

**Question for written answer E-000819/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fighting child poverty: the implementation and monitoring of the Child Guarantee in Romania

The European Child Guarantee (CG) was adopted on 14 June 2021. Consequently, Member States have developed national action plans on how to implement the CG until 2030. Those action plans highlight concrete steps to identify children in need, key actions planned, funding and monitoring. Since then, discussions about monitoring and appropriately funding the CG have not yet led to concrete outcomes.

1. Will the Commission heed Parliament's repeated requests to appropriately fund the CG and establish a dedicated budget of at least EUR 20 billion, and will it allow the dedicated 5 % of European Social Fund Plus funds from Member States' allocated budgets to be used to fight child poverty?
2. How will the Commission monitor the implementation of the action plans at a country level and ensure that Member States are not watering down the ambitious CG?
3. Romania's action plan contains several deficiencies. For example, it fails to cover all vulnerable categories listed by the CG and it fails to provide support to parents in need to raise their children in a way that lifts them out of poverty. In the light of those deficiencies, how did the Commission evaluate and assess the action plan submitted by Romania and its compliance with the CG's objectives and principles?

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