provided to counter bullying and prevent violence cover all social levels of the "school system": i.e. schools, classes, individual and interpersonal levels. Measures aimed at preventing violence and provision of violence intervention are combined with teaching of non-violent conflict assessment and resolution as well as social skills. In this context, a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds are dealt with. Alongside putting the focus on (cyber) bullying and violence, topics such as active citizenship and respect as well as gender role models are also addressed.	implemented

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<p>“Mobile Betreuung und Hilfe” (mobile care and assistance)</p>	<p>From the age of three, people are eligible for mobile care and assistance to ensure that they can remain living at home. This service is provided as an alternative to out-of-home / inpatient accommodation and seeks to relieve the burden on relatives caring at home for people with impairments.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Moverz – Beteiligungsprozess der Kinder- und Jugendhilfe Oberösterreich” (participation process facilitated by the Upper Austrian Child and Youth Welfare Services)</p>	<p>Assisted by professional process facilitators, “buddies”, social educators, social and youth workers, representatives of the Province Government and the “Verein Sozialpädagogik” (social education association), children and adolescents living in a socio-educational residential community develop approaches and skills promoting enhanced social participation. A socio-educational residential community is supervised by a social education expert from a third-party organisation and a “buddy” (an adolescent from another residential community) in order to sound out and ascertain wishes, need for information, participation and co-determination and also try out related concepts. Fostering participation forms an integral part of and is also enshrined in the structures of socio-educational institutions and is a key element of day-to-day professional practice.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Oberösterreichische Familienkarte” (Upper Austrian family bonus card: discounts granted to families in the leisure sector)</p>	<p>The Upper Austrian family bonus card is made available free of charge by the Province of Upper Austria. More than 1,700 partner companies in the leisure, service, gastronomy and hotel sector offer special prices and discounts to families and single parents. Some 150,000 families / single parents currently hold such as family bonus card.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Oberösterreich Hilfsmittelpool” (Upper Austrian pool for therapeutic equipment and aids)</p>	<p>This entity seeks to promote and support inclusion at Upper Austria’s general compulsory schools, kindergartens and after-school care centres. Funding from this pool is used to centrally purchase special technical, therapeutic and educational products and aids to enable and/or facilitate the active participation of children and adolescents with hearing, visual or physical impairments in lessons and at school, kindergarten and after-school activities.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Mentee project operated by the Upper Austrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People (internal project name: MaMMuT)</p>	<p>The Upper Austrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People arranges mentorships for children and young people (from the age of eight). Mentors participate in this programme either on a voluntary basis and/or as part of an internship (University of Applied Sciences / Social Work of Upper Austria). The mentorship programme is supported and supervised by the Upper Austrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People and to date some 120 such mentorships have been sponsored.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

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“Persönliche Assistenz” (personal assistance)	Personal assistance is any form of personal help and support that enables people with impairments to lead a self-determined and independent life. Provision of personal assistance ensures that they can remain living at home, in their familiar surroundings, and is made available to individuals from the age of six.	implemented
“Plattform Gewaltprävention” (platform for the prevention of violence) Upper Austria	Platform providing services aimed at preventing bullying and violence, making information easily accessible for (potential) victims. Information about the services offered by the respective institutions is shared on the dedicated website with pupils/students, parents/guardians and teachers, thus also facilitating the search for primary prevention services as well as for relevant help and assistance if needed.	implemented
“Anstellung betreuender Angehöriger” (employment contracts for family caregivers)	Persons/parents who spend most of their time caring for their children with impairments/disabilities have the opportunity to enter into an employment relationship enabling them to receive some monetary compensation for their caretaking and compulsory insurance coverage (health, accident, unemployment and pension insurance). To this end, they are required to undergo and complete extra-occupational training as caregivers who support their family member in accomplishing everyday tasks. Pilot project.	implemented
Psychosocial support provided by experts whose first language is not German (formerly known as the Mobile Intercultural Team)	Trained psychosocial professionals whose a first language is not German support schools in integrating children and young people with a migration and/or refugee background. The assistance provided is also made available to their families and includes prevention, counselling, individual case support, moderation and further training for teaching staff.	implemented
Psychotherapeutic group services directed at adolescents from the age of twelve (internal project name: Corona-Connection)	“Corona-Connection” (COVID-19 connection) seeks to establish connections among young people (between the ages of 12 and 18) in line with the motto “in the company of others you don’t feel all alone with your problems”. The project facilitates exchange, sharing of experience, motivation and reducing the burden on young people’s shoulders. Meetings are organised every two weeks in the cities of Linz and Wels, and participants are coached by psychotherapists. The project seeks to quickly arrange treatment and support as well as (if necessary) additional individual supportive meetings.	implemented
“Referat 50/4 volle Erziehung” (Department 50/4 residential care)	To enable the provision of dedicated care within the context of “out-of-home care”, district authorities may file an application with the Province of Upper Austria for assuming care of a young person (minimum age eleven years) who requires particularly intensive socio-pedagogical care and support with a view to facilitating and promoting their perspectives for an independent and positive future.	implemented

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School medical service	School doctors have a legal mandate to provide advice and counselling on pupils' / students' health issues to the extent that education and school attendance are concerned. As medical experts they assist and advise school administrators, teachers and the whole school community.	implemented
School psychological counselling centres	Support provided by school psychologists includes educational-psychological counselling and the provision and coordination of psychosocial support in schools. Their services are available to all persons and institutions involved in the school-based educational process (i.e. pupils/students attending all types of schools, their parents / guardians, teachers, school administrators).	implemented
"Schulstarthilfe" (voucher system to support the purchase of learning aids)	In the context of the project "Schulstarthilfe", the association "Rettet das Kind Oberösterreich" (Save the Child Upper Austria) makes available earmarked vouchers for the purchase of learning aids, thus seeking to assist children whose parents have difficulties making ends meet. Based on the number of inhabitants, these vouchers are allocated to the 18 Upper Austrian districts and distributed by the competent municipal or district authorities.	implemented
Framework concepts for sexual education and protection concepts for socio-educational institutions	Building on a participation-oriented process, an Upper Austrian guideline for facility-based protection concepts is developed. Key guiding principles are: Ensuring that institutionalised children and young people grow up to live a life that is sustainably self-determined and free from violence. Ensuring that they are protected from transgressions and all forms of violence. Strengthening educators' professional competences and abilities to take appropriate action when having to deal with threats.	implemented
Street work with the current focus on employment projects	The goal is to lay the groundwork for and/or facilitate the development of "work ethics", thus enabling young people to experience self-empowerment, efficacy, acquire social skills, strengthen their self-esteem and gain insights into different professional and vocational fields.	implemented
Study on "Lebenssituation arbeitsgefährdeter Familien in Oberösterreich – Ansätze zur Kompensation und Ursachenbekämpfung" (living conditions and situations of families at risk of poverty in Upper Austria – approaches towards counteracting and combating the root causes).	The study seeks to identify poverty-related problems and provide approaches towards effective counteraction. Possibilities for counteracting poverty and ensuring social framework conditions conducive to combating and avoiding (child) poverty are considered.	implemented

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SuSA – Schule und Sozialarbeit (school and social work)	Social work at school is directed at supporting children, young people and their parents (guardians). Provided free of charge, it is based on voluntary participation. Serving as a link between the support services provided by schools and the services made available by the child and youth welfare system, it supplements existing services such as school assistance, school psychology or support teachers.	implemented
Therapy and support centres	Support centres operated by the Association for Holistic Support based on Conductive Multiple Therapy, involving the Multiple Therapy Centre, therapy centres, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Outpatient Clinic, the Institute for Sensory and Speech Neurology, training measures based on rehabilitation and individual support, and integration of people with visual impairments and late onset blindness.	implemented
Support for the attendance at parent education events	In order to facilitate attendance of parent education events, vouchers (20 euros each at the child's birth, and at its 3 rd , 6 th and 10 th birthday) are made available to parents attending such education events.	implemented
Support for the provision of parent education events / family-oriented activities	Funding of organisations that provide services to families promotes the further development of family-oriented infrastructure in municipalities. Under this approach, the main focus is placed on facilities that do not receive corresponding funding based on relevant legal acts at Province level. Funding is made available to family-oriented organisations, including over 100 parent-child centres and over 216 "SPIEGEL-Treffpunkte" (play groups, parent-child-groups). Furthermore, financial assistance is made available to flexible childcare facilities (not covered by funding under the Upper Austrian Childcare Act).	implemented

Province of Salzburg

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Der Spielbus kommt" (here comes the playbus) – leisure activities for refugee children	This recreational programme is directed at refugee children. Flexible, mobile, social, cultural and recreational care and guidance is provided by trained educators to children and their families accommodated in primary care facilities. The focus is on looking after children in the holidays, making everyday life more fun, increasing opportunities for establishing contact with local children and young people as well as promoting integration.	implemented

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Extracurricular learning opportunities – “Lerncafé”, “Lernbrücke”	Low-threshold learning opportunities for compulsory school pupils (especially from educationally disadvantaged families or with a migration background) in the City and the Province of Salzburg, which are based on the living environments of the children / young people and their families. The offer provided is conceived as an interface between the school-based, private and social settings. Volunteers assist with homework and learning tasks while at the same time fostering children’s independence, empowerment and self-competence.	implemented
“Begegnungsraum Eltern-Kind-Gruppen” (meeting room for parent-child groups)	Promoting the participation of asylum seekers with young children in parent-child groups as a contribution to the inclusion of families in need of assistance and protection.	implemented
Assisted housing (young people from the age of 15 until they reach the age of majority and/or young adults up to the age of 21).	Assisted housing for young people aged 15 to 21 covers provision of their basic needs (food, basic items, housing), an intensive psychosocial relationship and support work as well as coaching in managing everyday life. The goals pursued include supporting young people’s social and professional integration, empowering them to lead an independent and self-sustained life as well as minimising relationship and socialisation deficits.	implemented
“Einstieg – Bildungsberatung für Mädchen – KOMPASS” (getting started – educational counselling for girls)	This educational counselling programme for children and young people – directed especially, but not exclusively, at girls – includes workshops (for instance on career orientation and self-presentation skills), the development of brochures and materials to raise participants’ awareness of STEM subjects (also in a more playful manner), further education directed at students attending teacher training colleges and a series of further education events directed at parents (for instance on parenting free from violence, the education system etc.).	implemented
“Einstieg – Sozialpädagogische Betreuung im Kontext der Arbeitsintegration” (getting started – social pedagogical support in the context of labour market integration)	Intensive support and assistance in finding employment or a trainee position for adolescents and young adults up to the age of 26 experiencing placement difficulties. Services include the provision of support throughout the entire application process, in dealing with authorities, and with respect to legal, financial or health-related problems. The support and assistance services are provided free of charge either on site or on an outreach and coaching basis.	implemented

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<p>“Einstieg-JOKER – Flexible Lernbetreuung und Lernunterstützung” (getting started – flexible tutoring and learning support)</p>	<p>Support needed to complete education and achieve qualifications is provided in the form of classic tutoring and as learning and homework support on site twice a week at vocational schools for all students from the age of 15. The focus is placed on apprentices (60%) – and especially those undergoing technical training – as well as vocational schools with higher education entrance qualifications (accounting for 70% of participants).</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Eltern-Kind-Service” (parent-child service)</p>	<p>The “parent-child service” provides families with rapid, unbureaucratic and reliable childcare support. The related services include, for instance, supervising or picking up children from kindergarten/ school when parents are ill/ exhausted, have an appointment with authorities or have to work, and is aimed at families and single parents who need support with childcare in emergency situations.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Familienzimmer Notschlafstelle” (family room – emergency overnight shelter)</p>	<p>Support and funding provided to the emergency overnight shelter in Salzburg (Haus Franziskus) also covers a room for families of up to six members.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Promotion of extracurricular youth work in youth centres and youth organisations</p>	<p>In youth centres/ youth organisations, a change from everyday life and entertainment is offered to children and young people – inter alia from low-income families, and families with a migration background. Contact with friends is facilitated and topics of interest to young people are dealt with in projects. Youth workers reach out to young people in their spare time. These visits take place on a low-threshold basis and participation is voluntary.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Frau & Arbeit” (women & work)</p>	<p>The non-profit limited liability company “Frau & Arbeit” focuses on women of working age who are looking for support with integration in the labour market and/ or development of their professional skills and goals. The related activities are directed in particular at job-seeking women, women returning to work and women with caring responsibilities, single parents, immigrant women and women in difficult life situations. This support aimed at socially disadvantaged or marginalised mothers is an active contribution to preventing child poverty.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Child protection work within the context of activities launched by the Child Protection Centre</p>	<p>Counselling, intervention and therapeutic measures aimed at promoting, preserving and/ or restoring the best interests of the child. Services include counselling (on issues such as violence, family conflicts, separation and divorce), psychotherapy and family therapy as well as crisis intervention.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Landwirtschaftlicher Schulverein” Agricultural School Association</p>	<p>Association aimed at promoting education at agricultural schools; support is provided to children in precarious family and social situations.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

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<p>“Materielle Familienförderung” (financial support for families) – funding made available by the Province of Salzburg for school events, for multiple births, for expectant mothers, one-off support after giving birth</p>	<p>Under “Materielle Familienförderung”, the Province of Salzburg provides income-dependent support to families for attendance at school events, as well as funding for multiple births, one-time assistance for expectant mothers in difficult living situations, and post-natal assistance for mothers who are not entitled to family benefits. The childcare fund supports families, making available an allowance for the monthly contribution to be paid for by parents whose children attend childcare facilities.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>STEM Model Region Salzburg</p>	<p>The objectives pursued by the STEM Initiative Salzburg are to inspire young people and spark their interest in mathematics, computer science, natural sciences and technology, to better coordinate offers and to close gaps. In this context, a holistic approach is taken to develop a well-coordinated programme for Salzburg covering all measures in and out-of-school, in the private and public sectors, and across all age and school levels. STEM education is to be made more accessible for children and young people, especially for girls and women.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Project “fairMATCHING”</p>	<p>Founded at the end of 2015, the association “fairMATCHING” provides job placement services for refugees with asylum status (between the ages of 15 and 59 years). Based on applicants’ individual skills, interests and needs, the agency seeks to find employment that matches their training. This support provided to socially disadvantaged or marginalised mothers and fathers is an active contribution to preventing child poverty.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Social-pedagogical family support (for children / young people with behavioural problems who are at risk in their families)</p>	<p>Social-pedagogical family support seeks inter alia to ensure the provision of care to children / adolescents with behavioural problems in their families and to improve the family’s ability to educate and parent their children. The services offered include strengthening parents’ educational skills, assistance in managing everyday life and promoting children’s / adolescents’ development with the assistance of social workers.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Social-pedagogical residential community for adolescents (starting with the age of 13 until they reach majority or until the age of 21)</p>	<p>The social-pedagogical residential community for young people (from the age of 13 until they reach the age of majority or 21 years) provides for young peoples’ basic needs (food, basic items, housing) and ensures intensive psychosocial relationship and support activities as well as coaching and assistance in managing everyday life (school, etc.). The goals pursued include supporting young people’s social and professional integration, empowering them to lead an independent and self-sustained life as well as minimising relationship and socialisation deficits.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Social-pedagogical residential community for children (minimum age six years, maximum age thirteen – possibility to stay until they become independent)	The social-pedagogical residential community for children aged between six and thirteen (may stay until independence), provides the basic needs of children (food, basic items, housing) and ensures an intensive psychosocial relationship and support activities as well as coaching and assistance in managing everyday life (school etc.). The goals pursued include supporting children's social integration and minimising relationship and socialisation deficits.	implemented
Socio-cultural, mobile neighbourhood work	The city of Hallein implements a concept for socio-cultural and leisure-time educational activities in public spaces. The related low-threshold educational leisure-time activities are free of charge and available to everybody. Based on needs-based and needs-oriented approaches, building on several pedagogical schools of thought, the aim is to broaden children's and young people's horizons and range of experience by promoting creativity, cooperative behaviour, solidarity, independence as well as conflict management skills.	implemented
Streetwork	Streetwork (outreach and low-threshold social work) enables the provision of counselling and support services to young people who cannot (or can no longer) be reached by conventional forms of social work. The related activities are aimed inter alia at crisis intervention / providing immediate help and improving the living conditions of young people from socially and economically disadvantaged families.	implemented
"Therapeutische Ambulante Familienbetreuung" (therapeutic outpatient family care) directed at children and adolescents who are at risk in their family	Therapeutic outpatient family care inter alia seeks to support children / adolescents in their current environment and to improve the family's educational function as well as relationship and bonding dynamics. The services offered include psychosocial diagnostics, treatment of mental disorders in adolescents or guardians, recreational educational activities and assistance towards reducing psychosocial stress situations.	implemented
"ÜBA – Überbetriebliche Ausbildung" (inter-enterprise training)	Meeting the legal obligation to train young people under the age of 18, needs-based support is provided to children and adolescents, for instance by training in core skills and key competences, and helping them to find a training / apprenticeship position. If they, nevertheless, are unable to find a position, they may complete an apprenticeship training in the context of the inter-enterprise training programme. Two types of inter-enterprise training are available: one aims at placement in regular employment, the other offers "Integrative Berufsausbildung" (IBA, integrative vocational training).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Accommodation, food and care for unaccompanied refugee minors in the context of provision of basic welfare support (“Grundversorgung”)	Accommodation, food and care for refugee minors who are staying in Austria unaccompanied by their parents or another responsible adult is provided within the framework of provision of basic welfare support. Depending on the need for care, residential groups (particularly high level of care), residential homes (for young people who are not self-sufficient and supervised residential places (for those who are self-sufficient under guidance) are thus made available. As required, social-educational and/or psychosocial support as well as German-language lessons are also available.	implemented
Additional benefits to support general subsistence	Under Article 15 Sozialunterstützungsgesetz (SUG, Social Support Act) the Province of Salzburg has created a legal basis to compensate for certain additional expenses required for children affected by poverty in order to protect these children from suffering social disadvantages (for instance at school). The additional costs incurred in connection with birth, childcare or school attendance (necessary school materials) are covered as “specific needs”, i.e. provision of additional financial benefits up to a certain amount from funds of the Province of Salzburg.	implemented

