



REGIONE DEL VENETO



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Towards greater family policy integration across Europe

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THE CHALLENGE

FAMILY NEEDS ARE
CROSS-SECTORAL

RELATED SERVICES ACT
COMPLEMENTARILY

COORDINATION
FRAMEWORKS: A SOLUTION

**FRAGMENTATION
PERSISTS**

TOWARDS GREATER
FAMILY POLICY
INTEGRATION
ACROSS EUROPE



FAMILY POLICY INTEGRATION

BRINGING TOGETHER ELEMENTS WHO WERE SEPARATED

AVOID SILOED APPROACHES THAT DO NOT WORK

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

CONTINUUM OF RESPONSES

CROSS-SECTORAL NEEDS

EXTENSIVE RECONCILIATION FRAMEWORK
OVER THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE CHILD'S LIFE

ALIGNMENT BETWEEN PARENTAL LEAVE AND DAY-CARE ACCESS

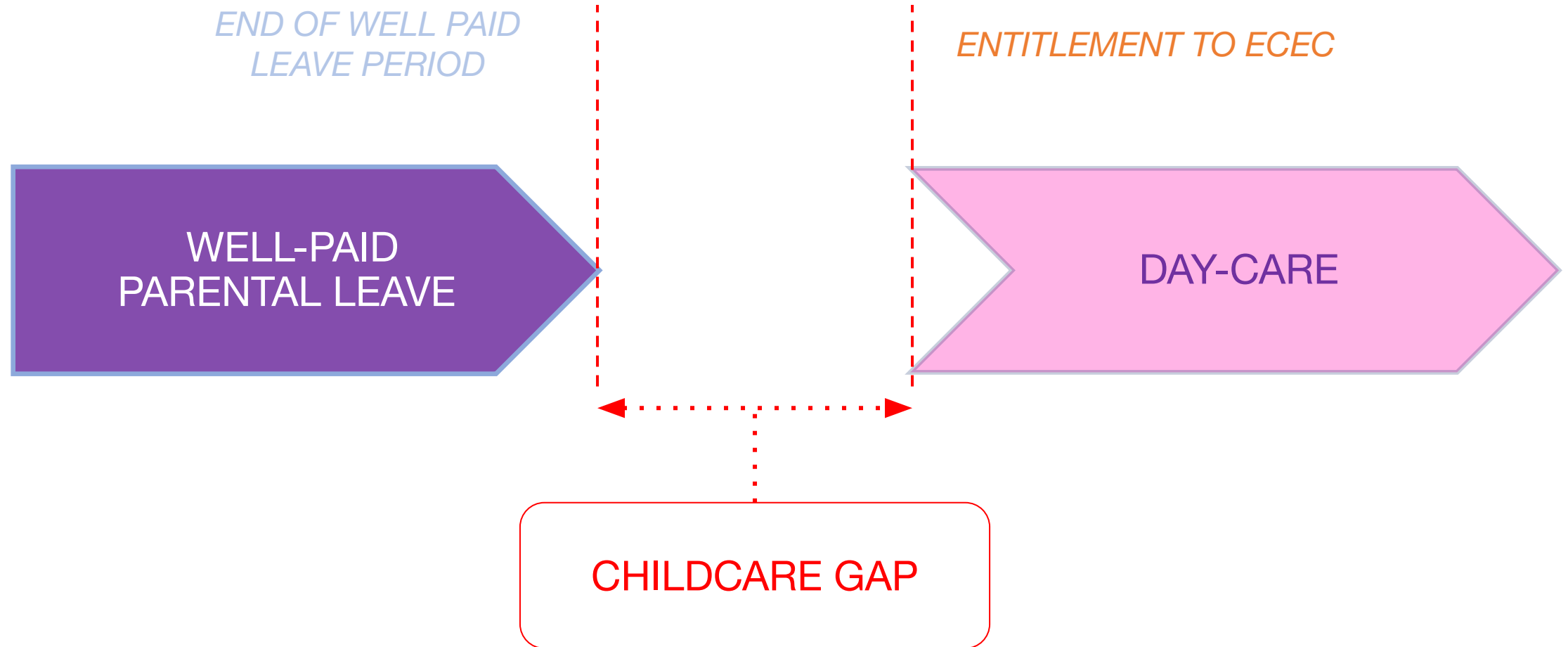
WARM AND RESPONSIVE EARLY EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT TO ACCOMPANY
CHILDREN/FAMILIES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OR HARD TRANSITIONS

STRONG COORDINATION ACROSS ECEC SECTOR

EASY ACCESS TO PRENATAL HEALTH CARE, SOCIAL CARE, PARENTAL
GUIDANCE, MENTORING ADVICE SERVICE

CONVERGENCE BETWEEN PERINATAL PROVISION

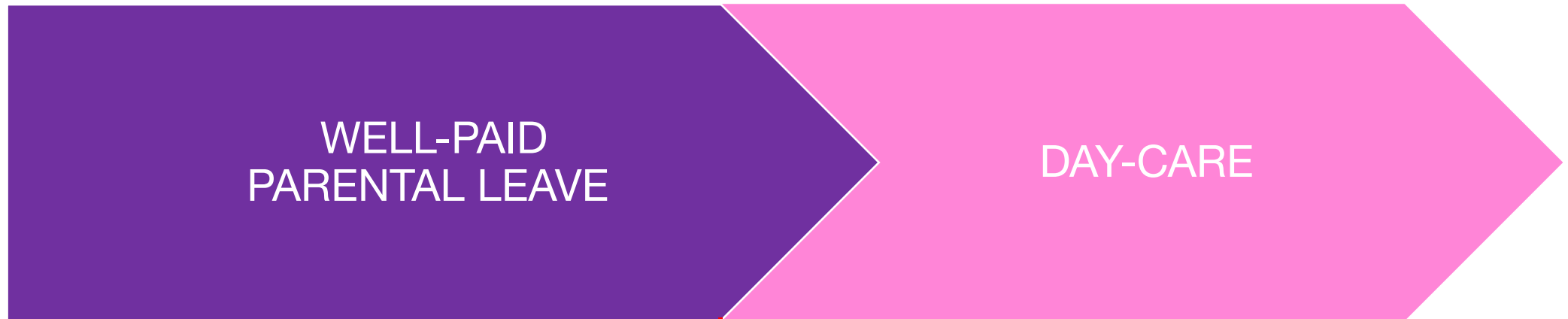
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*END OF WELL PAID
LEAVE PERIOD*

