



**OPENING DOORS**  
FOR EUROPE'S CHILDREN

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS THE CHILD PROTECTION REFORM ACROSS EUROPE**

## AUSTRIA



FOSTER AND GUEST FAMILIES HAVE BEEN RECENTLY INTRODUCED FOR UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN IN AUSTRIA; HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING IN THESE FAMILIES IS STILL RELATIVELY LOW.



## BELGIUM



IN 2017, BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RESUME CHILD DETENTION AND STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CLOSED CENTRE FOR MIGRANT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.



## B&H



AFTER ADOPTING LAW ON FOSTER CARE IN 2017, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA CONTINUED SETTING LEGISLATIVE GROUNDS FOR DI BY WORKING ON THE LAW ON SOCIAL SERVICES, LAW ON PROTECTION OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN & LAW ON SOCIAL WORK.



## BULGARIA



OVER €160MLN HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR DEINSTITUTIONALISATION REFORMS THROUGH EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL INVESTMENT FUNDS IN BULGARIA.



## CROATIA



IN MAY 2017, FIVE CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND WERE LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT DEINSTITUTIONALISATION AND STRENGTHENING OF FAMILIES IN CROATIA.



## ESTONIA



IN 2017, EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND SUPPORTED PROVISION OF THE COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS AND THE TRAINING OF MANAGERS AND STAFF OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SETTINGS ON THE GROUND.



## GREECE



AT THE END OF 2017, GREEK GOVERNMENT ALLOCATED €15MLN FOR DEINSTITUTIONALISATION REFORMS; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DEINSTITUTIONALISATION STRATEGY OR ACTION PLAN TO PROCEED WITH TRANSFORMATION.



## HUNGARY



IN 2017, HUNGARY ISSUED TWO CALLS FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN'S DI THAT FOCUSED ON REPLACEMENT AND MODERNISATION OF CHILDREN'S HOMES.



## LATVIA



AS A RESULT OF THE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE, SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FOSTER CARERS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN 2018 TO SUPPORT DEINSTITUTIONALISATION REFORMS.



## LITHUANIA



LITHUANIA CONTINUED FILLING THE GAPS IN THE CURRENT CHILD CARE SYSTEM REFORM THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY ALTERNATIVE CARE OPTIONS, IN PARTICULAR PROFESSIONAL FOSTER CARE.



## MOLDOVA



THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS DECREASED BY 87% SINCE THE START OF DEINSTITUTIONALISATION REFORM IN 2007 IN MOLDOVA.



## POLAND



ACCORDING TO THE ACT ON FAMILY SUPPORT AND THE SYSTEM OF FOSTER CARE, FAMILY STRENGTHENING IS A PRIORITY IN POLAND.



## ROMANIA



IN 2017, MORE THAN €100MLN WERE ALLOCATED THROUGH THE EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS TO CLOSE 50 OLD-TYPE INSTITUTIONS FOR CHILDREN IN ROMANIA.



## SERBIA



IN 2017, THE INSTRUMENT OF PRE ACCESSION FUNDING 2013 WAS RELEASED FOR DEINSTITUTIONALISATION REFORMS IN SERBIA.



## SPAIN



THE CATALAN THIRD SOCIAL SECTOR COMMITTEE STARTED JOINT DISCUSSIONS TO WORK ON A DI STRATEGY FOR ALL GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS.



## UKRAINE



IN 2017, THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE ADOPTED THE NATIONAL DEINSTITUTIONALISATION STRATEGY AND THE ACTION PLAN FOR 2017-2026.