Province of Styria

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Food Fighters” cooking with food that would otherwise go to waste – a health promotion project for young people	Young NEET (Need in Education, Employment or Training) serve as experts sharing information about healthy food and nutrition. In events attended by school pupils/students, they share information and present approaches on consuming daily food in a self-determined and responsible way. Alongside enhancing both groups’ nutritional competence, the experience contributes to strengthening young NEET’s self-esteem.	implemented
“Gemeinsam stark für Kinder” (Joining forces for children) – establishing and expanding municipal prevention chains	The goal is to further strengthen the topic of family and ensure it is structurally embedded at local and municipal levels. “Gemeinsam stark für Kinder” coordinators are contact points for local stakeholders. Under this initiative – which has already been implemented in eleven municipalities – preventive concepts aimed at promoting equal opportunities for children and young people are being developed. Best practice examples include the establishment of parent-child playgroups or the creation of local parent education opportunities.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Kind sein in einer Einrichtung der Wohnungslosenhilfe" (Being a child in a facility operated by Wohnungslosenhilfe / Assistance for the Homeless)	In order to stabilise the personal living situation of homeless families with children, a stronger focus is to be placed on the needs of children in facilities for homeless people. The focal points of the planned measure are structured as follows: situation report, assessment of findings, catalogue of measures (joint development of concrete measures for children in facilities operated by "Wohnungslosenhilfe" / Assistance for the Homeless by experts from relevant institutions actively involving the children concerned). Public relations work.	being rolled-out
Services for children from families affected by harmful drinking	The pilot project is aimed on the one hand at children and young people from families affected by harmful drinking and their network of helpers, and on the other hand at all potential multipliers active in the fields of child, youth and family support work. The overall goal pursued by this project is to identify children and young people from families with alcohol problems and to reach out to them, offering appropriate primary prevention services. The aim is to minimise the risk of these children developing an alcohol addiction later on.	implemented
Guidance and support for children and young people following separation / divorce or death of a loved one	"RAINBOWS": Provision of support to children and young people, helping them to cope with their grief and to better manage their new family situation. In small groups, assistance towards consciously addressing, expressing and managing their feelings and thoughts is provided. The aim is to help affected children develop coping strategies for better problem solving.	implemented
Counselling & mediation on an individual case basis, advocacy, monitoring, awareness raising	Includes counselling hotlines & personal counselling, annual Children's Rights Week, contact and coordination point for bullying-related issues at the Styrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People, workshops on children's rights directed at pupils/students held in schools and public libraries, further education and training for multipliers on children's rights in general and on preventing bullying / promoting intervention in the case of bullying.	implemented
"Familienentlastungsdienst" (family respite services)	Persons caring for family members with intellectual / cognitive, physical, sensory or multiple disabilities are given the opportunity to take a break for a few hours. Support from mobile care services enables them to have some temporary respite from their stressful caring responsibilities.	implemented
Family housing to prevent acute homelessness	The provision of family flats to prevent acute housing problems is a low-threshold offer aimed at homeless families. This offer was specifically designed for the following types of families: mother / father / children, single parents with children. The goal is to prevent families from drifting into unstable situations (and children being placed out-of-home).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Promoting attendance at child education and childcare facilities, compulsory half-day childcare for a period of one year (before enrolment in primary education) directed at all five-year-olds free of charge, language skills promotion measures, development and expansion of childcare for children under the age of three.	1) Parents are encouraged to send their child to a child education and childcare facility (income-adjusted parental contributions, childcare allowance made available by the Province authorities). 2) Compulsory, half-day childcare for a period of one year (before enrolment in primary education) for all five-year-olds free of charge. 3) Measures aimed at promoting language skills in child education and childcare facilities also by ensuring availability of additional staff. 4) Firmly enshrining the Educational Framework Plan and other basic pedagogical policy documents, 5) Ensuring quality childcare also through further training of staff and ongoing supervision by the competent authority. 6) Ongoing expansion of childcare opportunities, especially for children under the age of three.	implemented
Women's emergency shelter "Haus Rosalie"	"Haus Rosalie" offers temporary accommodation and care to women with and without children who are either homeless or "hidden homeless". This accommodation is needs-based and services provided are guided by the affected individual's specific personal situation. In cooperation with volunteers, professionally trained staff supervise and care for the residents of ten small housing units in total. The aim is social reintegration/ integration of children affected.	implemented
"Frühe Hilfen" (Early Childhood Interventions Programme)	Services provided under "Frühe Hilfen" (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantage) during pregnancy and until the child's third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under "Frühe Hilfen" aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive roll-out of "Frühe Hilfen" will be completed by the end of 2023 (please also see: Gesundheit Österreich GmbH).	implemented
"G. i. F. – Gewaltprävention im Familiensetting" (violence prevention in the family setting)	Using a systemic approach, the project addresses several levels related to domestic violence. Experts work with perpetrators and family members affected by domestic violence: individual work with victims and perpetrators, relationship / couple discussions with victims and perpetrators, as well as group activities for women and children.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
GEMEINSAM G'SUND GENIESSEN (enjoying healthy food together – at home and out and about)	This standardised, free nutrition counselling programme is directed at people living in the Province of Styria, but not in its capital Graz. Put together especially for people and families who are socio-economically disadvantaged, the programme has proved particularly beneficial for overweight people. Two to five hours of personal nutrition counselling are available per treatment year. Under this programme, dieticians answer questions on the topic of healthy food and provide nutritional therapy counselling.	implemented
GEMEINSAM G'SUND GENIESSEN (enjoying healthy food together – our school cafeteria)	Styrian school cafeterias and food service operators (bakeries etc.) receive professional and free advice from mobile coaches. Building on this, the range of products on offer at the school cafeteria and from vending machines is examined and assessed. If the offer meets defined criteria, the school buffet cafeteria receives an award or a strength profile assessment. In addition, training and networking opportunities as well as further support, including a marketing package, are available free of charge.	implemented
Growing up healthy in challenging times – sponsor families for children of psychologically stressed parents	Parents with mental illnesses may sometimes be overwhelmed by everyday tasks and may find it difficult to be aware of their children and all their needs and to respond accordingly. Often children suffer from anxiety or feelings of guilt and take on too much responsibility. An additional caregiver who provides stability is an important factor towards fostering resilience.	implemented
“GeWa – Gemeinsam Wachsen” (growing together) – empowerment and integration of parents and young people with a migrant background	Children and adolescents with a migration background are often “difficult to reach” and frequently find themselves in situations that pose risks to their psychosocial health. Building on outreach work and cooperation with communities, information on psychosocial health is shared with parents in their mother tongue. Empowerment groups for both parents and young people strengthen participants and integrate them into existing services.	implemented
Heating cost support made available by the Province of Styria	This one-time heating cost support seeks to provide financial assistance to low-income households and thus especially to families with children in Styria. Funding totals 120 euros for all types of heating, provide that certain household income ceilings are not exceeded.	implemented
Interdisciplinary support at an early age and family support	Interdisciplinary support at an early age and family support are intended to empower parents and the family at large to develop better coping skills by working with the child and his or her family as early as possible and involving the entire environment as well as other professionals. The aim is to eliminate or mitigate primary disabilities and avoid potentially emerging secondary disabilities or impairments.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Schlupfhaus" emergency youth overnight shelter	Operated by Caritas, the "Schlupfhaus" emergency overnight shelter is open to adolescents and young adults aged 14 to 21, who currently do not have adequate overnight accommodation. The facility provides a place to sleep (including food and the possibility to wash / shower as well as do laundry), a non-binding offer to talk and, if necessary, counselling, care, guidance and coaching, as well as the option of referral to specialised counselling and care facilities.	implemented
Fund for housing deposits	The Province of Styria's housing deposit fund is aimed at Austrians and individuals holding a settlement permit in Austria. The "Caritas Beratungsstelle für Existenzsicherung" (BEX, counselling centre for securing one's livelihood) or "Volkshilfe" advance the deposit of a maximum of 1,000 euros to those seeking to rent accommodation. The deposit has to be repaid within three years. Eligibility for funding under this scheme is subject to a certain level of household income not being exceeded.	implemented
Kindergarten and school assistance	Kindergarten and school assistance enables participation for children with disabilities in lessons / care, school events and school-related events through the provision of an individual assistant. The extent of this service is based on the objectifiable needs (as determined by independent experts) of the child with disabilities.	implemented
Child and Youth Welfare Services Styria	The Child and Youth Welfare Services make a comprehensive contribution towards combating child poverty and social exclusion of children and young people.	implemented
"Sei amol g'miasig" (eat your veggies)	This campaign seeks to increase vegetable consumption among young people (11–18 years) by showing that eating vegetables is something enjoyable, exciting and simple. In this context, a particular focus is placed on the male population from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This campaign also involves an Instagram channel and cooperations inter alia with youth institutions. They organise "g'miasige" (eat your veggies) action months, distribute recipe cards and/or prepare dishes using vegetables.	implemented
Accommodation for homeless women and mothers with children and care in "Haus FranzisCa" (emergency overnight shelter and assisted living community)	The emergency overnight shelter "Haus FranzisCa" provides short- and medium-term places to sleep and temporary housing for homeless women and mothers with children. Besides housing, "Haus FranzisCa" offers a network of services for homeless people, ranging from basic care to target group-specific qualified counselling and care services.	implemented

Province of Tyrol

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Services aimed at promoting bonding after birth trauma	After stressful or traumatic births, parents usually find it particularly difficult to understand their child's body language and to react accordingly to their needs. Such a situation requires working with the mother /parents AND the child. In Tyrol, however, opportunities to access related services are very limited and expensive. The goal is therefore to enable socially disadvantaged families to access these services and develop offers for support and bonding promotion in individual and group settings involving parents and their babies after a birth trauma. (Including inter alia short-term and unbureaucratic provision of financial resources for parent-infant body therapy through "Emotionelle Erste Hilfe" (EEH, Emotional First Aid), support after caesarean section, for mothers with "crying babies" and other regulatory disorders).	idea
Guidance and coaching of families – "Frühe Hilfen" (Early Childhood Interventions Programme)	Services provided under "Frühe Hilfen" (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantages) during pregnancy and until the child's third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under "Frühe Hilfen" aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive roll-out of "Frühe Hilfen" will be completed by the end of 2023: A specially trained family support worker (midwife, nurse, psychologist) is installed in each district. The support includes case management for families during the child's first year of life, support from the time the child is discharged from hospital, five home visits and much more (please also see: Gesundheit Österreich GmbH).	implemented
Flexible childcare on an hourly basis	Development of flexible childcare on an hourly basis (provided by specially trained educators) to fill gaps in the provision of childcare for parents and single parents in Innsbruck. Intended as an offer before the start of regular childcare (for instance for children under 18 months who do not yet attend a crèche or go to a childminder). It is also a supplementary offer to existing regular childcare in cases where such services are not available or temporarily insufficient.	idea

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Child and Youth Welfare Tyrol	Child and Youth Welfare services provide counselling and support to parents and other caregivers in fulfilling their tasks of caring for and raising minors. The goal is to empower them to perform their parenting tasks themselves while observing the principle of bringing up children without resorting to the use of violence. There is a wide range of counselling and care facilities available, located in all districts of Tyrol.	implemented
Programme involving preventive measures in kindergartens operated by the Province of Tyrol	All parents of kindergarten children can have their children examined by physicians in kindergartens. This programme covers one annual screening, as well as an ophthalmological examination performed once per child, a hearing test, and a language development test performed by a qualified teacher.	implemented
Parenting support / Child and Youth Welfare	Child and Youth Welfare experts counsel and support parents and other caregivers in fulfilling their tasks of caring for and raising minors. There is a wide range of counselling and care facilities available in all districts of Tyrol. The related activities also involve contribution towards developing permanent cooperation structures with the educational, health and social institutions. Concrete assistance and support measures offered include parenting support and residential care. The goal is to promote and ensure the development of minors while respecting their individual personalities, thus empowering them to grow up to become independent individuals who assume responsibility for themselves.	implemented

Province of Vorarlberg

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Participative process "Wie kommen Kinder, Jugendliche und deren Familien gut aus der Pandemie?" (How will children, young people and their families be able to successfully manage the impact of the pandemic?)	The findings generated by a previously commissioned social science study were discussed and analysed by experts. Following examination of the relevant topics (leisure time, education, transition from school to work, apprenticeship, mental and physical health as well as social participation), measures aimed at supporting children and young people in successfully managing the impact of the pandemic were adopted.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Familientreffpunkte” (family meeting points) in Vorarlberg	Family meeting points are contact points / meeting places for children, young people, parents and families close to home where children and parents regularly come and go (such as kindergartens and childcare facilities). Low-threshold services are organised for families aimed at supporting them in their everyday family life, promoting their parenting skills and fostering participation.	implemented
Support directed at schoolchildren with needs and made available by the government of the Province of Vorarlberg focusing on 1) enabling attendance at school events, 2) funding extra tuition and 3) supporting second homes necessary for school attendance.	Funding made available for parents and guardians of schoolchildren: 1) to enable or facilitate participation at school events (such as school skiing week, one-week school trips to Vienna etc.), 2) for private tuition to prepare children properly for re-taking exams necessary for advancement to the next grade, and 3) for children’s second home at the place of schooling or in a boarding school (boarding home) necessary for school attendance.	implemented
“Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme)	Services provided under “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantages) during pregnancy and until the child’s third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under “Frühe Hilfen” aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive roll-out of “Frühe Hilfen” will be completed by the end of 2023 (please also see: Gesundheit Österreich GmbH).	implemented
Free child vaccination programme for 0–15-year-olds	Free vaccination programme directed at children up to the age of 15 and funded by the federal provinces and the social insurance institutions. The goal is to provide children with access to vaccinations that are important for public health at no cost to their parents / legal guardians.	implemented
“Kinder lieben Lesen” (children love reading)	Reading initiative to promote and strengthen children’s early language and reading skills (0–4 years) in their families and at early childhood education facilities. Three packages of books are made available to families, together with valuable reading tips, book recommendations and information on early language and reading promotion.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Affordable, healthy lunch for children from households in receipt of social assistance	One affordable, healthy lunch per day (the cost of which must not exceed 5 euros) will be made available to children who attend school or an elementary educational facility and live in households in receipt of social assistance (core benefit).	planned
Measures aimed at promoting the development of children with disabilities and supporting educators in caring for children with disabilities	Support at an early age for children with disabilities, therapy and parent counselling provided in regional contact points, counselling and support for kindergarten teachers. In this context, the focus is also placed on the entire group as a learning community. The goal is to offer all children an appropriate learning and development space. Diagnostics with guidelines for action for the pedagogical staff working in special needs kindergartens.	implemented
Income-dependent scale for parent's contributions	In close cooperation between the Province of Vorarlberg and the municipalities, a uniform, income-dependent scale model for payment of parents' contributions was developed in autumn 2016. Depending on the net household income, the contribution to be paid by parents for their child's / children's attendance at an early childhood education / elementary educational facility may be reduced. The amount of this reduction depends on the net household income, the age of the child and the number of hours of care.	implemented
"Vorarlberg lässt kein Kind zurück" (Vorarlberg leaves no child behind) – social context-related preventive measures during childhood and youth	In cooperation with all of its municipalities, the Province of Vorarlberg focuses on children's entire developmental process, providing preventive, low-threshold, interconnected and interlocking services. Thus, a chain of preventive activities is established directed at both parents and children and covering the period from pregnancy to the point where young adults start work.	implemented

Province / City of Vienna

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Services provided by the Vienna Child and Youth Welfare Services	Low-threshold services provided by “Wiener Familienzentren” (Vienna Family Centres), i.e. free of charge and if requested also anonymously. The goal is early detection of social communication and developmental disorders as well as failure to thrive, health prophylaxis for babies and toddlers, strengthening of parenting skills. Health check-ups (including vaccinations) including for children who do not have insurance. The prevention services are directed especially at families with limited social and/or financial resources. Support is provided to numerous facilities in Vienna active in the field of child promotion and protection (such as private parent-child centres, child protection centres, marriage and family counselling institutes, institutes for educational support, associations such as “Rainbows” etc.).	implemented
Expansion and further development of diversity-oriented and inclusive education	In line with the current government programme, it is to be ensured that the necessary organisational, staff and space-related requirements for diversity-oriented teaching are met throughout the entire education chain. All levels of education are to take account of diversity in our society, promoting people’s different interests, talents and gifts and providing learning opportunities and support for all learners in line with their needs.	implemented
Basic education at “Jugendbildungszentrum” (JUBIZ, youth education centre) at the Ottakring Adult Education Centre	Education centre directed at young people not able to enter a career path at the end of regular education. The services include vocational guidance, literacy and basic education as well as language support and promotion of language skills.	implemented
COVID-19 compensation	In addition to implementing central measures (such as provision of additional funding resources), civil society initiatives aimed at supporting children and young people are to be used accordingly (including the services provided by the #weiterlernen platform). In the context of compensatory measures, the potential inherent in digitalisation is to be used to provide individual and targeted support to learners.	implemented
German-language courses and basic education for young people	The courses are aimed at persons (between 15–25 years) who have recently immigrated. The courses include German language lessons, general education, information on how to use new media, as well as educational and vocational orientation. The services also include social guidance.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
The City of Vienna – libraries as educational infrastructure and places of learning for children and young people offering a wide range of media and events	As central cultural and educational institutions – offering public indoor space – the 39 libraries operated by the City of Vienna contribute to decoupling educational opportunities from socio-economic status. Low-threshold, free access to an extensive range of media (including digital media) and a free of charge events programme for children and young people encourage all young people to get involved and facilitate their participation.	implemented
Parent education events – “Interface”	The Parents and Children Department offers learning assistance at the City of Vienna’s pre-vocational schools and at the training institution for kindergarten teachers of the City of Vienna (BAfEP21). It furthermore supports women in their integration journey by offering basic education courses under the heading of “Mama lernt Deutsch” (mummy is learning German) – educational college for women and mothers.	implemented
Free all-day school offering integrated education and care (interlocked approach)	Since the school year 2020/21, attendance at a public, all-day school has been free of charge. These schools offer instructional and supervised learning and leisure units from Monday to Friday. In 2019, the share of organic products in lunches offered in public all-day schools was increased from 40 to 50% and, for the first time, “animal welfare” was taken into account of in school catering.	implemented
Information event series “Wohin mit 14?” (Where next at the age of 14?)	This information event is organised once a year (in autumn) in cooperation with the Vienna Chamber of Labour. Parents receive guidance and support aimed at enabling them to promote their children’s educational and/or training pathways after completion of compulsory schooling.	implemented
InterSpace (Interface GmbH Vienna)	InterSpace courses are aimed at all young people who recently immigrated to Vienna (asylum seekers, persons entitled to asylum / subsidiary protection, third-country nationals and EU citizens). Participants have the opportunity to improve their German language skills (up to competence level B2) as well as their mathematical, digital and social skills. The lessons include educational and vocational orientation training and counselling on how to apply for an apprenticeship position or a job.	implemented
“Jugend-Bildung-Talente / JuBiTa” (youth-education-talents) (Interface GmbH)	The JuBiTa project develops model-based modular services for educationally disadvantaged young people between the ages of 15 and 25. The skills and practice-oriented modular courses prepare young people efficiently and in a focussed manner for upper secondary education. Due to their modular structure, courses can be tailored to young people’s individual needs. Accompanying educational counselling and career guidance as well as supplementary social counselling address participants’ specific needs and individual problems in a timely manner to guarantee learning success. Two rounds of training courses involving 15 modules each are planned for the project period. A total of 15 places are available per module.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Jugendcollege – Start Wien” (Youth College – Start Vienna) – Services offered to recently immigrated people	Courses offered in the context of Youth College focus on promoting participants’ German language skills, general education (maths, English, information and communication technology) and placing young people in a secondary school, or enabling them to undergo vocational training or find sustainable employment.	implemented
“Lernhilfe” (learning support) for school-age children (Interface GmbH)	Learning support focuses on promoting skills in German, mathematics and English and is directed at pupils at pre-vocational or vocational intermediate schools (PTS/FMS) and the training institution for kindergarten teachers of the City of Vienna (BAfEP21). Key elements are the promotion of second language skills and independent learning in an authentic school environment.	implemented
Multilingual service offer and information for parents regarding apprenticeship training	All young people, regardless of their or their parents’ background are to be guaranteed equal access to education and employment. The City of Vienna thus seeks to foster integration and diversity. In the context of its diversity management consulting and processes it also strives to stimulate improvements within other services, for instance through multilingual services and information made available to parents.	implemented
Open child and youth work in Vienna – including “Gesundheitskompetenz.JA” (health literacy.yes) as the focus for the year 2021/2022	Every year, the City of Vienna and all Viennese districts support around 23 associations dedicated to open child and youth work. Involving 800 youth workers active in 79 facilities, and in about 180 parks, housing complexes and sports grounds as well as in the context of mobile/digital youth work provide important (recreational) educational offers for children and young people. Activities are inter alia directed at increasing equal opportunities, educational opportunities and options for participation. In the context of the 2021/22 focus “Gesundheitskompetenz.JA” (health literacy.yes), activities aimed at improving childrens’ and young people’s health and health literacy are being intensified.	implemented
Project “BAJU – Basisbildung für Jugendliche und junge Erwachsene” (basic education for adolescents and young adults) – association “Integrationshaus Wien”	The project is directed at adolescents and young adults with a migration background (between 15–25 years of age) whose German language skills and basic competences are not yet sufficient to enable them to follow, for instance, compulsory school-leaving courses. The focus is thus placed on enhancing participants’ linguistic skills (especially reading and writing), expanding young people’s basic knowledge, consolidating their basic arithmetic skills and basic English skills that are necessary for admission to compulsory school-leaving courses. Participants are coached by volunteer education partners.	implemented
Project “Muttersprachliche Lesepat:innen” (mother tongue reading mentors)	In primary schools, kindergartens and after-school care centres, reading mentors read to children once a week in their mother tongue (including in Arabic, Turkish, Dari/Farsi, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian etc.).	implemented

