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DATA AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY

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1. DATA ON DISABILITY

➤ **The main indicators:**

- Number of registered children with disabilities
- Children receiving disability benefits
- Enrolled in education
- Placed in residential/family type care
- Adopted, available (eligible) for adoption

➤ **Problems:**

- Data availability: a) number of countries didn't provide data on main indicators; b) very low response on disaggregated indicators
- Definitions are not in line with the UN Convention and/or inconsistent

Response level differs across the countries/sub-regions

Table 1. The main data on children with disabilities

Data taken from Template 2013 or Template 2014

	Registered disabled, end year	Receiving pension for disability	Enrolled in education,2012/2013	Children placed in care		
				Residential	Foster care	Guardian care
Czech Republic	-	2.278	104.692	11.898	243	-
Hungary	-	-	81.270	1.977	2049	-
Poland	-	-	187139	23605	6058	-
Slovakia	17.641	1.165	64.207	878	-	-
Slovenia	-	-	15.853	1.137	-	-
Estonia	9.374	994	-	437	34	-
Latvia	1.757	7.411	11.293	444	-	-
Lithuania	15.544	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	-	-	3.887	652	74	-
Romania	60.993	-	25.587	7.693	5000	-
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	1.420	1.628	-	-
Croatia	33.246	-	-	-	-	-
Montenegro	-	-	1.478	207	5	-
Serbia	-	-	9.594	1.237	595	-
TfYR of Macedonia	-	-	1.154	373	-	-
Belarus	25.141	27.173	78.427	5.292	-	-
Moldova	14.706	14.753	4.558	2.881	31	-
Russian Federation	510.977	567.825	614.460	140.688	-	-
Ukraine	165.121	167.100	-	6.799	153	-
Armenia	8.102	7.435	3.861	2.245	-	-
Azerbaijan	62.866	62.866	6.985	3.035	-	-
Georgia	-	-	4.010	103	99	-
Kazakhstan	61.562	61.562	34.107	18.052	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	25.346	25.346	4.149	3.406	-	-
Tajikistan	24.493	24.493	6.917	2.475	-	-

Table 2. Child protection indicators on children with disabilities: availability by gender and age

Indicators	Number of countries; total for 2012	Number of countries, data refer to 2013		
		Total number	By gender	By age
Children with disabilities left without parental care	8	3	-	-
Children with disabilities in residential care	12	11	5	4
Children with disabilities in public residential care	24	13	6	5
Children with disabilities in non-public residential care	2	2	1	-
Children with disabilities in foster care	11	4	1	-
Children with disabilities in guardian care	x	-	-	-
Adopted children with disabilities	8	2	-	-
Children with disabilities adopted internationally	4	1	-	-
Children with disabilities available for adoption	7	3	1	3
TM Templates 2014 received from 17 countries				

Chart 1. Proportion of children in residential care and foster care that have disabilities

