



Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

The Covid-19 pandemic and ECEC in the European Union

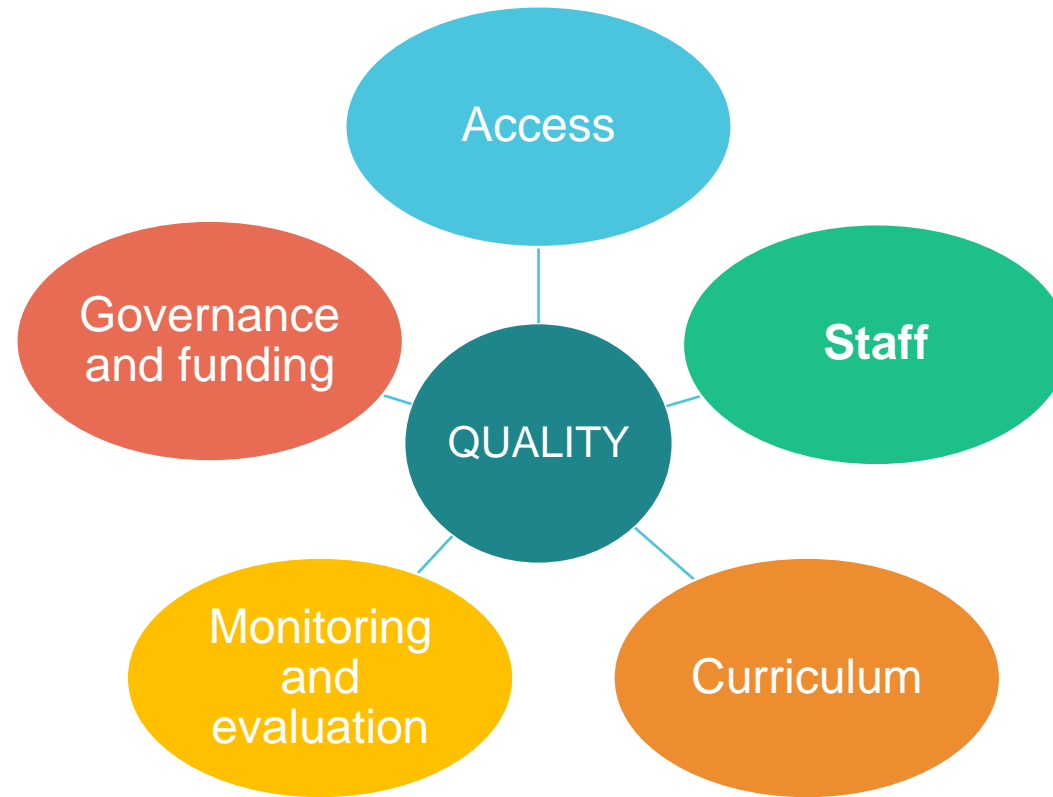
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ECEC in the European Union: a great diversity

Figure A7: Significance of private self-financing centre-based ECEC provision, 2018/19



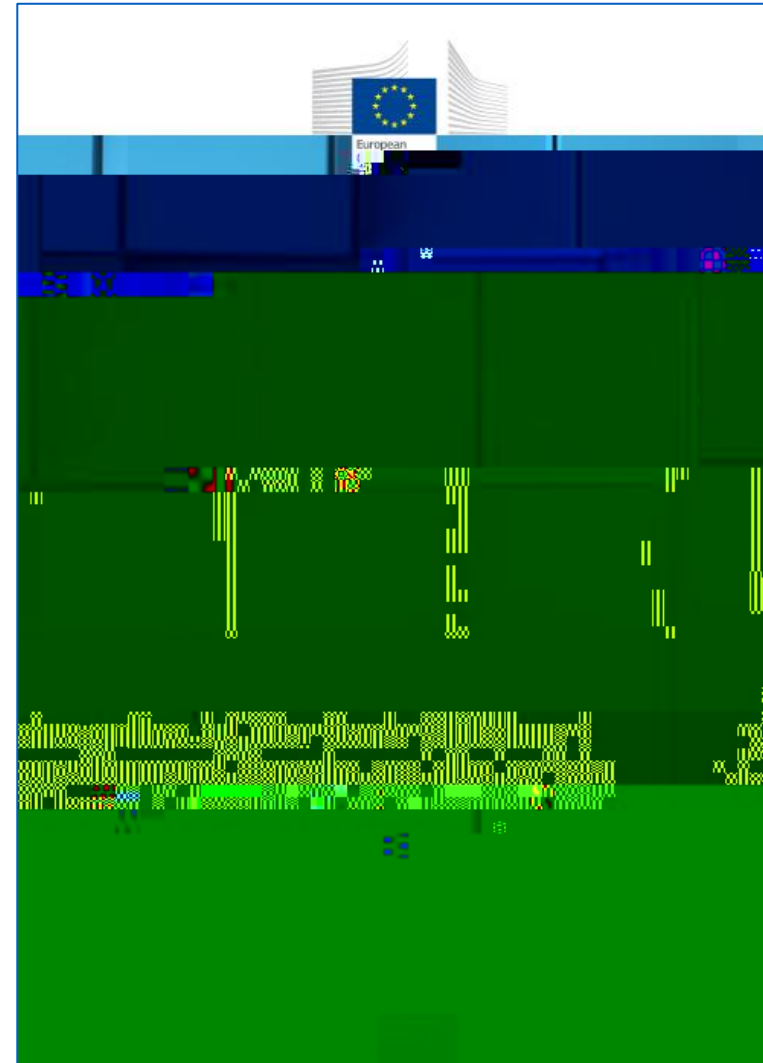
The European Quality Framework for ECEC



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Coming soon...



Impacts of the pandemic...

- On children's health and well being
- On children's learning
- On staff recruitment, retention, practices, training, teamwork, etc...
- On the conception of the sector
- On the settings
- On the governance and funding of the sector



Financial impact on ECEC settings

Lack of income (during lowdown periods), additional costs => financial difficulties:

- Esp. for private settings – but not only (public budgets may be re-directed)
- Esp. for ECEC settings working with children <3 (esp. in split systems)

Might endanger availability of ECEC

Most (not all) European governments supported ECEC structures financially

Length and extent of support vary greatly



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