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School transportation and school day care services	School transportation services are offered to enable children and young people with disabilities to use public Viennese educational institutions as easily as possible. In addition to inclusive school-based day care services, children and adolescents with multiple and severe disabilities may use school-based day care in one of the nine specialised public educational institutions. Needs-based care is provided to pupils/students by specifically trained and qualified after-school care staff with a view to facilitating a regular school routine.	implemented
Summer school	In the context of summer school, pupils/students are taught by fully trained teachers and teachers in training at a school location during the summer holidays. Pupils who need to catch up in various school subjects are offered support to ensure learning success in the coming school year or to prepare them well for the start of school.	implemented
Funding to enable attendance at compulsory schools – acquisition of school supplies and study material.	Free-of-charge provision of pupils' / students' course books and study materials reduces the financial burden on parents/guardians. This measure covers free school supplies for children and a large number of selected study materials at public compulsory schools. The amount of funding made available depends on the type of school and the number of school-age children at the school. Currently, primary schools receive funding of 33 euros per pupil, secondary schools 47 euros per student, special-needs schools 44 euros and pre-vocational schools 70 euros. Private schools offering general education also receive corresponding funding each year.	implemented
AmberMed	The services provided by AmberMed include low-threshold, acute medical diagnosis and care, medication assistance, preventive health care and crisis intervention for people without health insurance. As part of this project, on average some 130 infants and toddlers are cared for and treated every year by volunteer paediatricians.	implemented
Care for unaccompanied minor refugees in Vienna	The specialised residential facilities for unaccompanied minor refugees (UMF), operated by the City of Vienna / Vienna Social Fund, provide clinical-psychological and health-psychological care to this particularly vulnerable group in order to enable them to cope with what they have experienced (among other things, based on trauma-informed education). The services also include legal counselling. Refugee children's and adolescents' social competences are strengthened, and they are helped to adjust to and "settle down" in their new environment.	implemented
Care for survivors of torture and war – association "Hemayat"	The non-profit organisation Hemayat has established itself in Vienna as a centre for interpreter-mediated psychotherapy, psychological consulting and medical support for survivors of war and torture. Since 2007, Hemayat has also offered therapy for children and young people. Every year, Hemayat provides services to around 1,300 clients, including 180 minors, from 40 different countries of origin.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Promotion of (a) mobile care services and (b) mobile support at an early age and/or aids made available by “Behindertenhilfe” (Assistance to Persons with Disabilities) in the context of “Wiener Grundversorgung” (Basic welfare support) in Vienna).	Care services (such as home nursing, mobile support at an early age, transportation service, communication assistance) are provided to refugee children and adolescents with care needs, developmental delays or disabilities by “Beratungszentrum Pflege und Betreuung” (Care and Support Counselling Centre) and “Beratungszentrum Behindertenhilfe” (Counselling Centre for Persons with Disabilities). The costs are covered through funding within the framework of provision of basic services and primary care in Vienna (basis: agreement on the provision of basic welfare support in line with Art. 15a Federal Constitutional Law) and the “Wiener Flüchtlingshilfe” (help and assistance to refugees).	implemented
Volunteer coordinator for “Grundversorgungshäuser” (residential facility dedicated to the provision of basic welfare support)	In the context of this project, a person to be employed will be tasked with coordinating a team of qualified volunteers working at two facilities dedicated to the provision of basic welfare support (operated by the social aid organisation Caritas, Archdiocese of Vienna). Thus an additional resource for the provision of care (such as attendant care and visiting services, therapeutic services) for the facilities’ residents, including in particular special services for children such as motor therapy, infant pedagogy or separate care for children to support single parents is to be created.	planned
Clinical-psychological and health-psychological work with children and adolescents at Integrationshaus (residential facility operated under “Wiener Flüchtlingshilfe”/Vienna Refugee Assistance)	At “Integrationshaus”, a qualified support team provides intensive psychological care to children/adolescents who need regular professional support and guidance due to psychological stress or chronic illnesses. This support includes, among other things, counselling and group activities as well as age-appropriate leisure activities.	implemented
“Mobil betreutes Wohnen” (mobile services to residents of assisted housing) and “Mutter-Kind Einrichtungen” (mother-child facilities) operated by “Wiener Wohnungslosenhilfe” (residential assistance to homeless persons)	Under “Mobil betreutes Wohnen” (mobile services to residents of assisted housing), individuals who are either homeless or at risk of losing their home receive support from social workers and, if necessary, immediate access to an affordable flat of their own where they can remain living in the long term. The services provided at “Mutter-Kind Einrichtungen” (mother-child facilities) are directed inter alia at homeless mothers (especially those affected by violence), fathers and couples with children who need assisted housing to stabilise their living situation.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Mobile support at an early age, diagnostics and therapy in special outpatient clinics for developmental diagnostics and therapy	In cooperation with the Austrian Health Insurance Fund, the City of Vienna /Vienna Social Fund promote targeted medical, therapeutic and educational services aimed at promoting the development of children with developmental delays and disabilities from birth to school age. Services are provided outside of pre-school and school education to enable children to participate in society in as self-determined and inclusive a manner as possible.	implemented
Mobile care and support for children: a) nursing children at home, b) medical care and nursing for children at home, c) child-care at home, d) childcare at home plus, e) mobile palliative teams for children	In the context of the individual projects run by the City of Vienna /Vienna Social Fund, professional care and support is provided for children and adolescents at home and/or in their familiar environment (school, kindergarten, after-school care facility), also – for instance – to support working parents whose child has fallen ill. The services provided also include guidance, counselling and support for relatives and other people involved in the child's care.	implemented
“Mobiles Interventionsteam” (MIT, mobile intervention team)	In line with the concept of prevention, the low-threshold and outreach services provided by MIT are primarily directed at identifying at an early stage psychological crises of persons residing in residential facilities operated by the Vienna Refugee Assistance and offering professional support. The services provided under this project are not only directed at adults but also at underage children in family units who receive counselling, guidance and coaching on a face-to-face basis or in group settings.	implemented
Start Vienna – “Integration ab Tag 1” (integration from day one) – educational opportunities for refugees who receive basic welfare support	Directed at people from the age of 15 who are in Vienna's basic welfare support and primary care system, this project focuses on the provision of literacy courses, basic education and German-language courses, which also includes taking the respective examinations. The services provided seek to prepare individuals for transition to regular education and employment, aim to teach language as an essential element of culture and to promote rapid and sustainable integration into the labour market.	implemented

Ombuds Office for Children and Young People of the Province of Lower Austria

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Provision of information on, raising awareness and monitoring respect of the children's rights	Legal mandate according to Art. 80 Niederösterreichisches Kinder -und Jugendhilfegesetz (NÖ KJHG, Lower Austrian Child and Youth Welfare Act): counselling of children, adolescents, young adults and guardians; provision of assistance in cases of differences of opinion, organisation of information events; monitoring and following-up on administrative practice in the field of child and youth welfare services; appraisal / suggestion of draft legislation and legal amendments, ordinances and other legal regulations; representing the interests of children and adolescents in all matters related to planning and research; as well as organisation of exhibitions, musical theatre performances for children.	implemented

Ombuds Office for Children and Young People of the Province of Salzburg

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Volunteer mentoring programmes for children and young people in disadvantaged life situations	"MutMachen" (encouragement), "open.heart" directed at unaccompanied refugee children and adolescents. Provided within the context of the Province of Salzburg's social welfare services, this programme is implemented by and based at "Einstieg GesmbH"	implemented
Legal mandate according to § 44 Salzburger Kinder -und Jugendhilfegesetz (S-KJHG, Salzburg Child and Youth Welfare Act)	Legal mandate according to Art. 44 Salzburger Kinder -und Jugendhilfegesetz (S-KJHG, Salzburg Child and Youth Welfare Act): counselling and mediation in enquiries related to the children's rights; provision of information on and raising awareness of the Rights of the Child; provision of expert opinions, appraisal of and suggestion of draft legislation and legal amendments etc.; issuing statements / recommendations on children's rights; public relations activities; representing the interests of children and adolescents in all matters related to planning and research; acting as a children's advocate and trusted confidant; offering preventive services / implementing pilot projects.	implemented
Children's advocate and trusted confidant	Regular visits (at least twice a year) to children and young people in out-of-home child and youth welfare care and to foster children; also paying regular visits to young people in prison – at the affected young people's request.	implemented
Child protection campaign	Highlight the legal ban on and impact of all forms of domestic violence against children https://www.salzburg.gv.at/themen/gesellschaft/gewaltfrei	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Intervention workshops to prevent bullying in schools	Intervention workshops to prevent bullying in schools (demand far greater than supply). The goal is to set up a bullying prevention and intervention centre for pupils/students.	implemented
Therapeutic group services on (COVID-19 related) stress management and against loneliness	Therapeutic group services on (COVID-19 related) stress management and against loneliness ("befriending", "zamkemma"/ getting together). The goal is easier and less bureaucratic financing to facilitate further development and roll-out of these services.	implemented

Ombuds Office for Children and Young People of the Province of Styria

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Counselling & mediation in individual cases, advocacy, monitoring, awareness raising	Activities in the context of the legal mandate under §§ 39, 40 Steiermärkisches Kinder -und Jugendhilfegesetz (St-KJHG, Child and Youth Welfare Act) include operation of counselling hotlines and provision of personal counselling, organising annual Children's Rights Week, operating the contact and coordination point against bullying at the Styrian Ombuds Office for Children and Young People, organising workshops on the Rights of the Child directed at pupils/students at schools and in public libraries.	implemented
	Further education and training events for multipliers on children's rights in general and on bullying prevention / bullying intervention. Acting as children's advocate and trusted confidant, certification of Graz as a City of Children's Rights.	planned

Ombuds Office for Children and Young People of the Province of Tyrol

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Provision of information, raising awareness of and monitoring respect of children's rights	Legal mandate according to § 11 Tiroler Kinder -und Jugendhilfegesetz (TKJHG, Tyrolean Child and Youth Welfare Act): Provision of counselling services to minors and persons in their family and social environment; mediation in conflicts and cases of differences of opinion; support in administrative proceedings, administrative penal proceedings or court proceedings; public relations work on the Rights of the Child; co-examination of laws and ordinances; contribution and involvement in the "Kinder- und Jugendhilfebeirat" (advisory council on children and youth welfare services); cooperation in / support of national and international networks; submission of a biennial activity report to the Province government; organising workshops, lectures and further training in the context of preventive services; consultation hours of the advocate and trusted confidant for children, adolescents and young adults living in socio-educational institutions.	implemented

Ombuds Office for Children and Young People of the Province of Vienna

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Adoption of recommendations from the Universal Periodic Review – Austria	The following recommendations are particularly relevant for topics related to the Child Guarantee: (recommendations begin in each case with reference number 139, covering all adopted recommendations and an additional number for the specific measure; the recommendations were adopted by a Council of Ministers resolution) Children with disabilities: 139. 143, 156, 184; Health issues: 139. 122, 124, 125, 127, 129, 130, 131; children with a migrant background and/or belonging to ethnic minorities: 139. 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 165, 178, 183, 199, 207; alternative forms of care: 139. 181; family situation: 139. 168, 170, 176, 177, 179, 180, 182;	implemented
Further development and roll-out of psychiatric services directed at children and adolescents	Further development and roll-out of psychiatric services directed at children and adolescents, for more details please see Annual Report, Vienna Ombuds Office for Children and Young People(2019) p. 98ff (in German).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
E-learning tool providing information on female genital mutilation (FGM), operated in cooperation with Municipal Department 24 (Women's Health)	The electronic FGM training programme was implemented as a very specific preventive measure. The goal is to raise awareness of the topic of FGM among all girls up to the age of 15 (in kindergartens, schools, after-school care centres, leisure groups etc.) and thus increase their ability to act. The programme is directed at educators in all federal provinces, is easy to apply and adapt to regional conditions, thus reaching an extended target audience. From February to June 2020, the e-learning programme was completed by 1,448 individuals on the Internet via online links, and by 94 individuals at the virtual intranet-based "Wien-Akademie" (Vienna Academy) for employees of the City of Vienna.	implemented
E-learning tool providing information on violence and abuse in sport in cooperation with "100% Sport"	The e-learning programme to be developed is aimed at coaches, educators, officials, athletes and parents. It seeks to prevent violence and abuse in sport, draw attention to the complex nature of processes of abuse and dismantle traditional forms of violence in sport.	planned
Ethics lessons	Ethics lessons for all and firmly enshrining children's rights in the curricula. For further details, please see the Annual Report of the Vienna Ombuds Office for Children and Young People (2020), p 84ff (in German).	implemented
Recommendations and calls based on the review process on the implementation of the Rights of the Child in Austria 2019	In the context of this review process, Ombuds Offices for Children and Young People in Austria cooperated and produced a joint report on the situation of the Rights of the Child in Austria. These recommendations and calls are still representative. Chapters 5 to 9 list aspects specifically relevant to promoting opportunities for children. Attention is also drawn to the Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, which explicitly highlights very concrete fields requiring urgent action.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme)</p>	<p>Services provided under “Frühe Hilfen” (Early Childhood Interventions Programme) are made available in a needs-based manner to support families in stressful situations (attributable especially to social / socio-economic disadvantage) during pregnancy and until the child’s third birthday. The related activities seek to promote early childhood development and thus contribute to fostering social equality and health equity. Focusing especially on children from socio-economically disadvantaged homes, the low-threshold assistance provided under “Frühe Hilfen” aims to facilitate healthy development and ensure that children grow up in an environment free from violence. Comprehensive roll-out of “Frühe Hilfen” will be completed by the end of 2023.</p> <p>Many families, especially with very young children, are still struggling to find help and support in the early stages, and counselling services are not available everywhere. Especially at the beginning of life, it is important to reach out to families and their children, providing the best possible counselling, support and assistance. Therefore, the Ombuds Office for Children and Young People calls for the nationwide roll-out of “Frühe Hilfen”.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Gesundheits-Teams” (healthcare teams) in educational settings #Schoolnurse</p>	<p>The goal is to finally ensure provision of healthcare for chronically ill children and adolescents – in total some 190,000 young people in Austria also at educational facilities. The 2016 Amendment to the Health Care and Nursing Act included school healthcare as an area of activity covered by the job description of Upper Intermediate Service in Healthcare and (Paediatric) Nursing. Trained school nurses support the school doctor, thus relieving teachers and educators. This concept has been implemented successfully for two years now in the “Bildungsgrätzel Triesterviertel” (neighbourhood in the 10th Vienna district boasting a large number of educational facilities).</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Ensuring inclusive education close to home	Expansion of inclusion places in the education sector. The objectives pursued include advocating for equal opportunities in the education sector at all levels, eliminating structural and individual inequalities, protecting children and young people from discrimination and bullying, fighting resolutely against all forms of violence against children and young people, facilitating and promoting children's and young people's co-determination abilities and fostering meaningful discussion with children and young people, establishing ways and means that enable all educational institutions to take preventive action and – if necessary – to intervene. Setting up a specialised body for appraising, reviewing, approving and funding associations active in the field of bullying prevention and intervention. Ensuring comprehensive care for children with disabilities and chronic illnesses across the entire educational sector, making available qualified assistance staff to all children and young people, significantly expanding medical and nursing care and creating a legal entitlement to a kindergarten or crèche place for children with disabilities and chronic illnesses.	implemented
Child health and child protection concepts	All associations, organisations and institutions that deal with children and young people are to be obliged to draw up child protection concepts. Giving ALL children unrestricted access to healthcare, education and culture. Gaps in insurance coverage are to be closed in order to provide all underage persons living in Austria – and especially children of parents who do not hold insurance cover – with the best possible healthcare. Every child is to have the right to use the services of a children's hospice where necessary. In total, about 5,000 children and adolescents in Austria are affected by a life-shortening disease.	implemented
Child Rights Ambassadors	In the context of a pilot project, social educators and youth workers are being trained by the Vienna Ombuds Office for Children and Young People on pedagogical communication of the Rights of the Child in 2022. In the context of this interdisciplinary course with a focus on practical implementation, participants are trained in the basics of children's rights and learn how to pass on the knowledge acquired. Based on the programmes developed together with their trainers, they will then apply their knowledge on the Rights of the Child in schools and independently conduct two-stage workshops on children's rights.	implemented
Specific problem areas relating to children in alternative forms of care, care facilities and homelessness	Full roll-out of mobile crisis assessment and management teams, preventive services, crisis centres, socio-therapeutic residential places, inclusive residential places, as well as a contact point for survivors of childhood institutional care (based at the Ombuds Office for Children and Young People).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Ombuds Office for Education, Vienna Ombuds Office for Children and Young People: specific problem areas	Teaching of children's rights is a fixed component in the curricula of teacher and early childhood educator training courses. Thus, it is ensured that they have the relevant knowledge and can also pass on this knowledge to children in their function as multipliers. The right to public transport tickets at reduced rates for all children and young people ensures that their need for mobility in public spaces is met. The right to social learning and use of art and culture as a teaching method in schools and kindergartens plays a key role. As art and culture are essential for the personal development of children and young people, it is necessary to make the use of art and culture a right.	implemented
Studien: Gewalt gegen Kinder und Jugendliche	Studies on the topic of violence against children and young people: Jugendstudie: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugendstudie: Recht auf Schutz vor Gewalt / Youth Study: Right to Protection from Violence, https://www.kija-ooe.at/Mediendateien/Studienbericht_Jugendstudie_Recht_auf_Sc.pdf (in German) • Annual Report published by the Vienna Ombuds Office for Children and Young People (2020), p 34ff: https://kja.at/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2021/06/Kern-KJA-3004-WEB.pdf (in German) 	implemented
Preventing and dealing with juvenile delinquency.	Reference is made to the position paper on juvenile delinquency and the juvenile penal system.	implemented
Increased focus on consideration of the best interests of the child in administration	Strengthening the consideration of the best interests of the child in line with Art. 1 Federal Constitutional Law, Children's Rights, in all areas of the administration; increased consideration of the principle of giving priority of the best interests of the child within the context of impact-oriented impact assessment (EIA), increased consideration of the best interests of the child in line with Art. 1 Federal Constitutional Law specifically in administrative procedures (see call by the "Kindeswohlkommission" / Commission of Inquiry on the protection of the best interests of the child in the Austrian asylum system, which highlighted that the assessment of the best interests of the child has to take into account all relevant international and European legal provisions, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its interpretation by UN bodies, the European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, in particular with regard to Articles 2, 3 and 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights as well as other specific supreme court decisions and legal provisions. This includes, for example, the inadmissibility of returning children without prior examination of the best interests of the child in order to avoid child trafficking (see abridged version of the final report, p 52, German publication).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Housing	The goal is to take better account of the special needs of young homeless people and develop efficient, sustainable and low-threshold support services (for more details, please see the Annual Report of the Ombuds Office for Children and Young People, 2020, p 56ff (in German only), high quality (= in accordance with child and youth welfare standards) residential places for unaccompanied minor refugees (refugee orphans), strengthening participatory projects involving children and young people (see, for instance the following good practice example: https://www.iba-wien.at/projekte/projekt-detail/project/ich-brauche-platz)	implemented