ENTITLEMENT TO ECEC

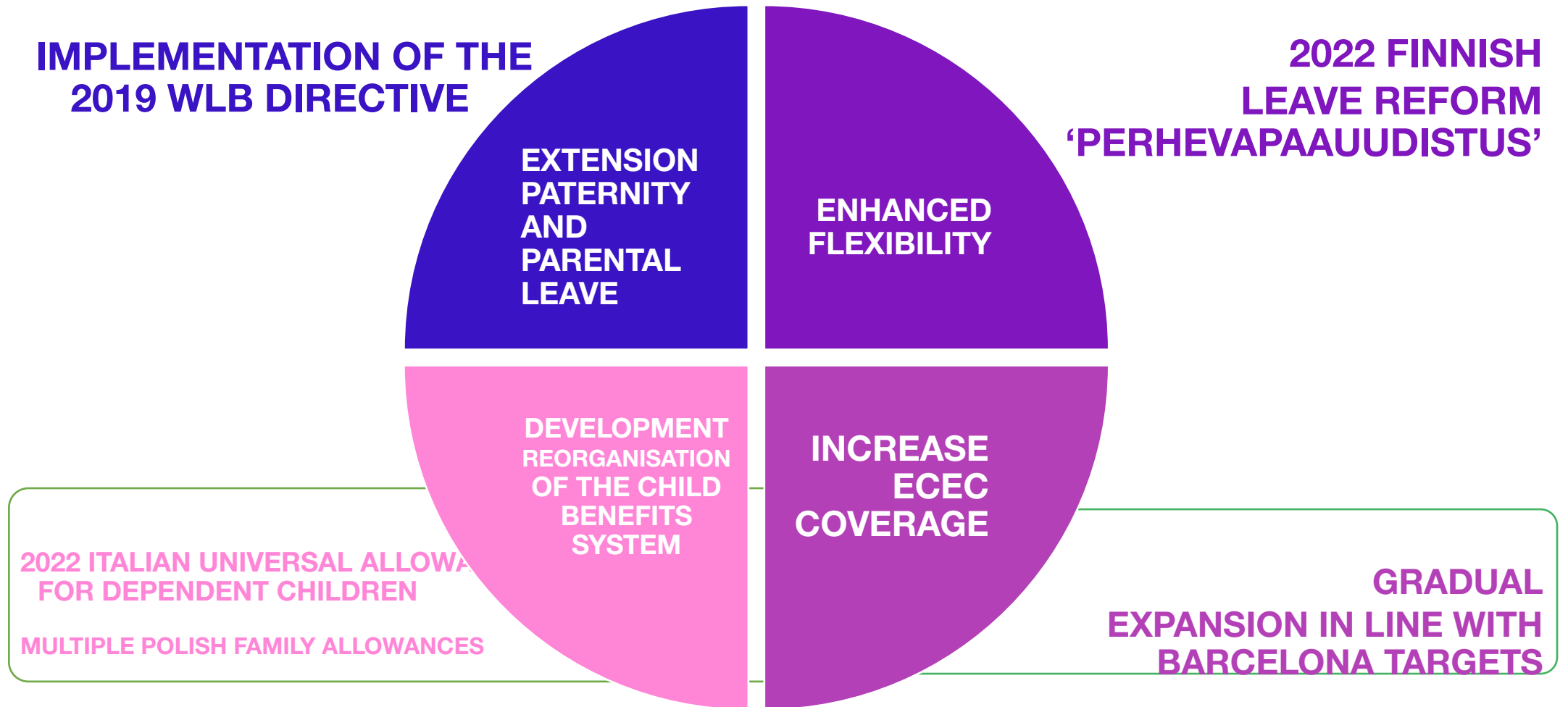


WELL-PAID
PARENTAL LEAVE

DAY-CARE

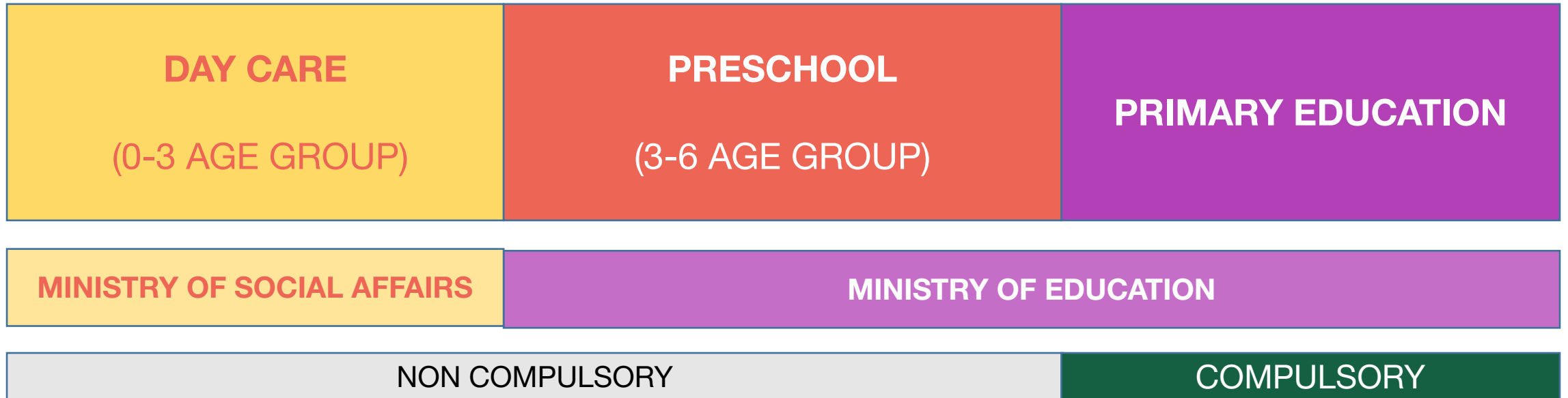
NO CHILDCARE GAP

FILLING THE CHILDCARE GAP



COORDINATION ACROSS THE ECEC SECTOR

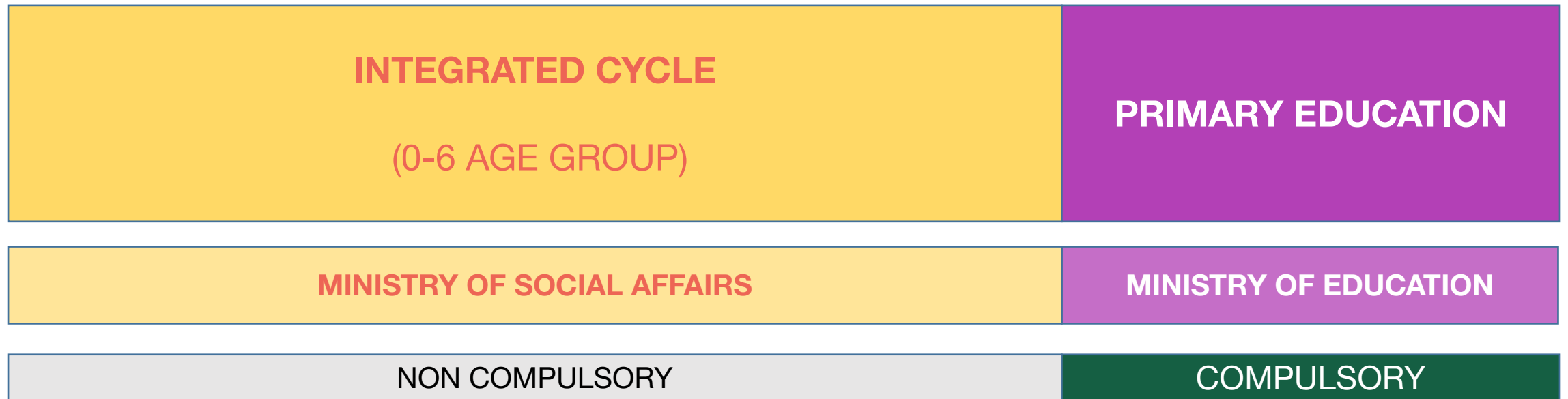
SPLIT ECEC SYSTEM



REPORT: BELGIUM AND POLAND RUN A SPLIT SYSTEM

COORDINATION ACROSS THE ECEC SECTOR

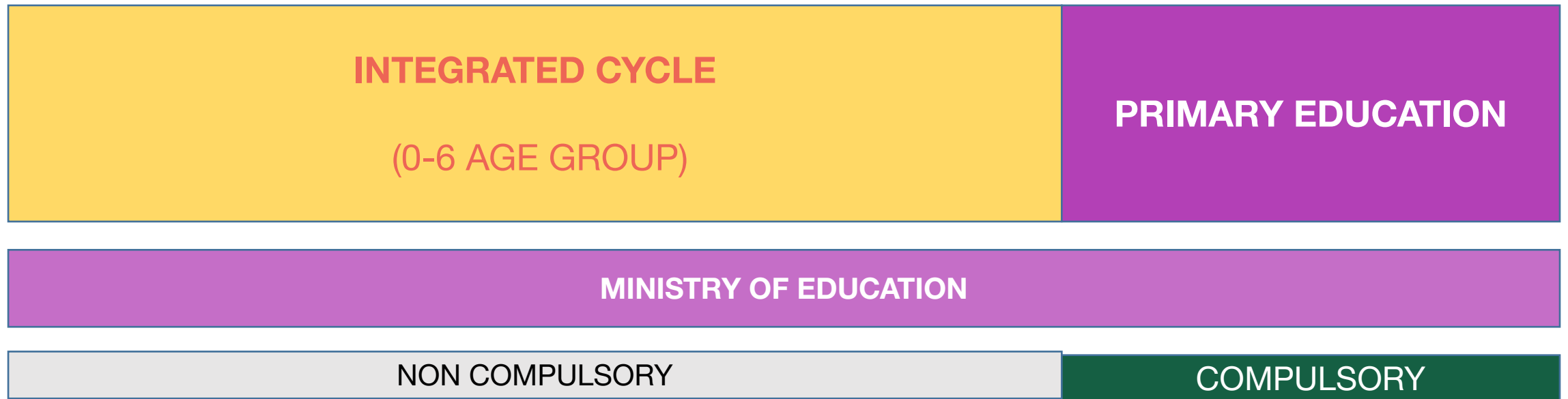
INTEGRATED ECEC SYSTEM (under the Ministry of Social Affairs)



GERMANY: THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS FORMALLY HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTEGRATED SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AT THE LANDER LEVEL HAVE ALSO AUTHORITY OVER IT.

COORDINATION ACROSS THE ECEC SECTOR

INTEGRATED ECEC SYSTEM (under the Ministry of Education)



IN FINLAND AND ITALY, THE INTEGRATED ECEC SYSTEM IS PRIMARILY OVERSEEN BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, THOUGH ITS GOVERNANCE REMAINS LARGELY WITHIN THE LOCAL LEVEL.