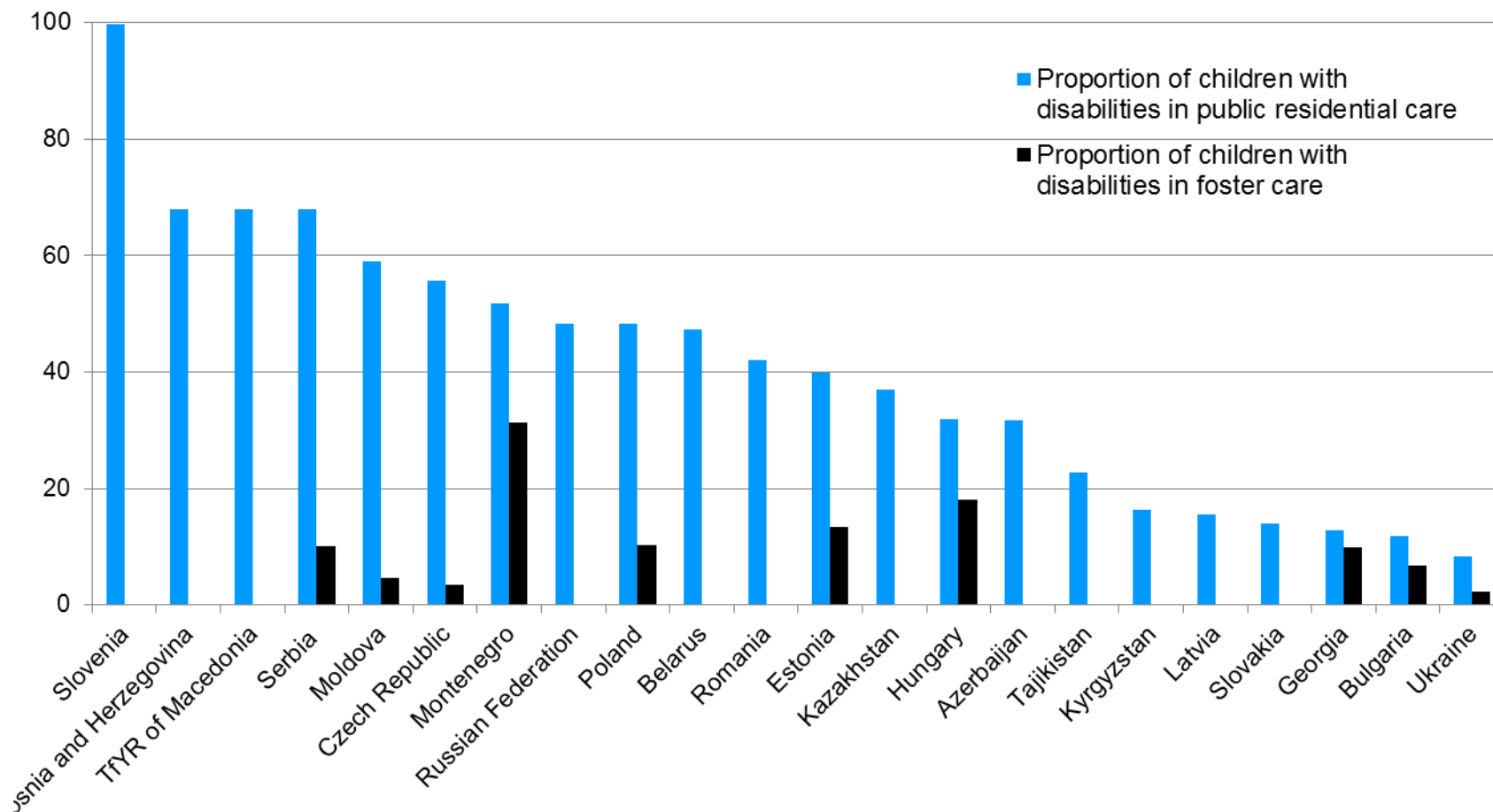


Chart 2. Proportion of children adopted and eligible for adoption that have disabilities