City of Graz

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
13 Graz Youth Centres	A professional team on site offers young people the opportunity to spend their free time in a safe setting. The topics addressed in this context are taken up by the youth workers and dealt with in everyday discourse and action. Topics on the agenda of almost every youth centre are a healthy snack and joint cooking sessions. In addition, many youth centres offer educational programmes – youth coaching and a “Lernbar” (where coaches provide learning support to young people).	implemented
Parental counselling	Free weekly counselling by social workers and other staff for parents with babies and toddlers – including, if necessary, medical examination by doctors.	implemented
Nutritional counselling	Free nutritional medical counselling provided by the Medical Service of the City of Graz offers individual tips, information, and counselling on nutritional problems of children and adolescents. Together with parents or other caregivers, staff seeks to determine the causes of excess weight gain and initiate changes that take account of the individual’s life situation.	implemented
Family+ (plus)	As a meeting place for families and friends, Family+ (plus) provides opportunities to talk, learn and play together. It is also a place for providing support and counselling to parents, during regular on-site consultation hours, advice may be sought from a doctor, social workers and other professionals such as speech therapists.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Grazer Spielmobile” (Graz play mobiles / buses)	City-based children have the opportunity to enjoy experiences that are difficult to find in a big city, especially due to the high building density and increasing car traffic. The target group of this campaign are six to 14-year-olds. The focus is placed on promoting communication and understanding between the various stakeholder and user groups of public space and to generally offer children room for playing, leisure time activities and having fun.	implemented
Child and Youth Welfare Services	Preventive work, guidance and support for families and targeted support for “at risk” children; services include targeted individual case assistance as well as a wide range of projects for groups, such as “Probe-raum” (rehearsal room) for children who cannot attend afternoon care. “Funpool”: leisure time activities for children and young people with no need to sign up. “GAME” in combination with “DeepTalk” focusing especially on promoting social skills and also directed at young people with severe mental / psychiatric problems.	implemented
“Klein hat’s fein – Familienpass” (small is beautiful – family bonus card)	With this family bonus card, parents may collect “points” until their child has reached the age of three and a half. Under this scheme, points are awarded for every event or consultation attended (one point if one parent attends and two points if both parents attend). Once 15 such points have been collected, the family receives a Graz voucher worth 40 euros. Bonus card related services and counselling are available across the entire city of Graz and include parent counselling, breastfeeding counselling, baby massage, sleep counselling, dental health etc.	implemented
Project “LOTSE” (guide) – Access and familiarisation support	The project seeks to assist families who, due to language or understanding barriers, are not or are only to a certain extent able to access services and/or infrastructure in their environment (doctors, hospitals, counselling centres, authorities, offices, schools, childcare facilities, shops where they can buy what they need on a daily basis etc.) in getting acquainted with their living environment. Support provided also includes assisting clients in familiarising themselves with the legal provisions in Austria and claiming all benefits they are entitled to.	implemented
Project “Sport-gruppe” (sports group)	The project seeks to introduce children from families with a migration background or from socially disadvantaged families to different types of sports and to jointly engage in regular sports activities. Another goal is to find out which type of sports a child / adolescent is particularly interested in and suitable for and establish connections (free of charge) with a sports club or a private sports group. In this context, the focus is also placed on facilitating social learning among children and young people.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Project “Mädchen-gruppe” (girls’ group)	The project seeks to make available a safe space to young girls from families with a migration background, where they can talk about their worries, problems and typical age-related concerns (first period, sexuality, friends, music, fashion etc.). Coaching, guidance, advice and support is provided by trained professionals – although the main focus is on facilitating exchange among female adolescents and on helping them to help themselves.	implemented
Project “Nachmittagsbetreuung im Sozialraum” (afternoon / after-school care in the social space)	The project seeks to support children from families with a migration background or from educationally disadvantaged families in meeting school requirements. The focus is not only placed on doing homework together, supported by trained professionals, but above all on social learning (behaviour in groups, developing non-violent solution strategies etc.).	implemented
Co-funding / provision of funding to the entities specified on the right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Eltern-Kind-Zentrum Graz” (parent-child centre Graz) • “Innovative Sozialprojekte” (innovative social projects) • “Kinderschutzzentrum” (child protection centre) • “Schlupfhaus” (emergency youth centre) operated by Caritas 	implemented
“Willkommen in Graz” (welcome to Graz) folders	All newborns, whose main place of residence is the city of Graz, are given a welcome folder containing the most important information for the child’s parents, such as general information on newborns, a special folder on parental counselling services, information on the 40-euros Graz voucher to be redeemed at the first visit to a parental counselling centre, and an application for funding under the Graz “Windelscheck” (nappy cheque). Under the heading of “prevention is better than a cure” information is provided on vaccinations. The folder also includes a list of all paediatricians in Graz, important emergency numbers and information material provided by the Province of Styria.	implemented

City of Kapfenberg

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>Project “Zukunft für alle” (future for all) – addressing and overcoming poverty</p>	<p>Measures under this project include especially the “AktivCard” (bonus card) and the social fund, which are of special relevance to children and young people. Holders of the “AktivCard” are granted cost reductions on attendance fees for crèches and afternoon care in kindergartens, on lunches in all-day care facilities, in indoor and outdoor swimming pools, on music school attendance fees and on borrowing from the municipal library. The donor-financed social fund enables provision of support to families in precarious housing and living conditions, for the participation of children and young people in skiing courses, in one-week countryside trips organised by the school, school-organised sports weeks and project-based events. Support also relates to assistance in the case of health-related problems etc.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

4 Notifications of Measures by Stakeholders

Chamber of Labour Vienna

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Gemeinsam für bessere Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie” – agreement among social partners on “Joining forces towards better reconciliation of work and family life” of 22 September 2020</p>	<p>Social partners and the Federation of Austrian Industries call for a better reconciliation of work and family life to be achieved through the nationwide, comprehensive and high-quality expansion of early childhood, education and care (ECEC) facilities, in particular for children under the age of three. The goal is to implement a legal entitlement to a childcare place (as of autumn 2023 beginning with the child’s 2nd birthday, and from autumn 2025 onwards beginning with the child’s 1st birthday). This place must be of high quality, available all day and all year round, and the opening hours must be such that both parents are able to work full-time.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Chamber of Labour package to fight child poverty</p>	<p>The package to fight child poverty presented by the Chamber of Labour Vienna consists of three bundles of measures on the topics of “Genug Geld zum Leben”/“enough money to live on” (increase of the net replacement rate for unemployment benefits to 70%, maintenance guarantee, higher benefit reference rates applicable to children with respect to the provision of social assistance / means-tested minimum income scheme), “Bildung von Anfang an für alle” / “education for all right from the start” (legal entitlement to early childhood care, free schooling, expansion of all-day schools), “Perspektiven geben” / “offering perspectives” (sufficient funding of counselling centres such as “Frühe Hilfen” / “Early Childhood Interventions Programme” [please see Gesundheit Österreich GmbH], youth welfare offices and women’s and family counselling centres; expansion of free psychotherapeutic services for children).</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Kinderaugen und Lernen”/“children’s eyes and learning” – brochure directed at parents</p>	<p>Raising awareness of the fact that childhood visual impairment is often detected too late or not at all. Affected children have major problems with reading and learning. A brochure on the topic of “children’s eyes and learning” was put together and distributed during school enrolment to all parents of about 19,000 children starting school at Vienna’s primary schools.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Survey on the cost of schooling 2020/2021</p>	<p>In the cost of schooling survey conducted by the Chamber of Labour, parents documented online the costs incurred over the course of one year by their children’s school attendance. The survey was conducted in cooperation with the SORA Institute for Social Research and Consulting. In total some 3,000 parents covering more than 4,300 children took part in the long-term survey. The results were presented to the public in a press conference at the beginning of September 2021.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Medical Chamber Vienna

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Med4School – Die Gesundheitsdrehscheibe” / “Med4School – the Health Hub”	In the context of interdisciplinary project-based instruction, pupils acquire general knowledge and skills on health and the health system. This contributes to broadening their scope for action and decision-making. The project consists of several modules. For each of these modules teaching material adapted to the children’s age and school level is made available for direct use in classrooms. The material provided to teachers is thus ready for integration in their regular lessons. All primary schools in Vienna will be invited to participate in this project.	planned

Professional Association of Austrian Psychologists

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Wir stärken Stärken” / “we strengthen strengths”	Alongside its professional policy tasks, the Professional Association of Austrian Psychologists (Berufsverband Österreichischer Psycholog:innen, BÖP) has also set itself the goal of promoting optimal psychosocial care and implementing health promoting projects. Set up to address psychological stress relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project enables provision of rapid, free and unbureaucratic clinical-psychological and health-psychological counselling and treatment for children and adolescents at risk of poverty and exclusion, as well as online workshops on self-empowerment directed at children and adolescents.	implemented

Austrian National Youth Council

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Qualitative study: “Was alle Kinder brauchen” / “what all children need”.	In 2018, the Austrian National Youth Council, in cooperation with the Institute of Sociology at the University of Vienna, conducted a qualitative study as part of its campaign “Armut ist kein Kinderspiel” / “poverty isn’t child’s play”. In this study, children between the ages of 7 and 12 were asked what they need for their wellbeing. The findings generated show that children consider both material goods and services as well as intangible resources such as family, friends, education, nutrition, clothing, housing, health and leisure time to be important for their wellbeing.	implemented

Ergotherapy Austria, Federation of Austrian Occupational Therapists

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Implementation of school and kindergarten-based ergotherapy	As supporting staff in educational institutions, occupational therapists make an important contribution towards promoting inclusive education that ensures equal opportunities for all children. With a view to implementing school and kindergarten-based ergotherapy in Austria, a project group was set up and in a first step prepared a position paper on school and kindergarten-based ergotherapy. In order to facilitate practitioners' daily work, the project team is also preparing a Q&A document providing answers to the most frequently asked questions.	implemented
Child Protection Policy Guidelines	Ergotherapy Austria is working on Child Protection Policy Guidelines. The project seeks to provide occupational therapists with guidelines for their work with children, parents, caregivers and reference persons that raise practitioners' awareness of child protection and outline possible courses of action. The guidelines will inter alia summarise the legal framework conditions as well as obligations related to their practical work and support occupational therapists' in acquiring the necessary skills aimed at minimising the risk of exposure to violence for children and adolescents.	implemented
Presentation on "Healthy development of children from an occupational therapy perspective" in the context of the "Gesunde Gemeinde" / "healthy community" project.	Ergotherapy Austria prepares presentations on the topics of prevention and health promotion, which it makes available to its members. The latest presentation focuses on the development, importance and promotion of all senses in everyday life and provides useful information to parents and caregivers on supporting children's healthy development. By preparing and making available this presentation that may be given by occupational therapists to expectant parents, for instance in the context of the "Gesunde Gemeinde" / "healthy community" project, Ergotherapy Austria contributes towards promoting the healthy development of children.	implemented

Federation of Austrian Industries

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Roadmap for the implementation of a legal entitlement to quality childcare from the child's 1 st birthday onwards starting in 2025	Childcare and elementary education play a key role in promoting the reconciliation of work and family life, supporting fair opportunities for every child, enhanced opportunities in the labour market, availability of more skilled workers for companies, strengthening Austria's position as a business location, promoting rural areas, and fostering gender equality. In the current government programme, the federal government has adopted concrete plans for the expansion and improvement of child education and childcare as well as a training offensive, which are now to be implemented. The Federation of Austrian Industries, together with the social partner organisations supports and calls for a qualitative and quantitative expansion of child education and care beginning with the child's first birthday based on the criteria defined under the Family and Work Compatibility Indicator.	implemented

Institute and Professional Association of Art Therapy in Austria

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Project proposal: "kukis" art therapy with children in family systems	"kukis" is an outreach project aimed at supporting children in family systems faced with particularly stressful life situations in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (including, for instance, multiple stress factors single parents may be exposed to). Certified art therapists from the Austrian Professional Art Therapy Association offer outreach support throughout Austria. The non-verbal approach of art therapy has proven effective particularly with younger children. The project seeks inter alia to support individuals in regaining stable self-regulation and self-care within the family systems, as well as to enhance people's general well-being, improve their ability to shape and organise their lives and to prevent violence and suicide.	idea

Austrian Chamber of Agriculture

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Green Care – Wo Menschen aufblühen”/“Green Care – where people flourish”: discovering nature, experiencing education, developing in harmony with nature.</p>	<p>This project focuses on the farm as an educational setting. In the context of leisure and outdoor educational and experiential programmes relating to the barn and the farm as well as in outdoor activities with forest educators, children and young people learn in a hands-on way about nature, farming and nutrition. Further offers relate to childcare opportunities on farms (including for kindergarten children) and tailored programmes for specific groups such as children with learning difficulties or children who refuse to go to school.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Action Day” events in primary schools</p>	<p>Every year, female farmers visit primary schools all over Austria and inform children in class about a previously defined agricultural product such as milk, potatoes, bread (discussing raw materials, processing etc.). They then help the children to prepare a healthy snack using the product discussed.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>The “farm effect” – a healthy microbiome right from the beginning</p>	<p>A one-day workshop directed at parents-to-be and held on farms in the province of Vorarlberg focuses on health promotion during pregnancy. Future parents learn more about the positive effect a visit to a farm can have on babies’ development. The programme seeks to strengthen babies’ and infants’ microbiome through regular farm stays.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Kinder in die Küche!”/“Get kids cooking!” – cooking seminars for children aged 7 to 11</p>	<p>In cooking seminars children cook, bake, decorate/top/coat, taste and eat together using regional and seasonal ingredients. The seminars are led by two specifically trained female farmers who share their knowledge on food and foodstuffs with children, telling them how they produce and grow the ingredients on the farm. The scope of these cooking seminars is expanded annually, current themes focus on pizza, burgers, Easter and Christmas baking.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Landwirtschaft in der Schule”/“agriculture at school”</p>	<p>in the context of the project “agriculture at school”, female farmers, who have undergone special teacher and seminar-related training, visit schools and share exciting insights into the world of agriculture with children in class. A wide range of topics is addressed in the context of this outreach project directed at children and young people in primary schools, secondary schools, grammar schools and special needs schools. Depending on pupils’ interests, topics such as food, the environment and the economy are discussed.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Schmatzi – Essen mit allen Sinnen genießen”/“smacky – enjoying food with all senses”</p>	<p>The project supports nutrition education in primary schools and kindergartens. Methodical-didactic teaching, learning and playing materials are made available to inform children about foodstuffs grown in Austria. Teachers at the participating educational institutions receive training on using the material provided. The primary goal is to strengthen confidence in regional and seasonal food and in rural agriculture.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Schule am Bauernhof”/”school on the farm”	The project “School on the Farm” offers varied and exciting farm stays enabling children to experience farming and agriculture hands-on. Skilled and experienced farmers, who have undergone special teacher and topic-related training, organise and lead educational excursions for kindergarten and school classes. Farmers interested in participating in this programme are obliged to complete a prior certification course at the Ländliches Fortbildungsinstitut (LFI, Rural Further Training Institute).	implemented
“Seminar-bäuer:innen” / “farmers trained in giving seminars”	In the context of cooking seminars, in schools, at fairs and at product presentations, these specifically trained farmers share their knowledge about agricultural products with consumers in order to strengthen consumers’ confidence in local agriculture. Farmers interested in giving such seminars are obliged to complete a prior certification course at the Ländliches Fortbildungsinstitut (LFI, Rural Further Training Institute).	implemented

