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Role of Social Protection in Human Capital Development

Panel Discussion



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1. Demographic challenges and how Social Protection system can protect Human Capital - Experiences from the ECA region in delivering effective social protection for children



Delivering effective social protection for children

EU and Western Balkans

- Increasing attention to links between parental leave, childcare, and child and family benefits
- Closing care gap – period between end of statutory parental leave and statutory early childhood education services

Uzbekistan

- Creation of Single Registry & full digitalization of social benefits program
- Enabled cash benefits to 4.6 million children in 2023 (~40% of children), 90% increase from 2021
- Institutional consolidation through creation of the Social Protection Agency

Montenegro

- Universal Child Allowance, covering 95% of children (up from 10% in 2021)
- Monthly benefit of EUR 30/child
- Cash+ component focused on participation in early childhood education

Georgia

- Approval of Law on Rights of PWD (2020)
- Reform of disability assessment, moving from medical to biopsychosocial model
- Developed standard packages of support for CWD, combining cash and services



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2. Delivery system to better address Human Capital needs - **Key** takeaways from Social Protection System Assessment (CODI)



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