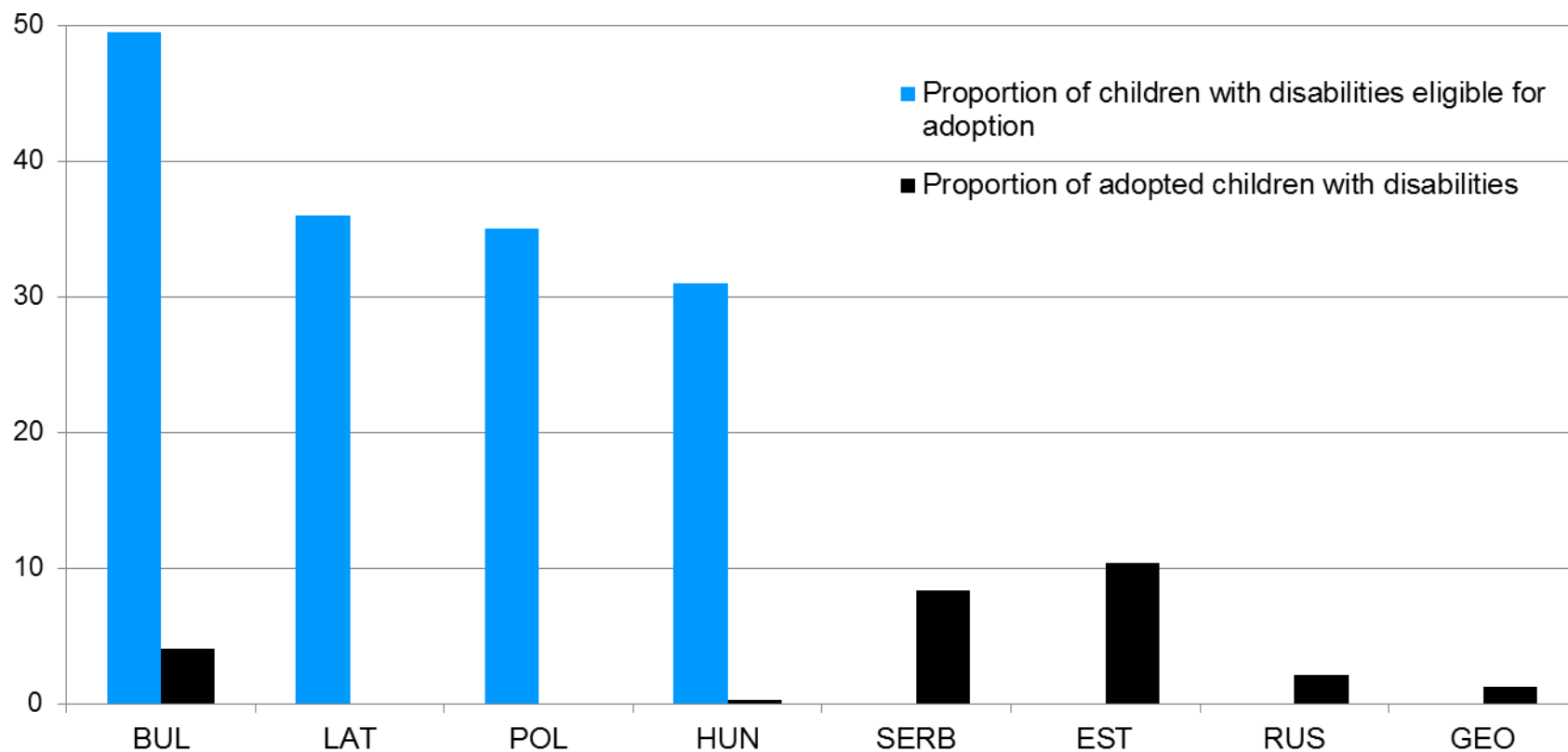
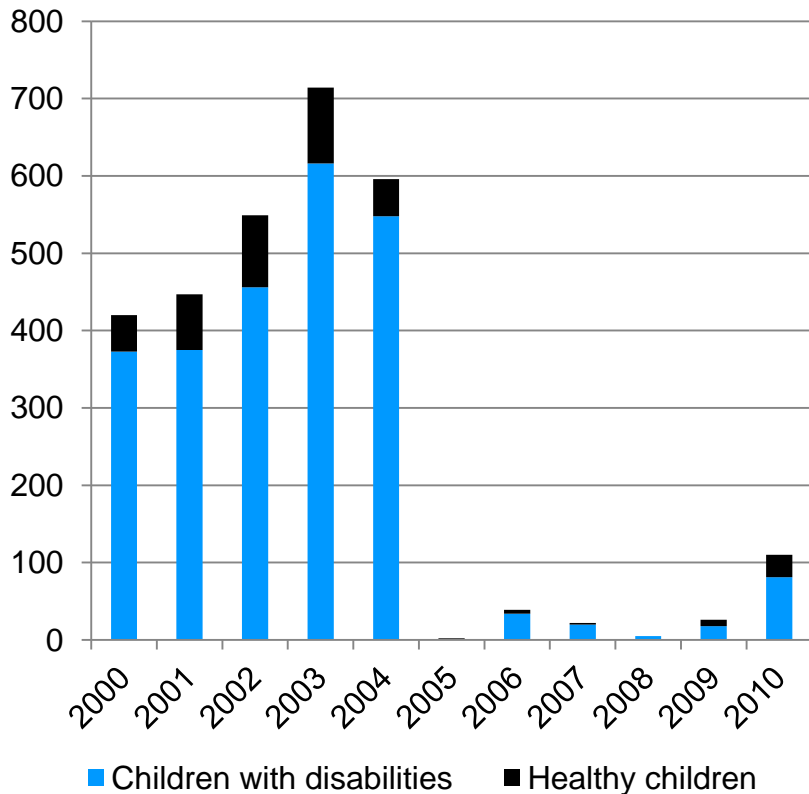