Austrian Disability Council

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Launching an Austria-wide participatory process towards nationwide and gradual de-institutionalisation (of children with disabilities) while at the same time significantly expanding community-based support services and personal assistance services, and developing concepts for protection against violence	The Austrian Disability Council draws attention to the problems related to the institutionalisation of children with disabilities, addressing inter alia the lack of data, specialised institutions which may “pave the way for lifelong institutionalisation” and experiences of violence in this context. Both in institutions and in everyday life, children and young people with disabilities are disproportionately affected by physical, psychological and sexual violence. The Austrian Disability Council thus calls for a nationwide de-institutionalisation enabling a self-determined life in the community, and effective concepts for protection against violence to be implemented in all institutions.	idea

Patients' and Nursing / Care Ombuds Office of the Province of Styria

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Patients' and Nursing / Care Representation Offices: Legal advocacy bodies established in all Austrian provinces to ensure the protection of patients' (including minors) rights in public and private hospitals as well as the rights of residents of nursing / care institutions and of clients of mobile health services	The Patients' and Nursing / Care Representation Offices established in all Austrian federal provinces are independent autonomous institutions and provide their services free of charge. As patients' (including minors, represented by guardians / in Austria consent to treatment is possible from the age of 14) advocacy bodies they represent the interests of patients in public and private hospitals, of residents of nursing / care facilities and of clients of health services providers. The services provided include the provision of counselling, support and information, acceptance and examination of suggestions and complaints, and mediation in conflicts with health service providers.	implemented

Austrian Economic Chamber

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Bildungspass" / child development and education "passport" for parents of children aged 0 to 6 years (extendable to cover all age groups; may be interlinked with the "Mutter-Kind-Pass" / "mother-child health passport")	The child development and education "passport" is a tool made available by municipalities to parents in the context of preventative care. It provides guidance on how to support their child's development in the best possible way, starting before the child's birth until it reaches the age of six. In this context, all important basic skills are addressed in a step-by-step process to promote their expression – from the emotional, physical, communicative, interactive and intellectual points of view. The goal is to enable children to develop their talents, meet requirements and make full use of future opportunities.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
STEM in kindergartens – project “Spürnasenecke”/ “smart investigators’ corner”	“Spürnasenecke” (SNE, “smart investigators’ corner”) is a lab for kindergarten children equipped with special furniture, research tools and handbooks on STEM experiments. The project also covers ongoing further training and network meetings with teachers. The focus is on promoting children at an early age. At the same time, the children’s curiosity and their interest in scientific, technical and information technology topics is to be aroused and promoted. Nationwide, there are currently more than 100 such “Spürnasen” (“smart investigators”) kindergartens across Austria.	implemented
Reconciliation of work and family life: legal entitlement to quality child education and childcare	The Austrian social partners (Federal Economic Chamber, Chamber of Labour, Chamber of Agriculture, Austrian Federation of Trade Unions) and the Federation of Austrian Industries are committed to improving parents’ work-family life balance. The specific goal pursued in this context is a legal entitlement to an affordable and quality place in a child education and childcare facility close to home.	implemented

5 Notifications of Measures by Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs), Foundations, Associations

aks austria (Forum of Austrian Working Groups on Health)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Counselling & support for community catering facilities via the GGG funding scheme of "Gesundheitsfonds Steiermark" (health fund Styria)	The Styrian minimum standards on community catering developed by "Gesundheitsfonds Steiermark" define minimum requirements to be met by community catering facilities with respect to healthy nutrition. In order to support the implementation of these minimum standards, a funding scheme was created in the context of the initiative "GEMEINSAM G'SUND GENIESSEN" (GGG, enjoying healthy food together). Under this initiative, "Styria vitalis" thus provides guidance and advice to managing bodies, caterers and catering facilities.	implemented
"Corona – und was wird jetzt?" (COVID-19 – and what now?)	The workshop "Corona – und was wird jetzt?" offers young people aged 12 to 16 years a social space for guided exchange / coaching or knowledge transfer (psychoeducation) and support to help them to successfully cope with and manage the current crisis situation as well as the associated stress. Under the guidance of a clinical psychologist, young people have the opportunity to address and reflect on fears and worries, work on improvement strategies (skills) and acquire concrete practical everyday skills and tools for dealing with the COVID-19 crisis in a healthy and positive manner.	implemented
"ELLA für ALLE: Wohlfühlzone Schule – fühlen macht stark!" (ELLA for ALL: Feel-good zone school – talking about feelings makes you strong!) – Low-threshold prevention of violence and bullying by promoting emotional and social competences in school as children's / young people's living environment	In the schools participating in the project (in Styria), children's / young people's, teachers' and parents' awareness is raised of issues related to violence and bullying, and prevention and action strategies are developed together. Thanks to individual training programmes, children with a high level of psychosocial stress and from disadvantaged backgrounds can be reached without running the risk of stigmatising them. The project includes, inter alia, certificate education and training courses for teachers on social skills and conflict management, comprehensive training and teaching materials free of charge, definition of targets / planning of measures in cooperation with the school team and site-related support services (coaching, supervision etc.).	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Entzauberung 4.0 – Die Illusion von Schönheit und Scham” (disenchantment 4.0 – the illusion of beauty and shame)</p>	<p>The goal of the workshop “Entzauberung 4.0” is to provide support and guidance to young people in the cities of Linz and Wels (Upper Austria), empowering them to critically reflect on and address the ideal of beauty conveyed by the media, thus counteracting “body-shaming”. Participants develop, learn and acquire strategies to increase self-confidence, which also contributes to strengthening their general health. The workshop is held either in person on site or online by psychologists.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Gemeinsam g’sund genießen” (enjoying healthy food together) – our school cafeteria</p>	<p>This programme is directed at school cafeteria operators and provides counselling on how to provide a health-promoting and economically viable range of food and drinks. Building on individual counselling and support, the range of products available at the buffet and at food vending machines set up in schools is optimised in cooperation with the school management. Training and networking events are also organised for school cafeteria employees. Businesses that comply with the Guideline for School Cafeterias can apply to be certified and receive an award.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Gesund Aufwachsen in herausfordernden Zeiten” (growing up healthy in challenging times) – sponsor families for children of psychologically stressed parents</p>	<p>This project, implemented in Styria, looks for volunteers who want to become sponsors for children of mentally ill parents. Sponsors receive appropriate training and guidance. They spend time with the children on a regular basis and become an additional caregiver who provides stability, supporting children to grow up healthily despite difficult circumstances. Accompanying the project, two educational measures were established that focus on people who have to deal with potentially affected children in their daily work (training course, awareness-raising / sensitisation workshop for educators).</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“KIDS (Kinder in der Steiermark) essen gesund” (children in Styria eat healthily)</p>	<p>In the context of a supervised pilot project, ten primary schools in Styria develop individual nutrition action plans. The goal is to promote individual and organisational nutrition competence at the school location. After completion of a training programme, teachers may act as nutrition officers for their school; further related training involves, for instance, a course on catering management. The strategic goal is to ensure that Styrian decision makers from the education and health sectors are committed to promoting healthy food for children as an integral and integrated value in teaching and daily life at primary schools.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Mobile Psychologists” for childcare and child education facilities (Upper Austria)</p>	<p>In their everyday work, educators and teachers may often reach their limits when having to deal with particularly challenging children (aggressive behaviour, tension and sadness, crisis situations in the family etc.). This is exactly where PROGES comes in with its “Mobile Psychologists” project: psychologists counsel, supervise and support educators and teachers (in crèches, kindergartens and after-school care centres) during day care and afternoon care times; the service can be accessed as needed.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Psychotherapeutic group services "Corona-Connection"	Young people are particularly stressed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is having an impact on many adolescents' mental health. Affected teenagers aged twelve plus may thus turn to "Corona Connection" youth groups, led by psychotherapists, who provide support and guidance. The focus is on rapid placement in groups and thus on rapid intervention in the context of a group process; in addition, individual supportive meetings and discussions with young people can also be arranged.	implemented
"Selbstwert – Mädchen und Frauen stärken" (self-esteem – empowering girls and women)	PROGES is a partner in the "selbstwert" project, which aims to empower girls and young women in their everyday lives and with respect to handling the challenges they face. In cooperation with six women's health centres, free and low-threshold psychosocial counselling and support is offered throughout Austria. The main target group are girls and young women in "Ausbildungsfit" (training fit) companies who can benefit from workshop and counselling services. Hygiene and menstrual products are also offered free of charge.	implemented
"Spezifische Kariesprophylaxe" (specific caries prophylaxis) – equal opportunities for dental health right from the start	Specific caries prophylaxis is a strategy under the Styrian prevention of tooth decay programme aimed at raising expectant parents' and parents of 0 to three-year-olds awareness of the importance of healthy teeth from the first milk tooth onwards. The focus is on socially disadvantaged families and at-risk-of-tooth decay groups. In this context, a two-pronged approach is being pursued: on the one hand direct contact with parents, i.e. presentations and counselling, and on the other hand specific training of multipliers.	implemented

ASB Schuldnerberatungen GmbH (debt counselling services ltd.)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Preventing poverty, strengthening the best interests of the child	The subsistence minimum for wage garnishment is significantly below the at-risk-of-poverty threshold (for instance, single-parent household with one child: subsistence minimum 1,200 euros, at-risk-of-poverty threshold 1,726 euros). Often existentially important expenses, such as rent or maintenance payments, are thus no longer possible. In this context, ASB Schuldnerberatungen GmbH calls for raising the subsistence minimum to at least the at-risk-of-poverty threshold, abolishing the maintenance subsistence minimum, giving priority to ongoing payment of child support in case of wage garnishment, and financial education in compulsory school.	idea

BAWO Federal Working Group on Homeless Assistance Services

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
End homelessness of children (families) through Housing First	<p>“Housing First” means provision of permanent housing for homeless people with their own tenancy agreement and support from social worker(s) as needed. Since 2012, Housing First has been implemented in Vienna’s homeless assistance system and related projects are also in place in other federal provinces. It is suggested that a national coordination centre be established at the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection in coordination with the province councillors for housing and social affairs. In cooperation with non-profit housing developers, established NGOs will be responsible for implementation.</p>	idea

bOJA – federal network for open youth work

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Promoting health literacy in the context of youth work in Austria – capacity building and networking	<p>bOJA focuses on the promotion of youth health literacy. In a multi-annual participatory process, criteria for health literacy in youth centres, street work and youth information centres were developed, and a recognition process was introduced based on which facilities are designated as health literate organisations; from 2018 to 2021, 44 institutions across Austria received this recognition. Furthermore, regular network meetings are held on health-literate youth work, which also include representatives from youth work in associations and youth information centres.</p>	implemented
JOBFIT IN THE OJA (Open Youth Work), N@work – ONwork – NETwork	<p>The idea for a project aimed at preventing and combating youth unemployment consists of three modules that build on each other and are closely interlinked: online street work (“N@work”), an outreach, low-threshold online street work service for entering professional life; employment projects in the open youth work setting (“ONwork”), in the context of which traineeship places at OJA facilities are offered to young people; regional networking events (“NETwork”), in which OJA experts share their know-how and knowledge regarding reaching out to, counselling and supporting young people facing multiple problems.</p>	idea

Caritas Austria (Catholic relief and development agency)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
German as a second language (DaZ) – language support concept for children of kindergarten age and their parents as well as training of educators / teachers	The goals pursued by this measure include provision of support to children with German as a second language (DaZ) to facilitate age-appropriate development of their language and expressive skills through speech therapeutic group therapy conducted by a speech therapist, empowering educators and teachers with regard to working with children whose second language is German, providing a “toolkit” for people active in the field of promotion of language skills as well as empowering and providing guidance and support to parents of children whose second language is German.	planned
Mobile specialist counselling to facilitate the integration of children with impairments in childcare and childhood education facilities	For many years now, the joint care of children with and without impairments in one inclusive group has for been standard practice in Upper Austrian childcare and child education facilities. In this context, the project “Empowerment” run by the specialised integration counselling services in cooperation with the Department for Early Childhood Education at the Directorate-General for Education, aims at strengthening the professional, methodological and decision-making skills as well as the personal resources and potential of educators and teachers. Counselling is provided to teams to enable them to manage challenging situations.	implemented
#weiterlernen 3.0 – gemeinsam (digital) durch diese Zeit! (ESF / EU-REACT) (continuous learning 3.0 – managing these times together digitally, ESF / EU-REACT)	In the context of “#weiterlernen”, support is provided to pupils/students who are particularly affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated distance learning phases, especially school-age children from socially weaker and educationally disadvantaged families. The service includes free tutoring and afternoon care as well as German language support (especially in “Caritas Lerncafés”), mobile learning assistance (for instance in facilities for unaccompanied refugee minors) as well as information and further education opportunities for parents.	implemented
Counselling and therapy for children, young people and families at risk of poverty	The project supports families at risk of poverty facing issues with respect to their children’s / adolescents’ development. Low-threshold educational, psychological and psychotherapeutic counselling, treatment and therapy both face-to-face and in groups are provided free of charge. The aim is not only to relieve families and their immediate environment, but also to reduce the need for more intensive care interventions as well as related hospital stays.	implemented
Caritas family counselling and family support centres	Across Austria, Caritas provides support to children, adolescents and adults in coping with psychological stress, personal, family or social problems in its 55 family counselling and family support centres. It also offers a range of services to provide guidance and support to families facing (individual) challenges in everyday family life.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Caritas Houses for Mother and Child	Nationwide, Caritas operates nine Houses for Mother and Child offering accommodation for 129 mothers and 202 children in crisis situations. Support is provided to mothers to empower them to manage everyday challenges independently and to develop new perspectives for their lives. The support provided includes work on a range of topics such as promoting their child / children, debt settlement, fostering mental and physical health, and also includes finding a job and an apartment after mothers have left the Caritas facilities.	implemented
“Caritas Schlupfhaus”: emergency youth overnight shelter / individual case work / mobile housing assistance	The “Caritas Schlupfhaus” offers a wide range of care and support services tailored to the needs of children and young people. The central element is the emergency overnight shelter with 12 beds for young people between the ages of 14 and 21. Other services include individual case work, out-of-home services for young people in precarious housing and living situations, provision of low-threshold mobile services and basic care, psychological counselling, inclusion of young people who use drugs as well as health counselling etc.	implemented
Caritas Social Counselling	In 56 social counselling centres across Austria, Caritas provides counselling and support services to some 60,000 people in distress and/or emergency situations every year. These services include direct aid and assistance, information and advice on entitlements, or referral to other competent / specialised bodies. Social counselling focuses most frequently on emergency assistance / necessities and basic essentials, housing and energy costs. Support is often made available to families at risk of poverty.	implemented
“Elternfrühstück” (parents’ breakfast) – parent education activity	This project focuses specifically on parents at risk of poverty and their children. The low-threshold services (provided in family centres operated by Caritas Vienna) include “parents’ breakfasts” and workshops with childcare provision where topics such as parenting, educational counselling, leisure activities, developmental psychology are addressed and relevant information is shared.	planned
Erasmus+ strategic partnership project: Health begins in the family: prevention and health promotion for families in precarious situations in Europe	Families that are socially disadvantaged and have to cope with multiple burdens are often also at a disadvantage when it comes to health. In the course of their daily counselling and care work, the seven partner organisations involved in the project (from Austria, Germany, Romania, Lithuania, Italy, the United Kingdom) have noticed that especially children and young people from such family backgrounds are exposed to a multitude of health risks. It is thus sought to improve parents’ health awareness and health-related behaviour, enhancing their health literacy by offering counselling and educational services to parents, which will in turn positively impact children’s and young people’s health status in their families.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Volunteer counselling and the Caritas “BUDDY” integration project	The goals pursued by Caritas’ activities in the field of volunteer management is to advise/ train, place and supervise volunteers who help people in vulnerable situations – such as families in need of support. In the context of the Caritas “BUDDY” integration project, participants share their own experiences and knowledge. One of these contact points is the Volunteer Centre Tirol Mitte, which may also be used by other organisations to offer another additional form of professional support to people in challenging situations.	planned
Integrative and remedial education kindergartens and after-school care centres	In the integrative and remedial education kindergartens and after-school care centres operated by Caritas Upper Austria, care, support and guidance is provided to children and adolescents with and without impairments. A remedial education group is attended by a maximum of eight children with disabilities. Related work with children focuses on enabling them to lead an age-appropriate life that is as independent as possible. The focus is on children’s strengths and resources and the measure is facilitated in close coordination with parents /guardians and existing networks (such as schools).	implemented
“Kinder-und Jugendkompetenzzentrum” (KiJuK, competence centre for children and young people)	The competence centre for children and young people supports families in the event of issues related to their children’s and young people’s development. The low-threshold services are free of charge and include individual and group-based educational and psychological counselling, social work as well as a range of therapies to address problems related to physical, mental and emotional development. The aim is not only to relieve families and their immediate environment, but also to reduce the need for more intensive care interventions as well as related hospital stays.	implemented
“Terra and Mirjam” – residential homes for children and young people	In the “Terra and Mirjam” residential homes, children and young people receive care and support 24/7 as well as necessary guidance and preparation to enable them to lead an independent life. Work with parents and guidance with respect to their school and work careers are key in this context. Activities are based on youth work methodology and social education principles.	implemented
Childcare and child education facilities plus	In the 351 kindergartens, after-school care centres and crèches involving a total 1,050 groups, staff levels are to be increased by one additional person during key hours. Furthermore, additional hours are set aside for targeted parental work. This measure is coordinated by Caritas’ children and young people section, the specialised unit for church-run child education and care facilities in Linz.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Hotel for children "Am Himmel"	Caritas Vienna offers children and young people with disabilities entertaining, varied and creative holiday and weekend stays at the "Kinderhotel Am Himmel" in the middle of the Wienerwald (Vienna Woods) recreation area. The aim of this low-threshold (leisure-time) educational service is to offer family members some respite and children and young people a pleasant stay.	implemented
Competence and Counselling Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication	This project idea focuses on children and young people with insufficient or no possibility for oral communication. The goal is thus to develop augmentative and alternative communication at a dedicated competence centre in cooperation with children / young people and their caregivers and to integrate augmentative and alternative communication into their daily lives. Ultimately, the project seeks to enable and empower children / young people to lead a self-determined life, participate in society and have better (educational) opportunities.	idea
"Kontaktprojekt EU-Armuts-migrant*innen" (contact-based project on EU migrant worker poverty) Vorarlberg	The target group of outreach, low-threshold, supportive social work undertaken in the context of this project is EU citizens who migrate to escape poverty at home. Staff working for this contact-based outreach project build up a relationship of trust with the target group. Using the tools of communication, they seek to build a bridge between the expectations of society and the situation of poor migrants. In face-to-face support sessions, staff offer migrant workers guidance and point out possible courses of action (including on how to secure one's livelihood, on housing and health related issues, as well as on school attendance, for instance).	implemented
Mobile social counselling in paediatricians' practices	This project idea seeks to provide low-threshold and preventive support and counselling for families in paediatricians' practices. At the same time, paediatricians' awareness is raised concerning the families' specific situation / distress, precarious housing conditions, risk of poverty, parents affected by mental illnesses or addictions, etc. This service would require a social worker to be on-site, at fixed times, directly in the paediatrician's practice and who would provide family counselling where necessary.	idea
Mosaik – mobile social work in kindergartens	The aim of the project is to provide low-threshold and preventive support and counselling for families with kindergarten children, placing a focus on working with parents. Counselling topics mostly relate to securing one's livelihood, housing issues, parents' and children's physical and mental health, transition to school, matters pertaining to social law etc. The services under this project provide substantial support and relief to families and educators / teachers. Mobile social work in kindergartens closes the gap between early childhood interventions and school-based social work.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Place for encounters – children’s hospice and children’s palliative team MOMO	Since 2013, the mobile children’s hospice and children’s palliative team “MOMO” has been providing assistance, support, guidance and company to children with life-shortening diseases and their families at home. The plan is now to expand the mobile services by making available an out-of-home meeting room, facilitating encounters between affected children and their families, providing some relief and respite as well as the opportunity to connect with others who are in similar situations. An important aspect in this connection is participation and inclusion, facilitated by out-of-home services, i.e. outside the familiar family environment. Thanks to the interdisciplinary team already working at MOMO, a wide range of services can be provided, ranging from sibling groups, through to individual or group therapies, learning support and counselling by experienced social workers etc.	planned
Austria-wide project “Caritas Lerncafés” – Free learning support for children and young people	62 Lerncafés offer free learning and afternoon support for compulsory school pupils, providing targeted tutoring/ learning assistance. The goals pursued include improvement of German language skills, reading skills and social skills, as well as helping children and young people to successfully pass their compulsory school leaving certificate and empowering their parents. The project also involves volunteer work and the provision of a healthy snack.	implemented
Peppa – the inter-cultural girls’ centre	The girls’ centre *peppa in Vienna’s 16 th district offers low-threshold counselling, education, leisure and information services. The aim is primarily to support and provide guidance to girls and young women on their way to an independent and autonomous lifestyle and to assist them in accordance with their needs. The services and activities offered serve to foster participants’ decision-making competences and communication skills, promote their participation and equal opportunities in social life and also contribute to violence prevention.	implemented
Personal assistance for children with impairments from the age of one	The aim of this project idea is to accompany, support and assist children with cognitive, physical, sensory and/or multiple impairments from the age of one in the family, thus enabling them to participate in society in a largely self-determined manner without putting additional strain on their relationship with their legal representative(s) and siblings. Furthermore, the child with impairment(s) will have the opportunity to gain experience in and familiarise itself with self-determination/ self-efficacy and to assume responsibility.	idea
Project MEANDER – health promotion for relatives of children and young people with impairments	MEANDER is a project aimed at preserving and promoting the mental health of families with children and adolescents with impairments. Every year, free psychological counselling, care and support in difficult life situations is provided to some 60 to 90 families by clinical and health psychologists.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Right to communicate – implementation	The right to communication is enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. With regard to augmentative and alternative communication – i.e. complementary and alternative forms, means and formats of communication – there is still much to be done in the context of implementing the UN Convention, including awareness raising within the general public, legal entitlement to funding of (technical) aids, knowledge transfer among relevant professional groups, etc.	open
Promoting children's and young people's resilience through in-person and on-site counselling services	In the context of this project, involving low-threshold, open youth work, psychosocial counselling as well as tutoring and learning support is made available to children and young people – and, as needed, further follow-up support and guidance are also provided.	implemented
SIQ+ (Sport – Integration – Qualification)	The Caritas project SIQ+ (sport, integration, qualification / skills) is a social-educational project and platform for sports-based integration (involving networking, public relations and educational activities). The aim is to fully tap into the potential sport offers in terms of social integration, thus promoting social participation while at the same time countering exclusion and discrimination. In the context of SIQ+ activities, modules, sporting events, training and further education measures, sports activities are linked with social-educational content.	implemented
Social care services at home – outpatient care for children and young people with disabilities	Social care services at home offer children with disabilities and their families support and relief in the child's living environment, i.e. primarily in the family's home and/or in public spaces. The entire offer was set up to prevent the child with disabilities from being placed out-of-home and seeks to stabilise both children and families in a permanent manner.	implemented
Social pedagogical care and guidance for children and adolescents at the women's shelter operated by Caritas Salzburg	Children and young people who come with their mothers to the Caritas Salzburg women's shelter / housing project are either indirectly or directly affected by physical, psychological and/or structural violence. The women's housing / shelter project provides protection and safety to these children and young people, thus helping them to reflect on and reorganise their lives with professional support. Counselling and support services for children and young people include practical support in managing day-to-day life, learning support, recreational educational services, trauma-related pedagogical work and health services / referral to health services.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
"Sozialzertifikat" (social certificate)	Under this programme apprentices, trainees and young people in general have the opportunity to acquire key social skills in addition to their professional training. The topics covered by the "social certificate" include poverty, social competencies and socially supportive action, information on help and support services, raising awareness of equal opportunities, active citizenship and voluntary commitment. Experts from youngCaritas Tyrol design, organise and supervise the individually tailored service package.	planned
"UNTERSTÜTZTE KOMMUNIKATION" (augmentative and alternative communication, AAC), Counselling – Coaching – Support	With a view to promoting active participation in society, children and adolescents with disabilities and their caregivers receive specialist services and counselling on augmentative and alternative communication. The service includes diagnostics and the development of individual multimodal communication systems as well as assistance related to everyday activities (such as support in using the communication aid). Specialists also provide counselling and training for staff in care facilities.	implemented
Support fund for educational and recreational activities	Within the framework of this project, children and young people at risk of poverty (in precarious socio-economic or residence law-related situations) in the province of Salzburg are given the opportunity to participate on an equitable basis. They are offered access to learning, holiday and leisure activities (subject to a fee) and a meaningful daily structure incorporating health promotion. The goal is to promote social contact, communication and exchange.	implemented
Residential communities for children and young people with disabilities – "Vielfalt" (diversity)	Caritas Vienna, as a contracted institution of the Vienna Child and Youth Welfare Services, operates eight residential communities for children and adolescents with disabilities, including three inclusive care groups for young children with and without disabilities. Children and adolescents with disabilities or behavioural problems and mental illnesses receive targeted support and assistance in the residential communities, as well as help with care and in structuring their daily lives.	implemented