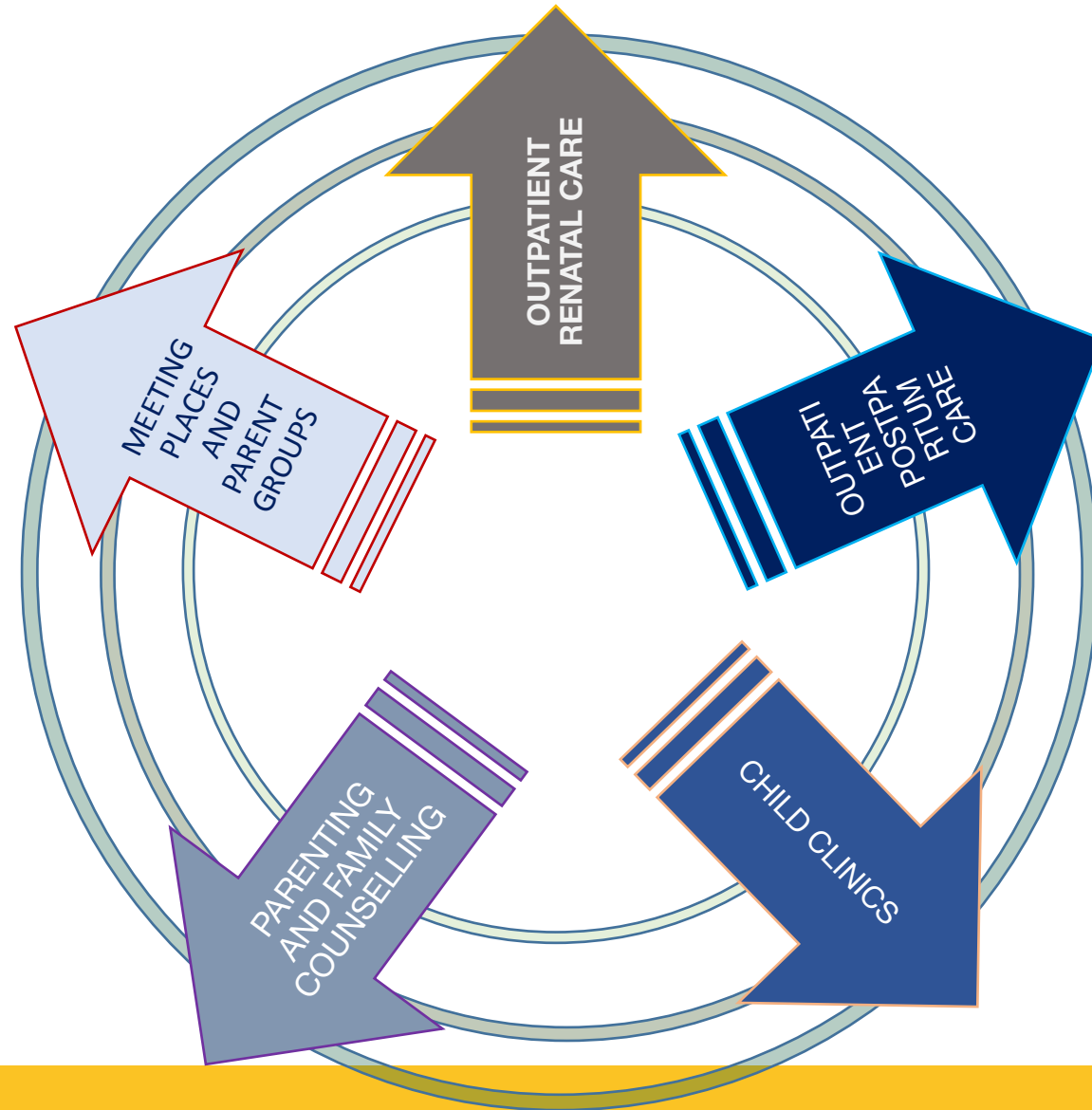
CONVERGENCE OF PERINATAL PROVISION

FRAGMENTED

ARRANGEMENTS

ACCESS

CHALLENGING



NEGATIVELY AFFECTS
INTER-PROFESSIONAL
COMMUNICATION