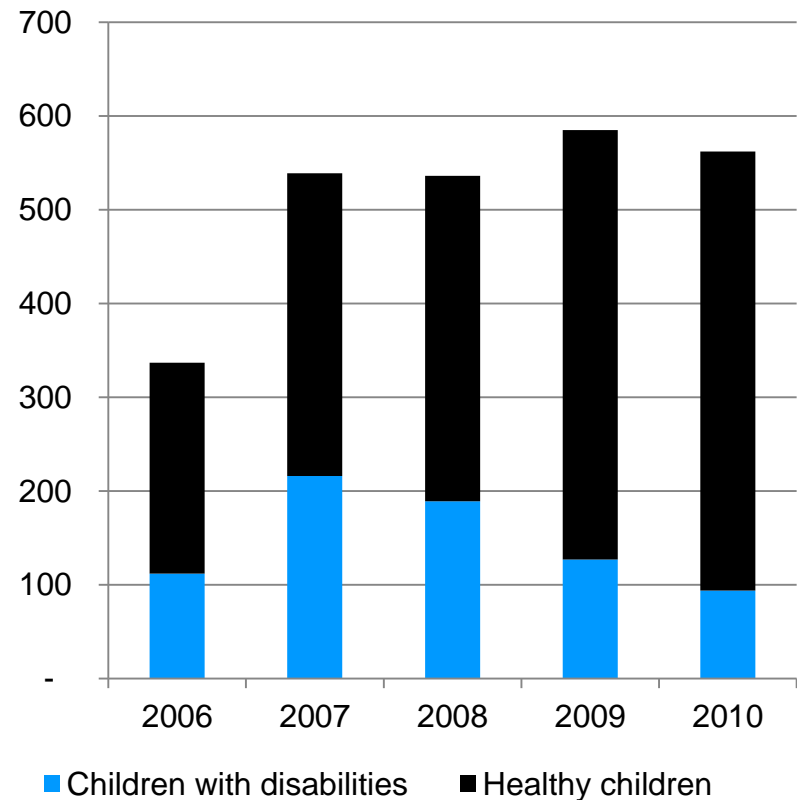


