

CZECH REPUBLIC : Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

Name of Provision ¹	Type of Arrangement ²	Ages Served ³	Sector of Provision ⁴	Opening Hours ⁵			Registration Criteria ⁶	Priority Criteria ⁷
				within a day	within a week	within a year		
jesle	day nursery	<3(4)years	PB	>=6h	5d	all year : 50w	PRIOR	vary : local
jesle	day nursery	<3(4)years	PR	>=6h	5d	all year : 50w	UNIV	NO
materska skola	preschool	(2)3-<6years	PB	vary : <=5h ; 10-12h ; residential care	vary : usually 5d	all year : 50w	PRIOR	vary : local, but if shortage = 5 year olds
materska skola	preschool	(2)3-<6years	1/2PR	vary : <=5h ; 10-12h ; residential care	vary : usually 5d	all year : 50w	UNIV	5 year olds
materska skola	preschool	(2)3-<6years	PR	vary : <=5h ; 10-12h ; residential care	vary : usually 5d	all year : 50w	UNIV	5 year olds

Name of Provision¹ : Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

Type of Arrangement² : Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

Ages Served³ : <3(4)years = 0 to 35(47) months ; (2)3-<6 years = (24)36 to 71 months

Sector of Provision⁴ : According to the provider of care, **PB** when = the government (local/regional or national/federal); **1/2 PR** when= the non profit private sector; **PR** when = the for profit private sector

Opening Hours⁵ = Regular (average) opening hours of the arrangement during the year :

a) **within a day** = number of hours (h) covered during the day ; b) **within a week** = number of days (d) covered during the week ; c) **within a year** = number of weeks (w) covered during the year

Registration Criteria⁶ = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement :

UNIV = there are no criteria restricting the admission ; **PRIOR** = see "priority criteria"

Priority Criteria⁷ = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement :

WRK = working parent(s) ; **SP** = special needs of the child or family ; **ECO** = financial situation of the family ; **NO** = no priority criteria of access to registration ; **GEOG** = home location

References :

Combes, J. & al. *Starting Strong : Early Childhood Education & Care Policy. Country Note : Czech Republic*, OECD Directorate for Education, 2000

Cleveland, G. & Krashinsky, M. *Financing ECEC services in OECD countries*, Thematic Workshops & Documents, OECD, 2003

Eurydice - The information Network on Education in Europe, <http://www.eurydice.org>

OECD, *Starting Strong : Early Childhood Education and Care*, OECD Publishing, 2001

OECD, *Babies & Bosses : Reconciling Work and Family Life*, Vol2, OECD Publishing, 2003

Plantenga, J. & al. *Position Paper "Childcare in a changing world". Part I: European childcare strategies*, 2004

Author :

Gaëlle Amerijckx

Unité Politiques & Services à l'Enfance (UPSE)

Ecole de Santé Publique (ESP)

Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

route de Lennik 808, CP597

1070 Bruxelles, Belgique

gaamerij@ulb.ac.be

Validation by national expert (May 2008) :

Milada Rabusicova

Department of Educational Sciences, Faculty of Arts

Masaryk University, Arne Novaka 1

602 00 Brno

Czech Republic

milada@phil.muni.cz

<http://www.phil.muni.cz/wupv/>

BELGIAN SCIENCE POLICY



This research by the Belgian Science Policy Office is implemented within the programme "Society and Future" (2005-2011) and by Humblet, P.C. & Meulders, D.

ULB