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Improving accessibility of early child care in Brussels

The impact of policy measures and coaching
on the availability and accessibility of early child care

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Introduction

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ECEC IN BELGIUM

0-3 y = child care => welfare

3-6 y = preschool => education

BRUSSELS



Dutch-speaking => authorization Kind en Gezin

French-speaking => => authorization ONE

CHILDCARE

authorized

subsidised child care

⇒ income-related

⇒ organised by non-profit, government,
municipality or private partners

Availability of child care

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BRUSSELS

TOTAL CHILD CARE COVERAGE = 33%

Opvangstructuren voor kinderen	2010	
	Aantal plaatsen	Aantal vestigingen
Per communautaire instelling		
ONE	8.627	377
Kind en Gezin	7.110	267
ONE en Kind en Gezin	180	5
Per opvangtype		
Collectief	15.297	510
Familiaal	620	139
Totaal	15.917	649

Bronnen: Kind en Gezin, ONE, berekeningen BISA

DUTCH-SPEAKING CHILD CARE IN BRUSSELS INCREASE IN SUBSIDISED CHILD CARE PLACES

	2004	2014
Vrije	1390	1946
GO!	889	947
Gemeentelijk	539	570
Zelfstandige inkomensgerelateerde kinderdagverblijven	0	169
Diensten voor onthaalouders	34	52
totaal	2852	3684

+ 832 places with income related contribution

83 => 100 centres

result of a joint effort

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Studies on the availability and accessibility of child care in Brussels

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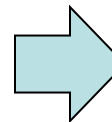


2005

non-intentional exclusion of

- parents with low levels of education
- ethnic minority parents
- single parents

due to priority to siblings, to those who apply first and to working parents



2010

while level of availability remained

centre directors' awareness of social priority criteria had changed

resulting in a significant increase in the enrolment of children from vulnerable families (doubled!)

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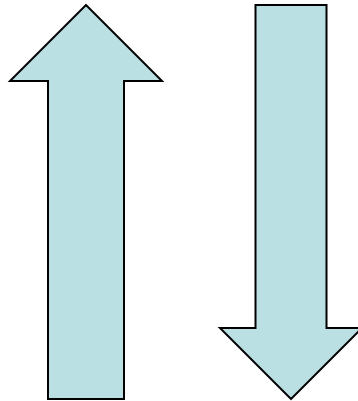
Policy measures: top-down & bottom-up strategy

FLEMISH COMMUNITY (Dutch-speaking)

- (1) enlargement of subsidised child care
- (2) 20% of capacity of subsidised centres should be reserved for vulnerable families

VGC (BRUSSELS)

- (1) investments on infrastructure for enlargement/new centres
 - (2) priority on expansion for centres that developed a policy of equal access
 - (3) comprehensive support programme for centre directors
- participation = indicator of equal access policy



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Support programme

Centre for Innovation in the Early Years (VBJK)

AIM

to create a platform
on accessibility
for centre directors

MEETINGS

plans for accessibility
exchange of good practices
meeting social workers

+
introduction for new directors
courses on diversity for teams

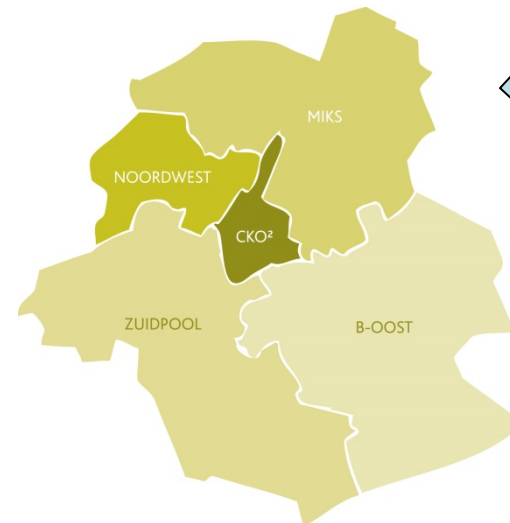
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2007: all directors invited, 29 take part

2008: 52 take part

2010: 70 take part

2014: 91 out of 100 centres take part



Accessibility & enrolment = a shared responsibility



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- Central enrolment registration
- Collaboration between local child care centres
- Priority criteria for subsidised child care centres
 - absolute priority for work
 - 20% priority for single parents, families with low-income, host families, siblings
 - or 30% priority for vulnerable families (combination of low income, single-parent, health or care issues, social or pedagogical issues)
 - Brussels: 55% priority for Dutch speaking parents

Towards central enrolment registration in Brussels

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2009-2011
experiment
and nota on
'centralized'
enrolment

2012
non-profit
organisation
founded



2013
development
on-line
system for
central
enrolment
registration

April 2014
test-run
started in 22
child care
centres

December
2014
roll-out &
launch
website

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On-line system: front-end

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OPVANGINITIATIEF ZOEKEN

OPVANGINITIATIEF

Ik ken de naam van het opvanginitiatief en ik zoek meer informatie over dit opvanginitiatief.

IK ZOEK OPVANG VOOR

- Baby's (0 tot 18m)
- Peuters (18 tot 36m/3jaar)

WAAR ?

- Het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest
- In één of meerdere gemeenten

SOORT OPVANG?

- Groepsopvang (> 8 kinderen)
- Gezinsopvang (<= 8 kinderen)

PRIJS?

- prijs gebaseerd op gezinsinkomen
- prijs niet gebaseerd op gezinsinkomen

TIJDSTIP?

- Tijdens de weekdagen.
- Tijdens het weekend.

OPVANGUREN? ¹

- vroege opvang
- opvang overdag
- late opvang
- nachtopvang

ANDERE

- Opvang voor een kind dat extra zorg nodig heeft (Inclusieve opvang).

zoeken

Filter wissen



WELKOM

OPVANGAANBOD

FAQ

MIJN PROFIEL



ALGEMENE GEGEVENS VAN DE AANVRAGER

GENERAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT/ DONNÉES GÉNÉRALES DU DEMANDEUR

* Voornaam

* Familiennaam

* Nationaliteit

Rijksregisternummer

* Geboortedatum

* Geslacht

CONTACTGEGEVENS

CONTACT INFORMATION/ CONTACT

* Email

* Telefoonnummers

Thuis

GSM

Werk

Andere

ALGEMENE GEGEVENS OVER HET KIND

GENERAL DETAILS OF THE CHILD/ DONNÉES GÉNÉRALES DE L'ENFANT

Voornaam van het kind

* Familiennaam van het kind

Rijksregisternummer

Geboortedatum

Geslacht

* Relatie met het kind

Kind met extra zorg (Inclusieve opvang)

Meerling

Co-ouderschap

Kindcode van kind&gezin

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Base = generally shared terms

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allocation by the centres
7 months before first day of attendance

child care centres = first line
contact point for off-line registration

procedure for urgent applications

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Win - win - win

parents

- simplified research & registration
- equal opportunities
- freedom of choice
- coordinated answers

childcare centers

- shared responsibility
- shared criteria & terminology
- mixed population
- planning tool

authorities

- information on supply and demand
- planning of policy measures (investment in extra places, support programs...)
- facilitated access to target audiences (social policy)

Conclusions & challenges

CONCLUSIONS

- more accessible and social child care
- top-down approach combined with bottom-up works but takes time and is an on-going process
- central enrolment registration procedures are useful but will not solve problems of availability

CHALLENGES

- changes in terms, criteria en procedures put high pressure on child care directors so support is necessary
- evaluation by parents and social workers on accessibility (particularly for vulnerable families)

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