**Diakonie Zentrum Spattstraße gemeinnützige GmbH
(Diakonie centre Spattstraße non-profit ltd.)**

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Schatzkiste” (treasure chest) – attachment-focused daily structure and routine for parents and babies in highly stressed life circumstances (from pregnancy to 3 years of age)	Providing parenting support, this measure aims to promote intuitive parenting behaviour. Especially parents affected by mental illness, addiction, learning disabilities or experiences of violence often fail to develop intuitive skills such as sensitivity and empathy, which are necessary for the healthy development of their children. The concept is based on the STEEP™ programme (Steps towards effective and enjoyable parenting). Developed in the USA, this video-based counselling and early intervention programme builds on attachment theory.	implemented
“Wohngruppe für unbegleitete minderjährige Flüchtlinge” (WG UMF, residential group for unaccompanied refugee minors, URM)	In the Diakonie residential group for unaccompanied refugee minors, fourteen boys and girls aged 14 to 18, who came to Austria without their parents and whose application for asylum was granted, are offered a safe place to live and companionship. In the residential group located in the centre of the city of Linz, URM not only receive care and guidance but also support, including on learning German, developing future prospects, completing an education, getting a job, etc. thus enabling them to gradually acquire the skills required for an independent life.	implemented

**dieziwi – Die Zivilgesellschaft wirkt. Verein zur Förderung freiwilligen, zivilgesellschaftlichen Engagements in Österreich.
(Civil society works. Association for the promotion of voluntary, civil society engagement in Austria)**

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
#zusammenlernen (learningtogether) – the learning and exchange platform for all	#zusammenlernen (www.zusammenlernen.at) is a platform based on the key principle of voluntary, civil society engagement. It offers a place for learning and exchange everyone may actively contribute to and shape in order to learn together and from each other. It offers free learning support, development and exchange of skills and competencies and further opportunities for sharing knowledge and knowhow. One of the goals pursued is to offer people with a more difficult educational background or trajectory, who may also be facing more challenging socio-economic conditions, the opportunity of benefitting from education and thus also facilitating access to cultural, social and health support.	implemented

FICE Austria (International Federation of Educative Communities)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Basic funding from FICE Austria for structural and administrative measures aimed at improving the quality of services for children and young people in Austria	Since 1968, FICE Austria has been advocating for quality in out-of-home child and youth care in Austria (including also for care leavers and relating to support for families in crisis and refugee children). The association has 28 active members, is a member of international networks and is interlinked with stakeholders. It inter alia organises conferences and discussion forums to foster exchange. This interdisciplinary cooperation aimed at improving services for children and young people is to be further expanded and digitalised; thus, financial support in the form of basic funding is being sought.	idea
Digitalised, interdisciplinary exchange forums (national/ international) to improve quality services for children and young people in alternative care and stakeholder collaboration	Since 1968, FICE Austria has been advocating for quality in out-of-home child and youth care in Austria (including also for care leavers and relating to support for families in crisis and refugee children). The association has 28 active members, is a member of international networks and is interlinked with stakeholders. It inter alia organises conferences and discussion forums to foster exchange. Starting in January 2022, a number of online exchange forums, led and moderated by FICE Austria, are planned to be held in Austria and at international level.	planned
Dual practice-oriented further training of professionals in out-of-home child and youth welfare based on the FICE Quality Standards	With a view to supporting the implementation of the “Quality standards for professional alternative child and youth care in group homes” developed by FICE Austria and 19 organisations in 2019, FICE Austria is currently implementing a follow-up project. Within the context of this project, a practice-oriented training curriculum for professional, thematic-oriented training for staff in out-of-home child and youth welfare facilities is being developed in a cooperative process together with training organisations and representatives of child and youth welfare institutions.	implemented
Evaluation and further development (keyword “pandemic”) of the “Quality standards for professional alternative child and youth care in group homes”	In cooperation with 19 organisations active in the field of child and youth welfare, FICE Austria in 2019 developed national quality standards for public out-of-home child and youth welfare services, thus implementing a recommendation made by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. These 66 quality standards (covering eleven thematic areas) are to be evaluated and supplemented in 2023, in particular by including the impact of the pandemic. This process is to be planned by FICE Austria and will be implemented in close cooperation with all child and youth welfare umbrella organisations and experts.	planned

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Research project: Personal development and experience gains as added values in the work of social pedagogues active in out-of-home child and youth welfare services	The idea is to conduct a study focusing on added values (including experience gains and personal development opportunities) working in out-of-home child and youth welfare may have for social workers. Everyday work in the facilities is to be researched using qualitative and quantitative methods. The findings and results are to contribute towards enhancing the work of caregivers in out-of-home child and youth care, minimising employee turnover and increasing satisfaction and professional skills.	idea
Cooperative development of quality standards for "parenting support"	Cooperative development of verifiable uniform quality standards for "parenting support" – i.e. for the sphere of action of mobile services provided within the framework of child and youth welfare activities – in a participatory process is the goal pursued by this FICE Austria project. The focus is on safeguarding the best interests of the child, also through comparability of assistance and support services as well as the promotion of professional discourse and an overall increase in procedural and implementation quality through co-operation across federal provinces and organisations.	implemented
Support for care leavers and the first care leaver association in Austria	Based on the EU project "Leaving Care" (project management: SOS Children's Villages International involving a total of 6 European countries), FICE Austria supported the foundation of the first care leaver association and developed specialised training courses for the field of leaving care, conducted across Austria. Having limited resources itself, FICE Austria supports the care leaver association with some of its own funds.	implemented

Forschungsgruppe Village der Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft und LBG GmbH ("Village" Research Group)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
It takes a village to raise a child ("VILLAGE – How to raise a village to raise a child"): awareness of and support for children of mentally ill parents in Tyrol	The target group of the multi-year research project "VILLAGE – How to raise a village to raise a child" run by Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft and the Medical University of Innsbruck are children and young people whose parents are mentally ill. The support programme, developed within the context of this project, is supported by comprehensive research. The aim is to build a social and sustainable support network for the affected families focusing on children's needs.	implemented

Grow Together

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Grow Together – “Für einen guten Start ins Leben” (for a good start in life): long-term, intensive support for highly stressed families with infants	Grow Together is a programme monitored on a scientific basis that seeks to support families from precarious backgrounds in promoting early childhood development. The objective is to inter alia ensure children’s health and development opportunities, families’ long-term psychosocial stabilisation, supporting parents’ (re-)integration into the labour market and dismantling as well as overcoming intergenerational disadvantages. The focus is on providing the earliest possible support to children, fostering parents’ parenting skills and preventing neglect of / threats to the child. Currently, the related services are provided to twelve families – the need for places is, however, much greater.	implemented

Helga Keil-Bastendorff Gemeinnützige Privatstiftung (private non-profit foundation)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
I-FAM (integrative family group) run by Therapieinstitut Keil GmbH	Integrative family groups (I-FAM) provide services to children with and without disabilities from the age of 2 until they start compulsory schooling. At the I-FAM run by Therapieinstitut Keil GmbH in Vienna, support and therapeutic assistance are provided to children – in a structured daily routine involving a transdisciplinary team (early childhood educators, special needs kindergarten teachers, assistants, therapists, young people doing alternative civilian service) as well as provision of appropriate aids (such as mobility aids).	implemented
“I-FIT – Inklusive Fachspezifische Schule für Individualisierte Teilausbildungen” (inclusive specialist school for individualised specific vocational education and training elements)	The inclusive FIT school with public status based in Vienna and Gänserndorf is the only intermediate vocational education school with a social and special education focus in Austria, primarily aimed at young people with disabilities or young people at risk of exclusion / socially disadvantaged young people who, after completing compulsory schooling, are unable to find a (vocational) training place due to their complex background or have dropped out or are unemployed and therefore at risk of exclusion. Relevant support and guidance are provided to students based on a holistic and individualised educational and counselling concept.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“kick mit Österreich” (kick with Austria) – association for the promotion of sports activities directed at young people facing difficult starting conditions</p>	<p>“kick mit Österreich” is a football project directed at girls and young women, focusing especially on girls with a migration background or facing economic / social disadvantages. Apart from providing education, this approach involves the promotion of physical exercise, integration, participation and empowerment. The programme creates a barrier-free platform for girls / young women based on playing football and supports them in acquiring life skills through sport as well as empowering them to apply these skills in their everyday life. The project is implemented in four federal provinces (Vienna, Lower Austria, Salzburg, Vorarlberg) by a total of three organisations.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Conductive transdisciplinary services provided by Therapieinstitut Keil GmbH</p>	<p>The services offered by the Vienna-based Therapieinstitut Keil GmbH include, alongside early childhood intervention, remedial education kindergartens and integration-promoting infant, family and kindergarten groups. The service offer is directed at families with premature babies, children with developmental delays, cerebral-related movement impairments as well as complex impairments. The aim is to provide both specific guidance and assistance to caregivers as well as optimal support to children. The focus of activities is provision of conductive educational multiple therapy support.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“LONGBOARD BEWEGT” (longboarding gets you moving) – for equal opportunities in education, work and everyday life</p>	<p>This project is aimed at young people at risk of exclusion, facing socio-economic disadvantages and individual problems (such as NEETs / Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training). Building on a multi-faceted programme, this measure seeks to develop a positive “anchor” empowering young people to cope better with everyday life / school etc. Sport – or specifically longboarding (skateboarding) – is used as an entry point into young people’s realities, enabling essential content to be shared, thus contributing to strengthening their personality, resources and social skills, as well as to reducing prejudices and aggression and to promoting tolerance and respect.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“SEI DABEI” (join in) – sport creates space for inclusion</p>	<p>In line with the motto “sport creates space for inclusion”, the Austria-wide initiative “SEI DABEI” seeks to enable children and young people with and without support needs to jointly participate in sports activities all year round, thus contributing to dismantling social barriers. Building on a step-by-step plan, inclusive meeting spaces for joint exercise are to be created, ranging from exercising during school breaks to inclusive events and related tournaments.</p>	<p>not specified</p>

