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Subject: Implementation of the Council Recommendation on early childhood education and care: Barcelona targets for 2030

Dear Minister Riisalo,

The Council Recommendation on early childhood education and care was adopted on 8 December 2022. It invites Member States to share with the Commission within 18 months of its adoption, the set of measures taken or planned to implement it, building where relevant on existing national strategies or plans and taking into account national, regional and local circumstances.

To facilitate the reporting and support the consistency of the exercise, my services have prepared guiding questions (see Annex). Our analysis of the existing data situation showed that we already have data available (from ESTAT or academic sources) in relation to many provisions of the Recommendation. In order to alleviate the administrative burden on Member States, we have therefore indicated in the relevant questions which data we intend to use to assess them, while giving Member States the possibility to share any other data they consider relevant.

I would kindly invite you to share with my services (JUST-D3@ec.europa.eu) **by 30 September 2024** information on any aspect of the Recommendation which is not already covered by existing data collections, following the attached guidance. The Commission will use the information as a baseline for the required reporting at the end of 2027. It will also feed into the Annual report on Gender Equality in the EU and other Commission reporting.

Ms Signe RIISALO
Minister of Social Protection
Estonia

My services remain at your disposal to further assist you in addressing implementation challenges via mutual learning, technical support, and policy expertise. For any additional information, please reach out to JUST-D3@ec.europa.eu or contact Katja Lenzing Katja.Lenzing@ec.europa.eu, Deputy Head of Unit on Gender Equality in DG Justice and Consumers.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
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Enclosures:

- Questionnaire for the implementation of the Council Recommendation on early childhood education and care: Barcelona targets 2030
- Annex on the computation of the Barcelona targets 2030 per Member State