IMPACTS AND DELAYS
APPOINTMENTS AND
INTAKE ATTENDANCE

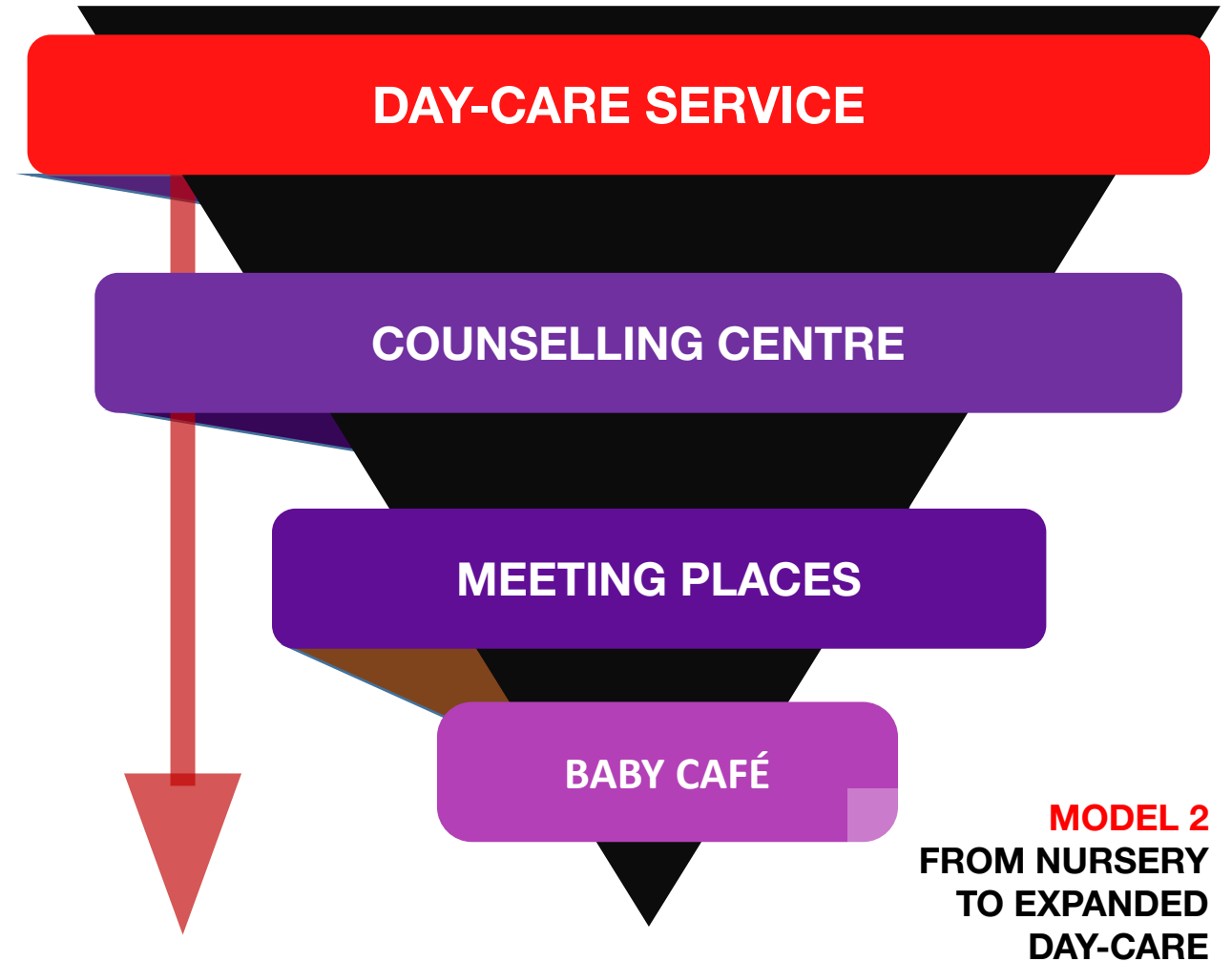
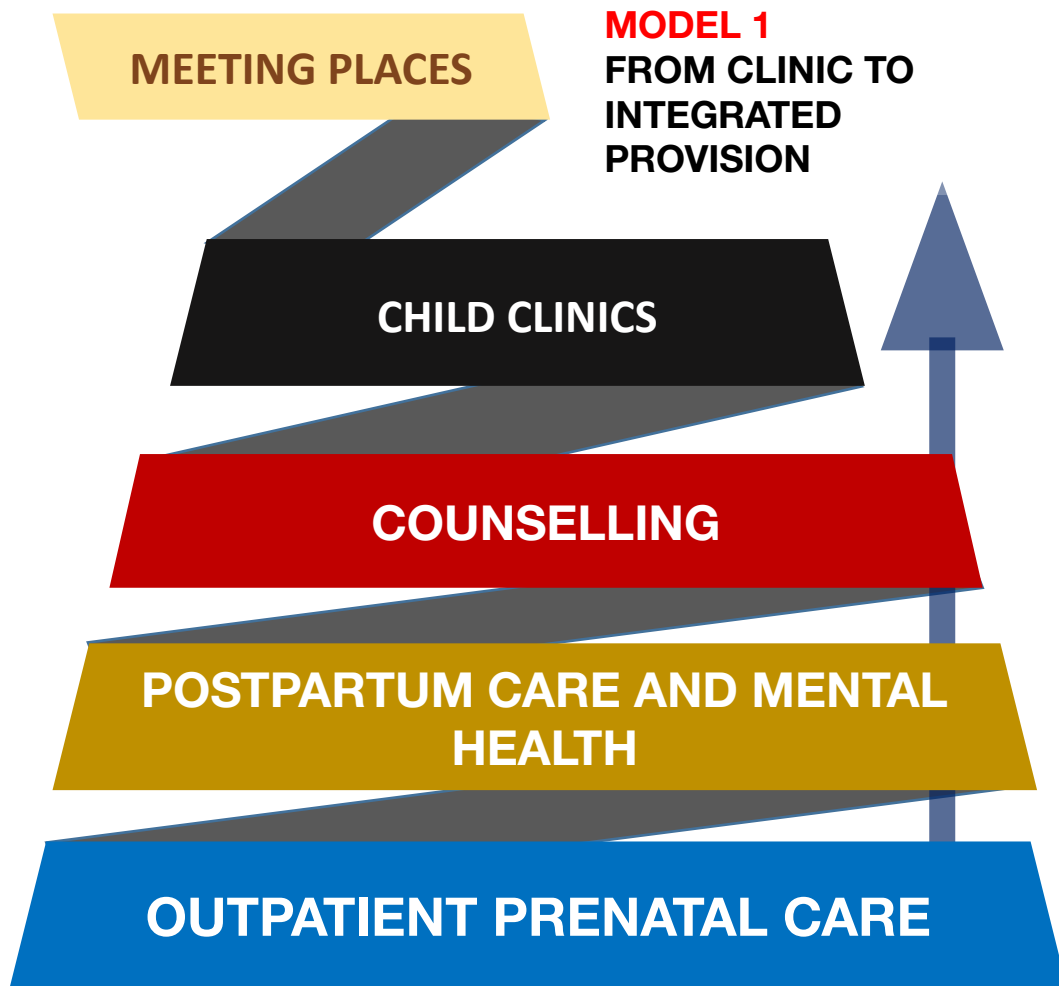
CREATES HURDLES
FOR PEOPLE UNFAMILIAR
WITH THE SYSTEM