Hilfswerk Austria (relief organisation)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>"=MYWAY" social work at schools (Lower Austria)</p>	<p>The services provided in the context of "= MYWAY" cover social work in schools directed at children and young people between the ages of ten and 18 and involve low-threshold, free counselling on site. Specialised social workers offer guidance and advice to pupils/students addressing school, personal and social problems, cooperating with young people's social environment (teachers, parents etc.). Children and adolescents are supported and offered advice on solving their individual problems while at the same time fostering their related skills and competencies.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Provision of parenting support services as contracted by the authorities (Lower Austria)</p>	<p>The services offered by Hilfswerk in Lower Austria to support parenting as contracted by the authorities include "social pedagogical intensive family care", "intensive care for young people", "mobile educational counselling" and "family assistance – practical support in everyday life". The aim is to support families who feel overwhelmed by everyday life or who are facing difficult life situations, providing experience-based expert counselling to enable them to cope with the challenges and facilitate loving parenting that is free from violence.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Job guidance (Lower Austria)</p>	<p>Job guidance is a service provided by the Public Employment Service to young people experiencing problems finding an apprenticeship position or a job. The related services are provided starting from the second semester of the last year of compulsory schooling until the age of 25. Professional and individualised support offered facilitates an informed and sound start into the world of work building on career orientation, application training and the joint search for possible employers. The related services are also aimed at students likely to experience vocational integration issues, young people without sufficient support from their families or with slight impairments.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Parenting education (Lower Austria)</p>	<p>The parenting education programmes offered by Hilfswerk Niederösterreich are designed to support parents in developing their personal parenting style, facilitating learning, the exchange of ideas and the sharing of information. Experts address parents' questions in lectures, seminars and workshops, dealing with a variety of topics. The events organised serve as an opportunity to talk about experiences and to facilitate the sharing of well-founded knowledge and the provision of individual counselling services.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Parent-child centres (Lower Austria)	The parent-child centres funded by Hilfswerk are mostly integrated into the family and counselling centres operated by Hilfswerk Lower Austria. At these centres, parents, grandparents etc. are offered a diverse range of educational, counselling and other services adapted to the respective regional situation (including individual counselling, lectures, workshops, playgroups etc.). The aim is to offer some respite from everyday family and professional life, contribute to strengthening parenting skills, offer assistance with regard to raising children and facilitate discussions with other parents.	implemented
Family counselling, psychosocial counselling (Lower Austria, Styria)	Within the framework of family counselling and psychosocial counselling provided by Hilfswerk, free and anonymous support is offered with respect to parenting problems, partnership conflicts, puberty crises or other stressful life situations. A team of experts provides comprehensive professional support, directed especially at parents, children and adolescents. In addition to counselling in crisis situations, services focus on preventive educational and awareness raising activities as well as information sharing. Supported by funding made available to family counselling centres by the Federal Chancellery, services also include counselling in court.	implemented
Children and youth groups – facilitating the development of social and emotional skills (Lower Austria)	Groups for children and adolescents with behavioural problems and developmental disorders were set up at 12 locations in Lower Austria. Led by psychosocial practitioners, group-based activities seek to promote the development of social and emotional skills and competences. The goal is to strengthen existing resources, facilitate new experiences with respect to everyday life, promote self-efficacy, support enhanced emotional knowledge and the acquisition of problem-solving skills, and foster social relationships.	implemented
“Gruppenlernwochen” (group study weeks) to compensate for educational deficits (Lower Austria)	A total of 97 group studying weeks are organised during school holidays to compensate for pupils’ / students’ educational deficits, with a special focus on issues attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. The group size (a maximum of three pupils/students) allows for individualised and intensive support that focuses inter alia on acquiring learning techniques and organisational skills as well as strategies for dealing with concentration difficulties. Lessons involve thorough work on specific subject-related areas. The measure seeks to empower children / young people to cope better with everyday school life.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
After-school care, age-extended group (Lower Austria, Salzburg, Upper Austria, Styria)	In after-school care centres, care and supervision is provided to school children (from the ages of six to 14) after school and (often) also on days when there is no school. Support with homework and guidance in organising and structuring what needs to be learned are important elements of after-school care. In addition, children have the opportunity of benefiting from age-appropriate, meaningful leisure activities and may strengthen their social skills in a group setting.	implemented
Individual learning support and leisure activities (Upper Austria)	Learning support is a measure primarily aimed at children and adolescents who are not able to cope with school life on their own and cannot count on parental support. Regular contact with their tutor can make a significant contribution to improving self-confidence, work-related behaviour at school and to reducing performance deficits. Depending on the situation, learning support may be provided in one of the Hilfswerk's branch premises, at children's / young people's homes or at school.	implemented
"Integrativer Lernclub" (integrative studying clubs) (Lower Austria)	"Integrativer Lernclub" operated by Hilfswerk in Lower Austria focuses on third-country nationals of school age, in particular those entitled to asylum and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection. These studying clubs contribute to facilitating the integration of children in Austria and to creating the best possible starting conditions for a successful personal, social and professional future. The goals pursued by the services offered are improvement of German language skills, compensating for educational deficits, acquisition of social skills, promotion of independence and sharing of cultural values.	implemented
Youth counselling, youth clubs and youth centres	In the Hilfswerk youth centres and youth clubs, free youth work is offered in the context of a number of projects and programmes, including "timeout" (Salzburg), "Freier Raum für freie Geister!" / free space for free spirits (Upper Austria, Styria), "Aktionsraum" / room for action (Vienna), "WaJuBe – Waldviertler Jugendberatung" / Waldviertel youth counselling (Lower Austria). Under the heading of "chill, fun & action", youth centres and youth clubs offer appealing leisure activities for young people aged twelve to 18. Pedagogically trained staff and educators are available to provide guidance and advice to young people also on youth-related issues and with respect to crisis situations.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Jugendbetreuung” (provision of care and support services for young people) (Vienna)</p>	<p>Care and support services provided to young people on “stability and housing” involve free guidance for youths with multi-problem backgrounds who, together with their families, are affected by homelessness and poverty and to whom services provided by Wiener Hilfswerk “Wohnungslosenhilfe” (support to homeless people) are made available. Often, social workers who take care of the entire family can only insufficiently cover the needs of adolescents. Therefore, a socio-educational specialist takes over the care of adolescent family members, seeking inter alia to increase their social participation, support them in finding their way out of precarious situations as well as in taking up education and training opportunities.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Kinder- und Jugend- psychiatrisches Zentrum Feldbach” (Feldbach Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Centre) (Styria)</p>	<p>The Feldbach Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Centre operated by the “Psychosoziale Dienste” (psychosocial services) of Hilfswerk Steiermark is a free service for children and adolescents in south-eastern Styria and the greater Fürstenfeld area. The services are directed at children aged 0–18 with inter alia psychological problems, behavioural problems, psychiatric illnesses, problems at kindergarten or at school or in difficult life situations. In addition, counselling and information about psychiatric diseases in children and young people is provided to parents / relatives / institutions.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Kindergarten, children’s group (Lower Austria, Salzburg, Upper Austria, Styria, Carinthia)</p>	<p>Kindergartens provide care for children from the age of about three until they start school. The groups are a bit larger (usually around 20 to a maximum of 25 children) and consciously rely on the educational effect of the larger community (care ratio: 1:12 to 1:17). Kindergartens usually have fixed opening hours, drop-off and pick-up times as well as closing times (for instance during holidays) and fixed monthly prices. In some federal provinces, kindergarten attendance is free of charge for certain age groups and care periods (such as in the mornings / until midday, or during the last pre-school year).</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Day nursery, crèche, toddler group (Lower Austria, Salzburg, Upper Austria, Styria, Vienna, Carinthia)</p>	<p>Support and care for toddlers under the age of three is provided in crèches or day nurseries. With a view to providing age-appropriate care, the groups are deliberately kept small and manageable (a total of 15 children at the maximum). The caregivers have both the time and the opportunity to adapt well to the individual children and to become aware of and cater to their needs (care ratio: 1:4 to 1:7). The facilities usually have fixed opening hours, drop-off and pick-up times as well as closing times and fixed monthly prices.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Clinical-psychological diagnostics (Lower Austria, Upper Austria)	Based on scientific methods, clinical-psychological diagnostics seeks to get to the bottom of school problems, anxieties or behavioural problems in children and adolescents. The diagnosis (such as developmental delays, concentration problems, dyslexia, problems related to crises) serves as the basis for further care or therapy. The goal is to gain a clear picture of the child's or adolescent's abilities, individual personality, feelings and resources.	implemented
"Lern- und Aufgabenclub" (study and homework club) for children with a non-German mother tongue (Lower Austria)	In the study and homework clubs run by the Hilfswerk in Lower Austria, children and adolescents with a non-German mother tongue may on a voluntary basis study and do their homework or school assignments together. Trained staff members organise the individualised lessons that are held in small groups depending on the children's needs. Alongside sharing knowledge on organising their learning and on relevant methods for studying, the overall development of children's personalities is fostered and ethical and cultural values are shared.	implemented
"Lern- und Sozialgruppen" (study and social groups) (Carinthia)	With a view to providing enhanced support for children with learning deficits, psychological stress and problematic social behaviour, the leisure time care services in all-day schools are expanded to include study and social groups led by qualified teaching staff. In small groups, learning strategies are jointly developed, independent handling and management of school-related requirements and social skills are fostered. As required, problems can also be addressed in more detail, with individual case assistance enabling more targeted support to be developed for both children and their families.	implemented
"Learn.Oase im Nachbarschafts Treff" (study oasis in the neighbourhood meeting place) in the City of Salzburg	The services provided by "Learn.Oase" involve the provision of free and low-threshold study and homework support for children between the ages of six and 14 (primary and secondary school). The learning support services provided by "Learn.Oase" may be used without prior registration by children and young people. The offer is directed especially at children / young people from socially disadvantaged families (precarious socio-economic situation, families with a migration background and related German-language deficits).	implemented
"Lerntraining / Lernbegleitung" (study skills training / study coaching) (Lower Austria, Upper Austria)	In the context of "Lerntraining", children's individual learning problems and needs are dealt with in detail, existing talents and skills are promoted and used to solve problems. Discussions with parents and their child / children aim to identify the underlying causes of learning difficulties enabling educational measures and objectives to be developed. This may include provision of support in individual subjects, teaching children the skills required to organise their learning and sharing learning techniques, promoting language skills, addressing concentration difficulties, supporting a change of school etc.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Learning support through “Lernbuddies” (Styria)	The services of Hilfswerk “Lernbuddies” are available in south-east Styria, in the towns of Fürstenfeld, Hartberg and Feldbach. As contact persons for children and adolescents from ten years of age they seek to provide assistance and support with learning-related issues or other problems and may be contacted by children and young people both in person, on the phone or online. Parents having questions on how to best support their child, for instance at school, or with regard to work, finding a job, studying for their driving licence etc. may also turn to “Lernbuddies”.	implemented
“Lernwerkstätten” (learning / studying workshops) in the context of open youth work (Salzburg)	At the “Lernwerkstätten” based on the premises of existing Hilfswerk youth clubs and centres in Salzburg, children and adolescents are offered learning support and – as required – counselling with regard to their school career. The low-threshold services are free of charge and are aimed primarily at socially disadvantaged children and adolescents, focusing inter alia on compensating for educational deficits, promoting language skills and providing psychosocial relief.	implemented
Mobile outreach youth work (Styria)	Mobile outreach youth work provided by “outside” (Salzburg) and “Streetwork Feldbach, Fürstenfeld and Hartberg” (Styria) focuses on young people who like to spend their free time in informal and public places in their hometowns. Alongside offering joint leisure activities, the Hilfswerk youth coaches provide counselling and support, assisting young people for instance in coping with problems at school or at work, when looking for an apprenticeship position or in managing difficult situations in their social environment.	implemented
“Offene Beratungszeiten” (walk-in counselling services) in youth centres and youth clubs directed at children, young people and parents (Salzburg)	Walk-in counselling services are provided at youth centres and youth clubs. This low-threshold service is offered free of charge to children, young people and their parents who may just walk in to talk to youth workers with whom they can then jointly work out solutions for their individual crisis situation. The aim is to support children and their families in coping with the additional challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.	implemented
Project “UPGRADE” (Upper Austria)	The services provided in the context of “UPGRADE” are aimed at young people or young adults between the ages of 15 and 25 with special support needs (including mental health or social problems, adjustment difficulties, developmental crises). The goal is to provide guidance and support in finding and retaining suitable employment (an apprenticeship / training position or a job), as well as accompanying young people throughout this process. Very specific measures are defined and implemented on an individual, case-by-case basis, ranging from job application and personality development workshops to sports activities, individual or group discussions and provision of learning support.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Psychosocial counselling in connection with learning problems (Styria)	In the context of outreach services, support and guidance is provided in psychosocial counselling sessions to children, adolescents and parents. Staff members work both on site (at leisure facilities or in places where young people meet) and digitally in children's / young people's living environment. Timely counselling sessions and crisis talks on various topics – focusing especially on challenges in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic – and appropriate support measures (provision of training on learning methods, promotion of psychosocial resilience etc.) are offered. The services are aimed inter alia at strengthening children's / young people's motivation to continue with their schooling / pursue a professional career, giving young clients a helping hand in managing crises and relieving parents.	implemented
Psychotherapy for children (Lower Austria)	Psychotherapeutic assistance and support are provided to children who suffer from mental illness or distress (such as depression, anxiety) and find themselves in a crisis or stressful situation. The related services seek to help young people to develop new perspectives and to empower them to cope better with everyday life. In the context of well-founded psychotherapeutic treatment, specialised Hilfswerk psychotherapists from different disciplines work together with children and adolescents to develop approaches aimed at promoting their personal development and wellbeing, establishing new behavioural patterns and alleviating states of mental suffering.	implemented
Psychotherapy and psychotherapeutic counselling (Carinthia)	Children and adolescents whose behaviour in the Hilfswerk studying and social groups is a cause for concern are offered psychotherapeutic counselling / psychotherapy to facilitate further support. In addition to the services provided in the context of studying and social groups, extended individual case assessment is performed for the children and adolescents concerned. This measure is offered at a very early point in time to counteract any deterioration in the psychosocial situation including the risk of it becoming a chronic state, and is also intended to cushion / mitigate additional strain or stress that may have evolved in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
School day care, afternoon care at school, out-of-school afternoon care (Lower Austria, Salzburg, Upper Austria, Styria, Carinthia)	Many schools (general compulsory schools, junior grades of compulsory / academic secondary schools) are now run as all-day schools. There are schools where teaching, learning and leisure units are distributed throughout the day, with children having to be present all day. In other schools, compulsory lessons are held in the mornings, and in the afternoons, learning support and recreational activities supervised by trained educators are offered. Similar to the system applied in after-school care facilities, afternoons are divided into learning and homework periods and times when children / students are offered meaningful and age-appropriate leisure activities.	implemented
“Soziale Orientierungsberatung Grätzelsozialarbeit” (social orientation counselling / neighbourhood-related social work) (Vienna)	Services provided under “Soziale Orientierungsberatung / SOB and Grätzelsozialarbeit / GSA” are offered free of charge in the Vienna Hilfswerk neighbourhood centres. These low-threshold counselling and support services serve to address and manage social problems. Together with their clients, trained staff develop personalised solutions. As required, health, educational and psychological counselling services available in the neighbourhood centres may also be used. These services are specifically directed at children / adolescents and their families who live in Vienna and are particularly affected by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.	implemented
Playgroups & play events for young children (Lower Austria, Salzburg)	Directed at babies and toddlers, these measures offer age-appropriate play activities and focus on promoting important developmental aspects (related to language, motor skills, first social experiences, playing together etc.). Another important aspect is the exchange of experience among adult participants, giving parents and caregivers the opportunity to seek clarification on specific topics and share concerns, related for instance to suitable nutrition for their child, sleeping habits etc.	implemented
“Spielothek” (“playothek”) (Vienna)	The “Spielothek” is a meeting place for children between the ages of 0 and 12 with and without disabilities, and their families. It offers themed afternoons, lectures for parents as well as specialised groups (including playgroups for children with Down syndrome, playgroups for children with autism spectrum disorders). During the “open play (afternoons)”, children and their caregivers may use the premises for free play.	implemented
Registered childminders (Lower Austria, Salzburg, Styria, Vienna)	Care provided by registered childminders is a good way of gradually and gently introducing young children to care outside their own family. As such groups are small (usually four to five children), a high level of attention can be paid by the childminder to each child and it is possible to cater to the needs of each individual child, focusing on promoting its development. At the same time, it is possible to take parents’ ideas / preferences regarding the time and extent of care as well as their educational ideas into account, thus also fostering an intensive educational partnership.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Support, counselling, diagnostics and therapy (Upper Austria)	The "Institut für Entwicklungsdiagnostik" (Institute for Developmental Diagnostics) based in the cities of Linz and Wels, supports parents with diagnostics and therapy regarding their child's / children's learning disorders, provides counselling in relation to high-conflict homework situations and studying at home, as well as on parenting and dealing with conflicts and fears. Services aim at providing parents and children with the necessary unbureaucratic and timely support to facilitate coping with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective pursued is to prevent chronic stress reactions and relationship disorders as well as to take timely measures to prevent children from lagging behind in their learning, and to counteract any related reduction in educational opportunities.	implemented

“neunerhaus – Hilfe für obdachlose Menschen” (help for homeless people)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Consideration of uninsured children in the EU Child Guarantee	According to estimations, tens of thousands of people in Austria do not have health insurance – including children. Due to a lack of data, no information is available about the number of uninsured children living in Austria and the related types of subgroups. In 2020, the neunerhaus health centre provided care services to 203 children, of whom 179 did not hold insurance. For the NAP Child Guarantee, neunerhaus has put together concrete demands with regard to this group of children (public insurance contributions covered by the state for children, improvement of the data situation, measures towards ensuring healthcare for uninsured children).	idea

Österreichisches Rotes Kreuz (Austrian Red Cross)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
“Individuelle Spontanhilfe” (individual spontaneous aid) – Austrian Red Cross	The services provided under this measure seek to create sustainable financial stabilisation in the living situation of particularly disadvantaged families (involving the provision of counselling, financial and material support – related mainly to payment of rent, energy costs and food), thus ensuring that underage children have adequate housing and sufficient food, which are indispensable for their development. A sound basic subsistence level is essential when seeking to avoid social exclusion and to safeguard opportunities for a better future. Thus, children’s social mobility is to be promoted.	implemented
Learning support – Austrian Youth Red Cross	Educators and volunteers support children and young people in their learning. Skills are strengthened in small groups and 1:1 settings. The services are directed primarily at children and young people whose families are dependent on free help. Building and oriented on children’s and young people’s skills and potential, assistance is provided relating to learning support and the development of self-organisation skills.	implemented

pro mente Austria, Österreichischer Dachverband für Vereine und Gesellschaften für psychische und soziale Gesundheit (Austrian umbrella organisation of associations and societies for mental and social health)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
pro mente Austria: services, measures and projects	pro mente Austria is an umbrella organisation covering 24 non-profit organisations that cater to the needs of people with psychosocial disorders in Austria. pro mente Austria and pro mente Upper Austria implement and plan a wide range of related services, measures and projects (including studies) aimed at children, including support and (low-threshold) counselling for children of mentally ill parents, for children who are themselves affected and for family members.	implemented; planned

SOS Kinderdorf (SOS Children's Village)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Expansion of assisted living for unaccompanied minors	In assisted living facilities, adolescent unaccompanied refugee minors and/or young persons entitled to asylum from the age of 16 live independently in their own flats. On their path towards independence, mobile support is provided by social pedagogues. Support services seek to facilitate young people's independence, their ability to provide for themselves and social integration. Under the "Gastfamilien" (host family) project, services are provided to families or individuals who give young refugees a home, as living in a host family is particularly conducive towards integration. The programme may be expanded to also include underage child refugees.	implemented
Expansion of preventive services and outreach mobile care for families	In cases where the family system is overburdened and challenged, SOS Kinderdorf takes on important parenting/ educational tasks. The aim of the relevant services (mobile care for families, home-based family work) is to (re)establish the best interests of the child within the family and to sustainably safeguard and secure the child's best interests. In this respect, a key focus is placed on developing – in cooperation with adults, guardians, children and adolescents – in constructive ways and means for ensuring further development in their immediate living environment. A clear focus is thus placed on developing and integrating viable solutions and feasible models in family and social contexts as the ultimate goal.	implemented
Expansion of outpatient clinics / group practices for paediatrics, child and adolescent psychiatry and therapy (psychotherapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy)	It is not only necessary to safeguard the services offered by the outpatient clinics operated by SOS Kinderdorf, but also to expand them in order to be able to counter the current shortage of specialists against the background of rising numbers of patients as well as their increasing needs and requirements. Considering the current level of care available in this field, there is a considerable amount of catching up to do. SOS Kinderdorf contributes here by ensuring the provision of care and support not only in its Vienna outpatient clinic but also, for instance, in the Hermann Gmeiner Centre (HGZ) it operates in the city of Moosburg.	implemented
Training campaign aimed at child and adolescent psychiatrists	Prim. Dr. Kienbacher, medical director of the Outpatient Clinic for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Vienna (operated by SOS Kinderdorf), has developed a training concept that facilitates easy sharing of the necessary expert knowledge and experience in the provision of outpatient care for children and adolescents who suffer from mental issues as well as their families with future specialists. At the same time, this training campaign will provide additional opportunities for specialised training in child and adolescent psychiatry – a discipline with a massive shortage of specialists, and with major problems attracting young talent.	idea