Chart 3. Number of adopted children by child health status in Belarus, 2000-2010

International adoptions



Domestic adoptions



2. DATA ON CHILD PROTECTION

- **Main indicators:** Most data is available for all countries
- **Disaggregated indicators:**
 - a) Response level differs across the countries/sub-regions and by type of indicators
 - b) Data coverage has been improved over the last years in some countries, but further efforts are needed to ensure better data availability

CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTAL CARE

➤ **Data availability:**

- a) Main data is available for 22 countries;
- b) Disaggregated data: by age/gender/cause for 15 countries

➤ **Problems:**

- Compliance with the definition of indicator
- Reference period: for some countries differs from the indicated in the Template
- Consistency of data within chapter: link between deprived of parental care and placed into care during the year
- Consistency of data comparing with other chapters: data on placement to foster/guardian care should be consistent with flow data presented in the chapter on Family type care

Table 3. Comparability of data between two chapters:

- Chapter on children without parental care: placed into foster/guardian care
- Chapter on family type care: children entered foster/guardian care

	1. Children without parental care		2. Family type care	
	Entered foster care, line 552	Entered guardian care, line 553	Entered foster care, line 656	Entered guardian care, line 690
Data is the same				
Czech Republic	2.191	580	2.191	580
Poland	8.494	-	8.494	8.939
Slovenia	157	70	157	70
Georgia	451	308	451	308
Data in the first chapter is lower				
Hungary	2.058	-	3.590	3.356
Estonia	42	118	85	222
Slovakia	311	-	1.672	179
Belarus	420	1.299	657	1.731
Russia	-	39.154	13.970	61.246
Data in the first chapter is higher				
Azerbaijan	-	777*	379	746
Tajikistan	-	1.002	347	515
Data in the first chapter is not presented				
Latvia	-	-	386	861
Serbia	-	-	1.140	1.360
Kazakhstan	-	-	286	4.015
Data in the second chapter is not presented				
Armenia	2	71	-	-

Azerbaijan: Data include adopted children and children placed under guardianship.

CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

➤ **Data availability: Main data is available for all countries**

- Data on non-public residential care available for 18 countries
- Disaggregated data: children in public residential care by gender/age available for 14 countries; in non-public care by gender for 6 countries, by age for 9 countries
- Data on outflow - total number and by reason of leaving residential care for 14 countries

➤ **Problems:**

- Total number: data gaps over the period; coverage of institutions
- Data availability/gaps by type of institutions – no data on temporary placement centers/shelters, on infants left in maternal hospitals
- Data availability on non-public institutions
- Disaggregation by age groups differs from the indicated in Template

Table 4. Children in residential care by age groups

Data taken from Template 2014 or 2013

	HUN	SL	EST	LAT	LIT	BUL	ROM	BH	SR	MAC	BEL	AZE	No
0-2 years	327		48						40	54			4
3-6 years	315		124						71	33			4
7-17 years	5758		726	1328	4693		15860		952	216	9225		8
18+	7	441	198		833	695	3427	1337	762	340	196	271	11
0-3 years				327	462		755				923	163	5
4-6 years				199	436		2147				1194		4
4-17 years												8.922	1
0-10 years								376					1
11-17 years								621					1
0-7 years						2.110							1
8-18 years						3.436							1
0-17 years		696											1

FOSTER CARE/GUARDIANSHIP

➤ Availability:

- main numbers on foster/guardian care are missing from few countries;
- disaggregated data: by age on foster care presented 10 countries, on guardian care only 2 countries

➤ Data availability on flows:

- number of children who entered/left care available for 20/16 countries
- data by gender/age, reason for leaving care available for 10 countries

➤ Problems:

- Data gaps
- Consistency: flow data should be consistent with stock data
- Data on guardianship: comparability remains problematic due to the differences in definitions. The term “guardianship” could include:
 - guardians who live with children and take care of all their needs
 - guardians who only legally represent the child

A problem in presenting comparable data on guardianship is that in some countries data on these both groups are not collected separately.