INCREASES
COSTS

CONVERGENCE OF PERINATAL PROVISION



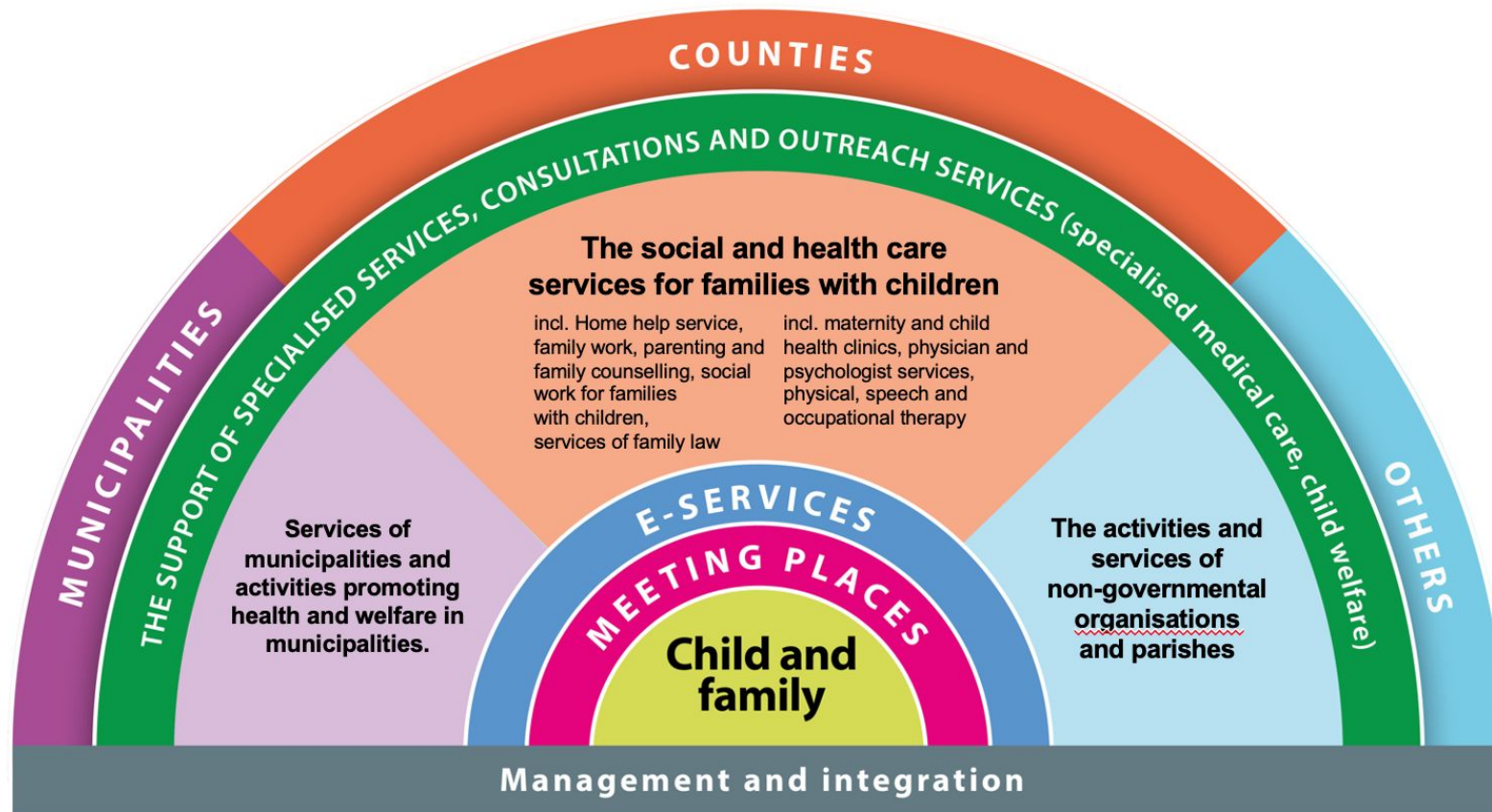
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THE FINNISH FAMILY CENTRE (PERHEKESKUS)

