### PORTUGAL: Main forms of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

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1. **Name of Provision**: Main institutional arrangements for provision of early childhood education and care within the country (original name)
2. **Type of arrangement**: Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services
3. **Ages served**: <3years = 0 to 35 months; 3~<6years = 36 to 71 months
4. **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
5. **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) or hours (h) covered during the week; c) within a year = number of weeks (w) or months (m) covered during the year
6. **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; PRIOR = see "priority criteria"
7. **Priority criteria**: Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement: NO = no priority criteria of access to registration; SP = Special needs of the child or family; ECO = financial situation of the family; GEOG = home location; WRK = working parent(s); STU = parent(s) in training; KIN = relative in care
8. **Number of places**: For each type of arrangement in each sector providing such type of care

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**References**:

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