Table 5. Foster care: stock and flow data

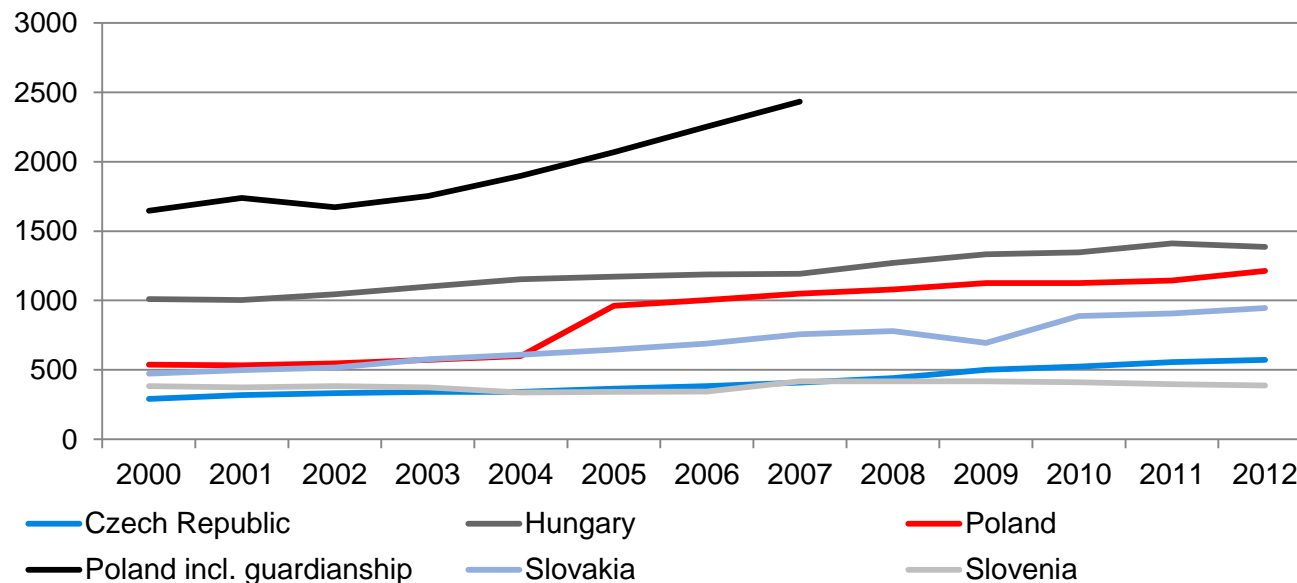
Data for 16 countries taken from Template 2014 or Template 2013

	Children cared for by foster parents, end of 2012 (or 2011)	In 2013 (or 2012)		Estimates (end 2013 or 2012)	Children cared for by foster parents, end of 2013 (or 2012)	Difference
		Inflow	Outflow			
Czech Republic	7.463	1.622	1.136	7.949	7.651	298
Hungary	11.285	3.590	3.001	11.874	11.874	-
Poland	57885	8494	8354	58025	57820	205
Slovakia	8.661	1.672	348	9.985	8.958	1.027
Slovenia	1.059	157	177	1.039	1.039	-
Estonia	329	85	159	255	254	1
Latvia	1.155	386	-	-	1.262	
Bulgaria	885	608	388	1.105	1.105	-
Montenegro	9	5	3	11	16	(5)
Serbia	6.023	1.140	782	6.381	5.765	616
Belarus	6.807	657	1.115	6.349	6.349	-
Ukraine	5.949	1.579	709	6.819	6.819	-
Azerbaijan	1.251	379	190	1.440	1.406	34
Georgia	723	451	363	811	1.013	(202)
Kazakhstan	-	286	501	-	-	
Tajikistan	1.103	347	116	1.334	1.003	331

Hungary, Slovenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan: in both flows are included children changing foster family.