MODEL 3
INDEPENDENT
FAMILY CENTER



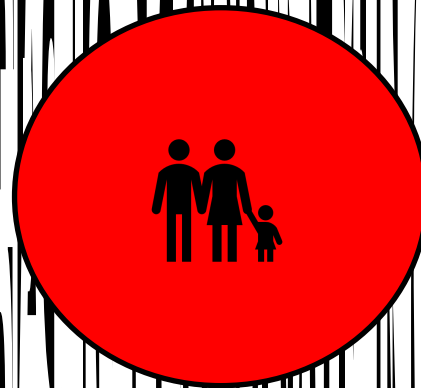
FLANDERS
HUIS VAN HET KIND

GERMANY
FAMILIENZENTREN

EMILIA-ROMAGNA
CENTRI PER LA FAMIGLIA

Source: Paivi Varonen and Arja Hastrup

CONCLUSIONS



Thanks for the attention.



INTEGRATION CONTINUUM

FRAGMENTATION

TOTAL SEPARATION BETWEEN SERVICES

COOPERATION

SPORADIC EXCHANGES AND COMMON ACTIVITIES; JOINT PLANNING ON OCCASION

COLLABORATION

FREQUENT EXCHANGES; REGULAR JOINT PLANNING; COMMON GOALS EMERGE

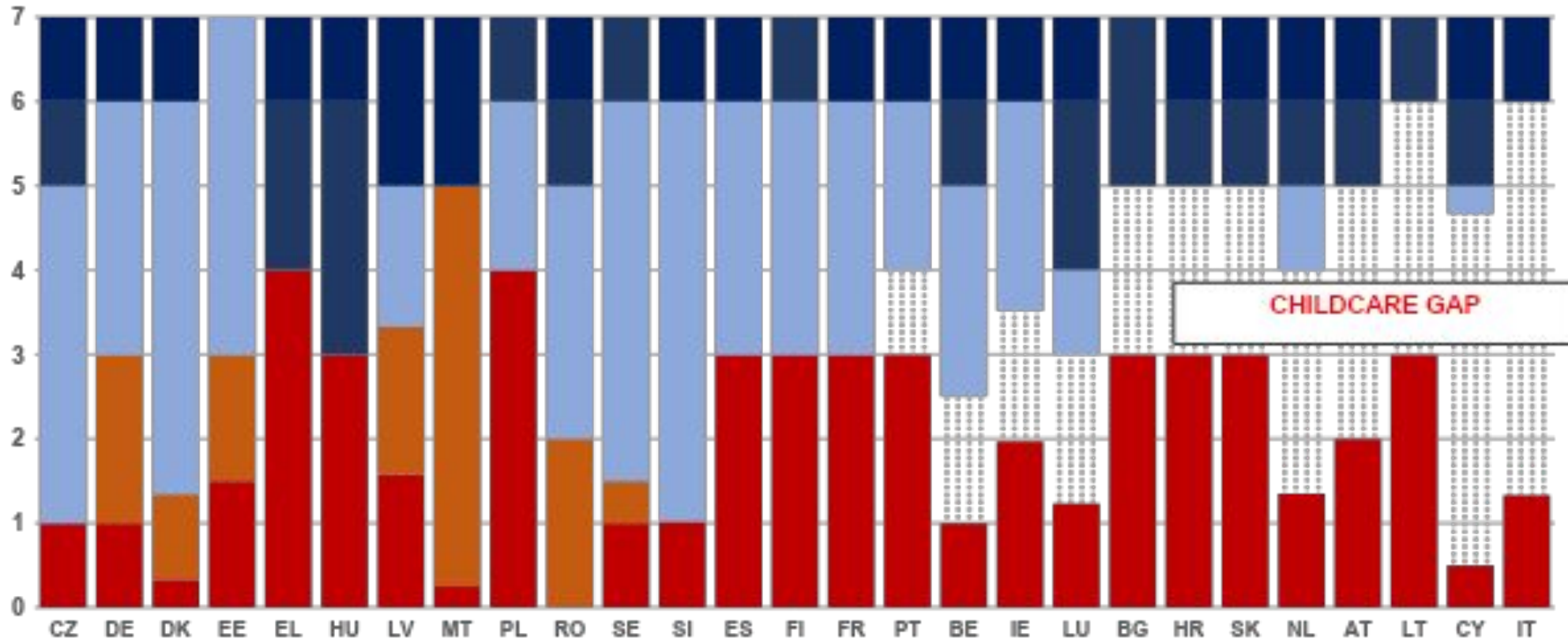
COORDINATION

SYSTEMATIC COLLABORATION THROUGH FORMAL MECHANISMS OF COORDINATION

