## ITALY: Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

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

**Type of Arrangement**: Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services.

**Ages Served**: \(<3\) years = 0 to 35 months old; \(1.6-<3\) years = 18 to 35 months old; \(3-<6\) years = 36 to 71 months old

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

**Opening Hours**: 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) or months (m) covered during the year

**Registration Criteria**: Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement.
- UNIV = there are no criteria restricting the admission
- WRK = working parent(s); SP = special needs of the child or family; ECO = financial situation of the family; GEOG = home location

**Priority Criteria**: Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement.

**Additional Notes**:
- (\(a\)) Timetables vary according to the perceived needs of the families.
- (\(b\)) Sometimes Saturday mornings as well.
- (\(\gamma\)) Due to a shortage of places for the <3years old, priority criteria are usually applied

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