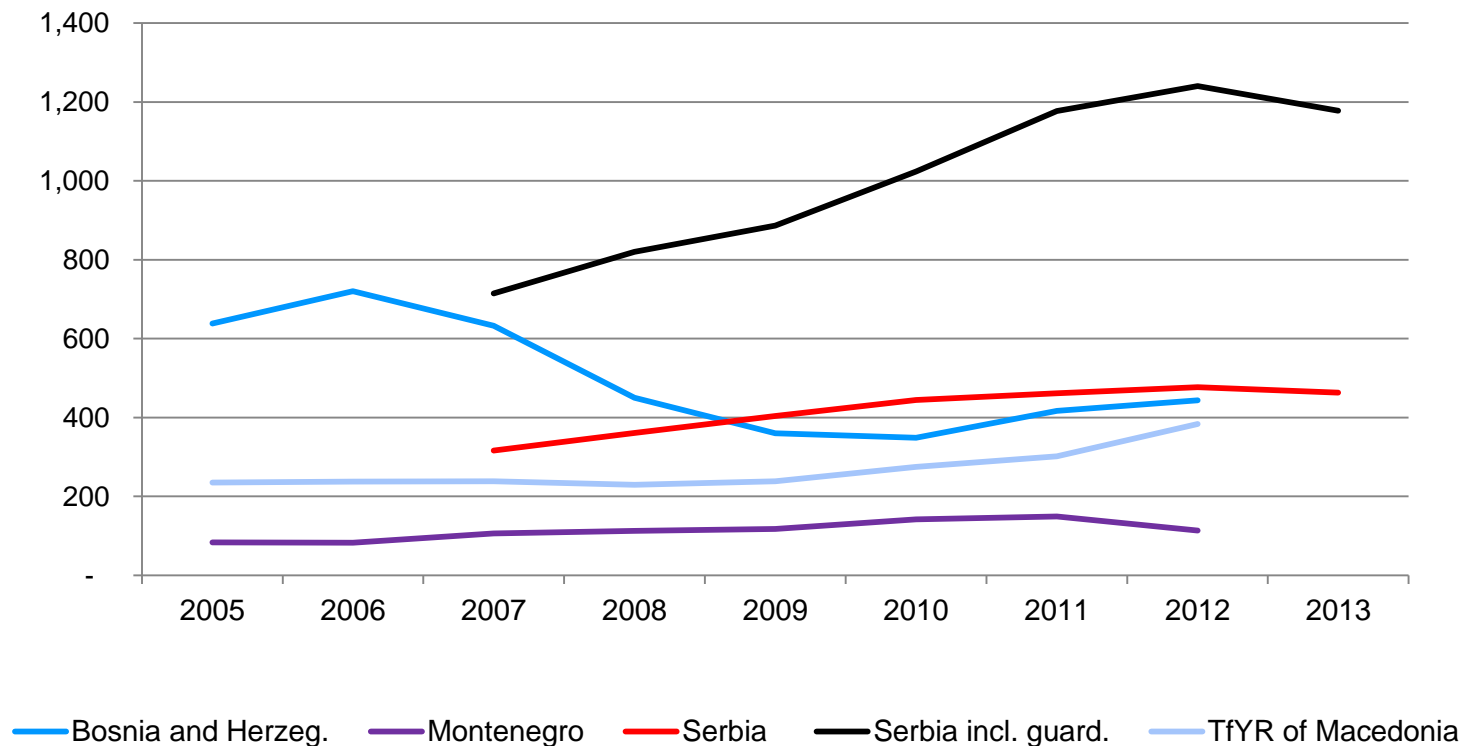
Serbia: Children changing foster family included in outflow, but is unclear about inflow (not indicated).

Chart 4. Rate of children in care of foster parents or guardians (per 100,000 population aged 0-17) in Central Europe



- a) Hungary: Every child without parental care enters guardian care. Included data on children to whom the guardianship authority has appointed a guardian of the following types: receiving person into a family or third person (those under residential care and foster care are excluded).
- b) Poland: Data for 2000-2004 refer to foster care only, since 2005 to foster and guardian care (included only children personally cared by guardian, they comprise about 20% of all children under guardianship).
- c) Slovakia: Data refer to foster/guardian care and substitute family care. Guardian is a legally appointed adult representative for a child and not obligated personally to take care of the child (low numbers).
- d) Slovenia: data refer to foster care only.

Chart 5. Rate of children in care of foster parents or guardians (per 100,000 population aged 0-17) in South Eastern Europe



Serbia: Refer to foster care only. A problem in presenting data on guardianship is that the term “guardianship” includes guardians who live with children and who only legally represent the child (child could live in institution).

ADOPTIONS

- **Availability of main data:**
 - Total adoptions are available for all countries
 - International adoptions are available for 23 countries
 - Data on children available (eligible) for adoption available for 10 countries
- **Disaggregated data:**
 - By age: total adoptions and children available (eligible) for adoption available for 10 countries
 - By gender (included in Template 2014): total adoptions, international adoptions and children available for adoptions presented by 3 countries out of 17.
- **Problems:** Data availability, different age groups

Table 6. Adopted children by age groups

Refer to year 2012 or 2013; data by age presented by 10 countries

	HUN	POL	SL	LAT	LIT	BEL	MOL	ARM	GEO	KYR	
0-2 years	378	1543	15	69	-	344	36	-	82	-	7
3-6 years	-	966	5	76	-	-	28	-	40	-	5
7-17 years	-	1028	4	98	90	-	10	-	40	352	7
0-3 years	-	-	-	-	103	-	-	-	-	-	1
0-6 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	445	1
4-6 years	-	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	-	-	1
3-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	1
6-17 years	-	-	-	-	-	96	-	-	-	-	1
0 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	1
1-9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	-	1
10-17 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	1

Lithuania: data refer to 2011.

3. “JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN” – DATA GAPS/QUALITY/COMPARABILITY

- **Data gaps; data availability** (according to TM Template 2013):
 - Data on crimes/juvenile offenders and convicted children is presented near by all countries
 - Data on crimes against children by 16 countries, reported as being in contact with the police - 9, arrested – 13, charged with an offence – 17, on children who entered pre-trial detention – 6 countries
- **Data on children involved in criminal, civil, administrative proceedings:**
 - Criminal proceedings: on offenders 14 countries, 7 countries on victims. No data on children witnesses.
 - Civil/administrative proceedings – no any data presented
- **Problems:** Data availability, consistency of data, comparability among countries

Table 7. Data comparability: differences and similarities

Data refer to 2013, taken from TM Template 2014

	CZE	ROM	BEL	HUN	SLK	SLOV	LAT	CRO	RS	ARM	AZE	KAZ	TAJ
Registered juvenile offenders	2677	10877	1983	10201	3615	-	570	2553	3844	352	-	5311	738
Number of children reported as being in contact with the police	2677	-	-	-	-	-	-	2027	-	-	3345	-	9234
Number of children arrested	68	992	129	563	-	82	-	-	-	352	-	275	-
Children charged with an offence (crimes)	2677	10877	1983	5378	4343	1091	-	637	3300	120	-	-	525
Children convicted	1983	2905	976	5181	1806	437	601	545	2648	83	272	1006	525
Committal to a closed facility (including prisons, penal colony)	72	809	130	455	103	5	102	-	8	69	68	188	164
1.Arrested children per 100 offenders	3	9	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	5	-
2.Children charged with an offence per 100 offenders	100	100	100	53	120	-	-	25	86	34	-	-	71
3.Number of sentenced juveniles per 100 offenders	74	27	49	51	50	-	105	21	69	24	-	19	71
4.Children convicted as % of charged with an offence	74	27	49	96	42	-	-	86	80	69	-	-	100
5.Children convicted to closed facility as % of total convicted	4	28	13	9	6	1	17	-	0,3	83	25	19	31

Table 8. Children involved in criminal, civil, administrative proceedings

Data refer to 2013, taken from TM Template 2014

	CZE	HUN	ROM	SER	BEL	AZ	KAZ	TAJ	
Registered juvenile offenders	2677	10201	10877	3844	1983	-	5311	738	
Crimes against children	-	19130	-	924	6713	28	8991	562	
1. Children involved in criminal proceedings									
Children as victims	4231	-	3038	-	7287	634	2321	-	
Children as witnesses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Children as offenders	7111	12397	11280	3844	976	514	5311	525	
2. Children involved in civil proceedings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3. Children involved in admin. proceedings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Challenges and the way forward (1)

In order to have reliable/comparable data collection, there is a need to improve:

1. Data availability:

- Filling in data gaps of presented indicators
- Improvement of data coverage of disaggregated indicators
- Improvement of collection of data on children with disabilities, both - total numbers and especially disaggregated data

Challenges and the way forward (2)

2. Data quality:

- Compliance of presented data with provided definitions of indicator
- Checking/evaluation of data quality, comparing with:
 - relevant indicators of the same chapter
 - relevant indicators of other sub-chapters
 - trend of the previous years
 - corresponding data (rates) of the other countries, especially of the same sub-region

Explanatory notes are very helpful: should be presented explanations on differences in definitions, data gaps, breaks in time series, revision of data. Also it is important every year to update previously provided notes.

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Thank you for attention!

Any questions?

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