INTEGRATION

FULLY FORMALISED COORDINATION

FORMAL CHILDCARE GAP



Source:
19th International
Review on Leave
Policies and
Related Research
2023

ONLY LEAVE

ECEC ENTITLEMENT
HAS NOT KICKED
IN YET

OVERLAP

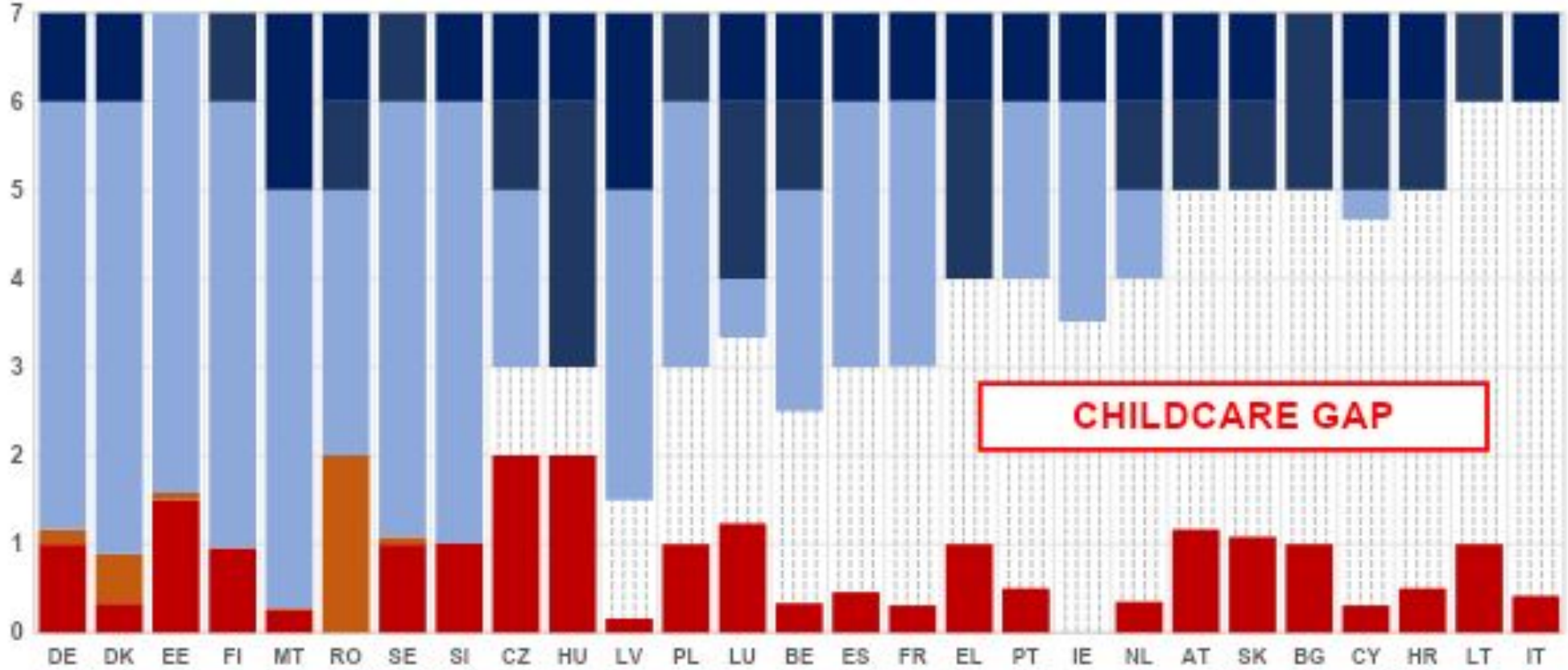
BETWEEN
PARENTAL LEAVE
AND ECEC
ENTITLEMENT

ONLY ECEC
ENTITLEMENT
LEAVE PERIOD HAS
ENDED

COMPULSORY ECEC
PRIMARY SCHOOL NOT
STARTED

COMPULSORY
PRIMARY
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ONLY WELL-PAID LEAVE
ECEC ENTITLEMENT HAS NOT STARTED

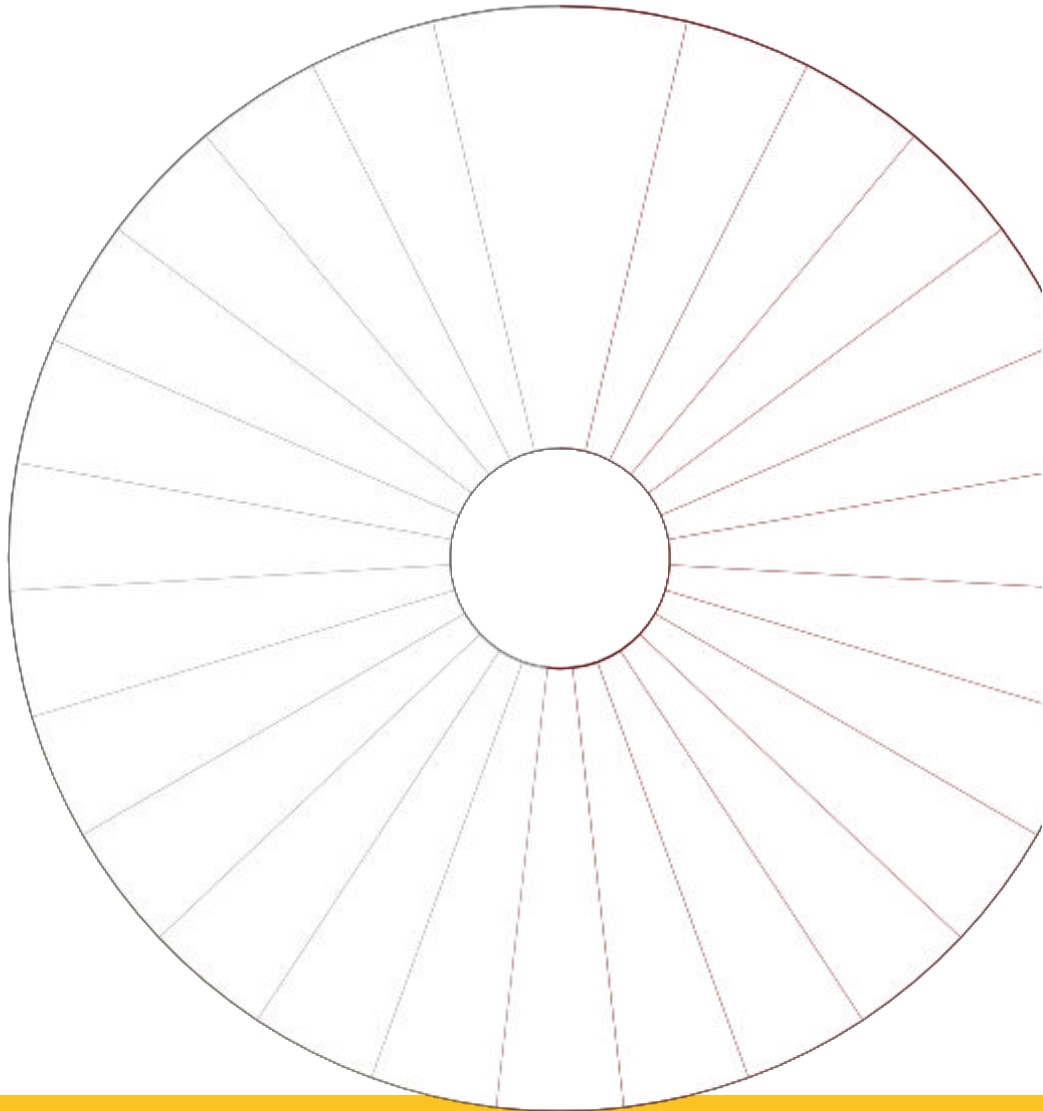
OVERLAP
BETWEEN WELL-PAID LEAVE AND ECEC ENTITLEMENT