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Afternoon care that strengthens families	“FamilienStärken” (strengthening families) is a new day care service directed at children and families in precarious life situations living in the city of Oberwart and in the greater Oberwart region in the Province of Burgenland. The children in care are assigned by the youth welfare office and are from families that have come under severe pressure for a variety of reasons. In contrast to conventional afternoon care, family counsellors visit the families at home. Parents remain fully responsible for childcare and parenting and are supported and strengthened in carrying out their parental responsibilities.	implemented
Individual pedagogical support for children and adolescents (“system busters”) for whom there are only few or no adequate support or care options due to their problematic behaviour	There are children and young people for whom no support setting seems to fit. They push the system of child and youth welfare to its absolute limits (“system busters”). Seeking to provide the most appropriate support for these young people, SOS Kinderdorf aims to tailor services to their needs in individual educational settings (very small groups of two to four persons), closely supervised and supported by experienced staff. Currently, this measure is being successfully implemented in the cities of Klagenfurt and Graz.	implemented
Child and youth welfare services for unaccompanied refugee minors.	Children and young people who have fled their home country have the same right to support and care as Austrian children and young people. As of the end of May 2020, around 150 young refugees – of which around 50 are already of legal age – were growing up in SOS Kinderdorf facilities throughout Austria. In this context, those responsible at SOS Kinderdorf thus expressed their hope for a more coordinated, inter-agency approach in order to be able to offer refugee children and adolescents full expert support and care and thus a wider range of more diverse care places. For this reason, SOS Kinderdorf calls for ensuring that the conditions for the provision of child and youth welfare services also apply to refugee children and adolescents.	idea
Professional foster parent(s) – “Family Care”	A professional foster parent is a person who has undergone the necessary social training and has at least two years’ professional experience, possibly with a partner and children of their own, who is willing to take in and care for a child. The key focus is on the understanding that choosing this form of care is a way of life (“lifelong inner anchor”) and that the child is to be integrated into the family network. Targeted professional training, support and intensive guidance and supervision are provided by those responsible at SOS Kinderdorf. Foster services are provided to the target group of children aged between 0 – 12 years who, for various reasons, cannot live with their parents and need family and professional care to promote their further development.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Rat auf Draht” (child and youth hotline)</p>	<p>“Rat auf Draht” is the only nationwide psychological counselling facility for children and adolescents that enjoys the status of emergency hotline in Austria, and as such it is free of charge, anonymous and available around the clock, reachable both from the fixed network and from mobile phones under the three-digit number 147. Rat auf Draht is available to all children and young people in Austria, irrespective of age, gender, background, religion and ethnicity. As this service is low-threshold and anonymous, counselling offered by Rat auf Draht is generally the most common first point of contact, especially in crisis situations, and the preferred service by those seeking help and assistance.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Rat auf Draht – Elternseite” (child and youth hotline – parent’s page)</p>	<p>The objective pursued by “Rat auf Draht – Elternseite” (https://elternseite.at/) is to support parents in a manner that empowers them to look after themselves and provide for themselves and their children in the best possible way. Parents and caregivers with children aged between 0 and 24 years may turn for help to the parents’ page, sharing their concerns – be they large or small. Support is provided both in a preventive manner, but also to help parents cope with imminent and urgent stressful situations. The “Rat auf Draht – Elternseite” is an initial point of contact, on which follow-up appointments can be booked if necessary. At the same time this website serves as a hub, referring parents and caregivers to competent facilities in the psychosocial network to ensure that they get the help they need.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>“Schüler:innen-wohnen” (accommodation for pupils/students)</p>	<p>The aim of socio-pedagogical “Schüler:innenwohnen” is to offer (temporary) accommodation to pupils/students, focusing on facilitating their return to their homes (parents), although this measure can also be extended and evolve into longer-term care lasting until young people become independent. From the very beginning, “Schüler:innenwohnen” has pursued a systemic approach involving parents, teachers, psychotherapists, social workers, carers and children undertaking their best efforts to promote young people’s return to the family system or – provided that this is in their best interests – making sure that young people can remain in “Schüler:innenwohnen”.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

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Shelter for trafficked minors	<p>The Working Group on Child Trafficking came to the conclusion that there is an urgent need to establish a shelter that is accessible from all over Austria and equipped with a special security concept in order to provide victims and trafficked children with a safe haven including qualified care by trained staff. In July 2021 SOS Kinderdorf Wien-West presented a draft framework concept for the establishment of such a shelter that is accessible from all over Austria involving a mixed-gender residential group for eight children and adolescents aged three to 18 years as well as two to four care places (supervised living on the premises and supervised living outside of the premises). Social pedagogues as well as other practitioners and experts, whose services are required on a general or temporary basis, look after these children and young people all year round and around the clock on a rota basis. Planned for the time being as a pilot project, covering a period of four to five years, it may be continued on a permanent basis.</p>	planned
SOS Kinderdorf families, family-like residential groups	<p>Child and youth welfare services often turn to SOS Kinderdorf requesting the provision of services to larger groups of siblings or very young children who need pedagogical family-based and long-term care. In the context of a “family-like residential group” care can be provided to siblings in small groups of four to six children, ensuring that they can stay together on a long-term basis. The small number of caregivers (four to five) looking after children over several consecutive days strengthens children’s bonds with these trained caregivers / educators. In addition, outreach workers actively engage with children’s biological parents and work with them.</p>	implemented
Out-of-home family strengthening programmes: “Eltern – Kind – Wohnen” (parent – child – living)	<p>“Eltern – Kind – Wohnen” / parent-child care is part of the family strengthening services offered by SOS Kinderdorf and is implemented in the context of parenting support provided by order of the child and youth welfare services. The aim is to promote children’s development opportunities within the family unit and to safeguard the child’s best interests and wellbeing in the long term. Building on intensive support provided in the safe space offered by SOS Kinderdorf, families are to be stabilised and strengthened, empowering them to lead an independent and self-reliant life. By strengthening the entire family system, it is often possible to avoid (further) out-of-home placements.</p>	implemented

UNICEF Austria

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Report: UNICEF Innocenti, Report Card 16, “Worlds of Influence: Understanding What Shapes Child Well-being in Rich Countries”, 2020	The report “Worlds of Influence: Understanding What Shapes Child Well-being in Rich Countries” prepared by the UNICEF research centre Innocenti, analyses and evaluates comparable national data from 41 countries provided by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Union on children’s mental and physical health as well as on their school-based and social skills and competences, and the related social framework conditions. In terms of children’s wellbeing, the Netherlands, Denmark and Norway occupy the top three places with Austria ranking 16 th in international comparisons.	implemented
Data collection and reporting on SDG indicators with specific reference to children	In terms of reporting and data collection on the SDG indicators, there are still gaps regarding child-specific data in Austria. This holds particularly true for protection against violence (SDGs 5 and 16) and child poverty (SDG 1.2), with data according to UN indicators still missing. This measure would have to be implemented by the competent federal ministries in cooperation with Statistics Austria.	idea
Study: UNICEF Austria und Asylkoordination Österreich, 2019, “Dreimal in der Woche weinen, viermal in der Woche glücklich sein” – Zur kinderrechtlichen Situation begleiteter Kinderflüchtlinge und ihrer Familien (“Three times a week crying, four times a week being happy” – on the child rights situation of accompanied child refugees and their families)	The study, which has already been completed, examined the question of the extent to which the rights of accompanied child refugees are actually respected and guaranteed in practice during the asylum procedure and which assistance and support structures play a role in this process. The problem areas and challenges identified in the context of this work as well as the analysis of current support practices provided the first ever detailed analysis of the situation and circumstances of life faced by accompanied children and their families.	implemented
2021 UNICEF Report on the State of the World’s Children: “On My Mind: Promoting, Protecting and Caring for Children’s Mental Health” – including figures on Europe and Austria	According to the 2021 UNICEF Report on the State of the World’s Children, one in seven young people worldwide aged between ten and 19 lives with a diagnosed mental impairment or disorder, such as anxiety disorders, depression or behavioural problems. In Austria, 18.2 per cent of ten- to 19-year-olds suffer from some kind of mental impairment, amounting to almost 160,000 young people.	implemented

Volkshilfe Austria (social service provider and relief organisation)

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
<p>“Kinderarmut im Kleinkindalter in Österreich” – State of the Art (early childhood poverty in Austria)</p>	<p>In order to close gaps in the empirical data available on early childhood poverty in Austria, an interdisciplinary meta-study is to be conducted in preparation for further important (health) supportive measures. Interviews with experts from different professions will inter alia contribute to preparing a fundamental analysis of the topic. The publication of the research results will also create added value for society at large.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Breakfast Club – “Frühstück für alle Kinder” (breakfast for all children)</p>	<p>Under the heading of “Breakfast Club”, Volkshilfe Tirol and Volkshilfe Kärnten offer a balanced breakfast for pupils/students at several school locations in the cities of Innsbruck (Province of Tyrol) and Klagenfurt (Province of Carinthia). Between 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m., a varied and rich selection of breakfast options is offered to children (for a contribution of 0.50 euros per child). The objective is to compensate for the impact of child poverty and socio-economic background in terms of nutrition, and to offer a healthy breakfast, which provides energy, makes it easier for children to stay focused and contributes to their learning success. Volkshilfe Austria is also launching a qualitative research project to study the impact of its Breakfast Club.</p>	<p>implemented</p>
<p>Introduction of a “Kindergrund-sicherung” (provision of basic child allowance)</p>	<p>The idea of Volkshilfe Österreich is that all children living in Austria receive a basic allowance to be paid out on a monthly basis until they reach the age of majority. According to the model developed by Volkshilfe Österreich – whose estimate of the child’s subsistence minimum is based on the reference budget of the debt counselling service (2018) – the basic child allowance consists of a universal component of 200 euros to be paid out to all children and an income-related component of a maximum of 425 euros.</p>	<p>idea</p>
<p>Securing livelihoods for children and young people at risk of and affected by poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>Under this project, support is offered to children and young people in families or households at risk of / affected by poverty as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The aim is to open up new opportunities and room for action for children living in poverty and affected by exclusion in order to mitigate the negative impacts of growing up in poverty. In concrete terms, the support provided to children and adolescents under this project consists of 100 euros per month for a whole year as well as guidance by social workers aimed at sustainably improving the affected families’ life situation.</p>	<p>implemented</p>

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Research project “Kinder-grundsicherung” (provision of basic benefits to children)	The research project launched in 2019, seeks to examine and demonstrate the effectiveness of financial security for all children and young people in Austria made available in the form of basic benefits to children aimed at combating poverty. Over a period of two years, Volkshilfe paid these basic benefits to one family per federal province, at the same time making available support from social workers. In order to assess and evaluate the impact this financial intervention had on the level of project participants’ material, social, cultural and health-related involvement and participation in society, the process was monitored and accompanied by social science research.	implemented
“Kinder.Gesundheit.Sichern” (safeguarding children’s health)	Funding from the fund “Kinder.Gesundheit.Sichern”, is offered to financially disadvantaged families to cover health-related expenses for their children – the maximum amount made available per child per year is 1,000 euros. The measure seeks to give children the opportunity to benefit from and participate in health-promoting and health-relevant offers and activities – regardless of their parents’ income. It is possible to receive reimbursement for the costs of therapeutic appliances and aids, ergotherapy, occupational and speech therapy, medication, vaccinations and measures aimed at strengthening mental health – provided these services are not primarily covered by other service providers/ insurance institutions.	implemented
“Lernen.Möglich.Machen” (making education possible)	In Austria, education and training as well as acquiring the relevant qualifications are closely linked to social background. Funding from the fund “Lernen.Möglich.Machen” provides support to financially disadvantaged families to enable them to cover those educational and educationally relevant expenses incurred for their children that are not financed by the public school system. This measure seeks to ensure that children can – regardless of their parents’ financial status – develop freely and participate in education-promoting activities, resting assured that the various school-related expenses are covered.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Learning support, supervised visiting contacts, building compensatory networks, social work with children in the organisations Volkshilfe operates in the federal provinces (except childcare services and after-school care in schools)	Across Austria, Volkshilfe's provincial organisations offer a wide range of support services for children and adolescents, including: learning support, directed mainly at pupils whose first language is not German (Upper Austria); the learners' service "CLEVER FOREVER" directed at pupils/students (Lower Austria); shared flats with socio-educative support, supported visiting contacts, the "Starke Mädchen – gute Zukunft" / strong girls – good future project, the "Fonds Kinderzukunft Rapid" (Vienna); care assistance at compulsory schools, the recreational holidays project for persons with disabilities (Salzburg); intensive family care and support as well as mobile family assistance, the project "Netzwerk Kind Burgenland" / network child Burgenland in the context of early childhood assistance (Burgenland); the Breakfast Club, support for housing (Carinthia); Breakfast Club, holiday care, school assistance for children with impairments, supervised visiting contacts, the "MarteMeo" / development support counselling project (Tyrol); the summer school project, voluntary support for families affected by poverty (Vorarlberg); early childhood education facilities and care services, "Dabei sein ist alles" / the most important thing is taking part – financial support for school trips and excursions, the "Kraft tanken" / recharge your batteries project – holidays for single parents affected by poverty (Styria).	implemented
Public relations work raising people's awareness of child poverty	Volkshilfe has launched a range of public relations activities aimed at informing the media, politics and society about the negative impact of living in poverty. These detrimental effects become manifest in all areas of life, including education, health, social networks, leisure activities, etc. In 2021, Volkshilfe launched a petition for the introduction of a basic child allowance. In cooperation with committed individuals, Volkshilfe campaigns against social injustice and the exclusion of children and young people affected by poverty in Austria.	implemented
Need for reforms in the field of child health	Volkshilfe Austria has presented 25 ideas / proposals for reforms and/or demands related to healthcare and prevention, and counselling and care for children and adolescents to the federal government (especially the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection).	idea
"Schulstartaktion" (support for the purchase of learning aids)	Under the "Schulstartaktion", Volkshilfe supports pupils/students affected by poverty as well as their families at the start of the school year, contributing to the costs incurred for stationery, exercise books or school bags. The scope of support varies regionally and from year to year, as do cooperation partners. The measure seeks to mitigate financial burdens.	implemented

Title of Measure	Brief Description	Status
Social support in the pandemic. Joining forces to strengthen children, young people and their families NOW	Throughout Austria, Volkshilfe offers social counselling for children affected by poverty and their families. The provision of support from trained social workers when filing applications for emergency aid, and with respect to the organisation of direct subsistence-related assistance, as well as discussions with parents and relatives, are to foster empowerment of families affected by poverty. This measure also involves the provision of material support with respect to housing modification and furnishing in order to promote equal opportunities – also with regard to housing – for children affected by poverty.	implemented
“Sportpass” (sports pass) for children and young people	In order to promote equal opportunities and counter-act health-related inequalities, children and young people affected by poverty are to be provided with a “Sportpass” that gives them free access to sporting activities. The pilot project enables children and adolescents who were previously denied access to these activities due to financial reasons or due to subtle exclusion mechanisms to also participate in club sports, sport associations and courses. After completion of the pilot, the Sportpass is to be implemented in the long term via the umbrella organisations of Austrian sports club and associations.	planned
Surveys on child poverty – the perspective of those affected and experts	The objective of this quantitative empirical research project is to explore concrete problems faced by families affected by poverty. The data collected by way of surveys can close a gap in research on poverty in Austria and stimulate further scientific work by making these data available to the scientific community. Interviews with children and young people, their parents or guardians, social workers, educational staff and other experts are planned.	implemented
2022 Volkshilfe symposium on child poverty	The annual Volkshilfe symposium on child poverty serves to initiate and continue expert discussions and to raise awareness of the topic among the public at large and decision-makers, thus creating a basis for the development of effective strategies aimed at preventing child poverty. Internationally recognised experts give lectures and engage in discussions with social workers, practitioners and representatives of relevant stakeholders, contributing with their experience and knowledge to the development of new ideas.	implemented
“Frühkindliche Sprachförderung Deutsch” (FSFD, early childhood German-language support) for vulnerable family systems	In the context of the outreach project “Frühkindliche Sprachförderung Deutsch”, trained, multilingual professionals who have the necessary transcultural skills visit (young) children in their families, providing German-language instruction in a playful manner and in a protected setting.	idea

FH Campus Vienna (University of Applied Sciences, Campus Vienna)

Titel der Maßnahme	Kurzbeschreibung	Status
Research project: “Flying FH” – Low-threshold counselling services by social and health experts to strengthen health literacy and equal opportunities for disadvantaged children, young people, people with mental disabilities and their caregivers	Interdisciplinary and low-threshold “flying teams” consisting of experts from the fields of social work, health and nursing care, occupational therapy etc. regularly visit cooperating kindergartens, day care facilities as well as social and healthcare facilities. The goal is to reach children and families who have hardly any access to regular counselling and support services (known as “hard to reach” clients). Building on closely interlinked cooperation, experts and professionals recognise the needs and – in the context of multidisciplinary counselling sessions – provide professional counselling and referrals.	planned
Research project: Needs-based housing for children in out-of-home care in inclusive and regular residential communities	The objective pursued by this research project is to generate new scientific insights into the care of children in the context of out-of-home care. More specifically, the analysis of observations in a residential community – whose services are commissioned by the Vienna Children and Youth Welfare Services (Municipal Department 11) – is to facilitate the elaboration of scientifically sound criteria for framework conditions conducive to fostering children’s development, designed for children accommodated out-of-home in inclusive residential communities. This enables the provision of targeted specific support to children in out-of-home care, thus enhancing their developmental opportunities.	implemented

University of Vienna, Institute for Educational Science

Titel der Maßnahme	Kurzbeschreibung	Status
Action-centred children’s rights education in educational institutions	The idea for this measure comprises the two programmes “Kinderrechtebildung für Pädagog:innen” (children’s rights education for educators) and “Kinderrechtebildung für Schüler:innen” (children’s rights education for pupils/students), implemented inter alia through workshops. The aim is to raise the level of relevant knowledge in Austrian educational institutions and to foster the ability to act with respect to children’s rights. In concrete terms, the ultimate goal is to analyse social backgrounds and underlying reasons for violence in schools, to identify possibilities for improving equal opportunities in the school system, to develop educational strategies for dealing with supervision and reporting obligations, and to improve pupils’/students’ participation.	idea

