Towards a Monitoring and Evaluation System for Children in Alternative Care, Slovak republic

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The Context: Slovak Republic

Capital city: Bratislava

Origin: 1st of January 1993

Area: 49 035 km²

Neighborhood: Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Austria

Population: est. 5 452 257 (2019)

Number of children: 1 066 919 (2018) - 19.57% of population
Strategy for the De-Institutionalisation of the System of Social Services and Alternative Care in the Slovak Republic

i. to reduce the number of children who are placed in institutional care by court order

ii. to develop and diversify family-based substitute care

iii. to improve the quality of public care for children

Legal and policy framework for substitute care for children

i. Act No. 36/2005 Coll. on the Family (‘the Family Act’)

ii. Act No. 305/2005 Coll. on SPCSC
Comparison of data for 2000 and 2018

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<th>Year</th>
<th>No. of children in Slovak republic</th>
<th>No. of children raised outside their families</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Foster + Kinship care + Guardianship</th>
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<td>1 066 919</td>
<td>13 863</td>
<td>1,30</td>
<td>8 640</td>
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<td>5 223</td>
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Challenges

➢ The importance of data and data usage for the De-institutionalization process in Slovak Republic

➢ Lack of a nationally agreed Monitoring & Evaluation framework for alternative care for children linked to De-institutionalization strategy
Fairy tales do not teach children that dragons exist.

They already know that.

Fairy tales teach children that **DRAGONS CAN BE DEFEATED**.
Thank you