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COMPULSORY ECEC
PRIMARY SCHOOL NOT STARTED

COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION

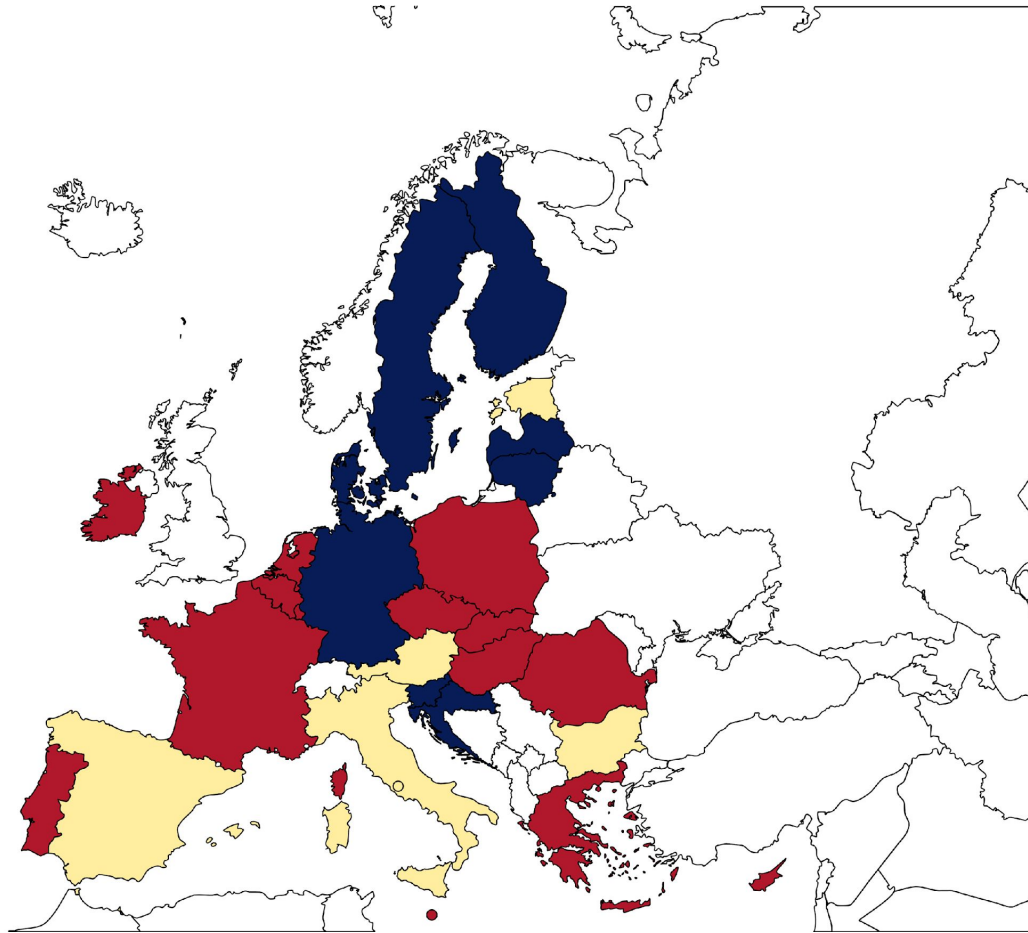
COORDINATION ACROSS THE ECEC SECTOR



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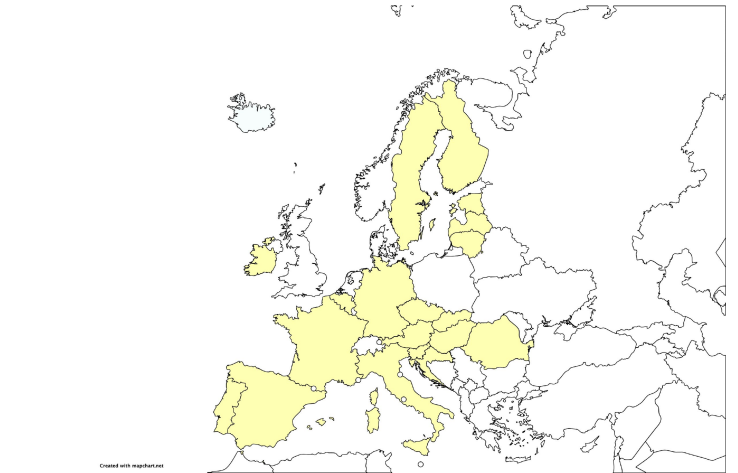
Source: EURYDICE 2019. KEY DATA ON ECEC IN EUROPE

COORDINATION ACROSS THE ECEC SECTOR



**BACHELOR DEGREE IS -
FORMALLY - THE MINIMUM
REQUIREMENT TO WORK IN
THE ECEC SECTOR**

**NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL
GUIDELINES EXIST FOR
THE ENTIRE 0-6 CYCLE**



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CONVERGENCE OF PERINATAL PROVISION

INTEGRATED LOCAL STRATEGIES

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

(LEGISLATION, OFFICE STRUCTURE "NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT")

LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS

(COMPANIES, DAYCARE CENTERS, SCHOOLS, LEISURE FACILITIES)

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NETWORKS

(NEIGHBORHOOD, ASSOCIATIONS, COUNSELING, SUPPORT STRUCTURES)

INDIVIDUAL LIFESTYLES

INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS