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Table 1. Sectoral ECEC governance structure at national level

Sectoral ECEC governance structure at national level							
Country/ jurisdiction	Split system –responsibilities for ECEC			Integrated system - responsibility for ECEC			Mainly decentralised ECEC system
	Health/Welfare authority	Education authority	Other	Health/ Welfare authority	Education authority	Other	
Australia							X
<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>					X*		
<i>New South Wales</i>					X*		
<i>Northern Territory</i>					X*		
<i>Queensland</i>					X*		
<i>South Australia</i>					X*		
<i>Tasmania</i>					X*		
<i>Victoria</i>					X*		
<i>Western Australia</i>		X* (preschool 3-5 years)	X* (care 0-5 years)				
Austria							X
Belgium							X
<i>Flemish Community</i>	X* (0-3 years)	X (3-6 years)					
<i>French Community</i>	X* (care 0-3 years)	X (3-6 years)					

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Canada							
<i>British Columbia</i>	X* (0-5 years)	X (5 years and older)					
<i>Manitoba</i>	X* (0-5 years)	X (5 years and older)					
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>					X*		
Chile					X		
Czech Republic	X (0-3 years)	X (3-6 years)					
Estonia					X		
Finland						X*	
Germany							
Hungary		X (3-6 years)	X* (0-3 years)				
Ireland	X* (0-4 years)	X (4-6 years)					
Israel		X	X* (0-3 years)				
Italy		X (3-6 years)					X (for 0-3-year olds)
Japan	X* (0-6 years)	X (3-6 years)					
Korea	X (0-6 years)	X (3-6 years)					
Luxembourg		X (3-6 years)	X* (0-3 years)				
Mexico		X (3-6 years)	X* (0-3 years)				
Netherlands	X* (0-4 years)	X (4-6 years)					
New Zealand					X		

Norway					X		
Poland		X (3 years and older)	X* (0-3 years)				
Portugal		X (3-6 years)	X* (0-3 years)				
Slovak Republic					X		
Slovenia					X		
Sweden					X		
Switzerland							X
Turkey		X* (3-6 years)	X* (0-3 years)				
United Kingdom							X
<i>England</i>					X*		
<i>Scotland</i>						X*	
United States							X

Table 2. Vertical distribution of responsibilities regarding ECEC

Country/ jurisdiction	Vertical distribution of responsibilities regarding ECEC							
	Standard setting		Financing of ECEC		Curriculum development		Other	
	National level	Regional/ local level	National level	Regional/ local level	National level	Regional/ local level	National level	Regional/ local level
Australia		X			X			
<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>								
<i>New South Wales</i>								
<i>Northern Territory</i>								
<i>Queensland</i>								
<i>South Australia</i>								
<i>Tasmania</i>								
<i>Victoria</i>								
<i>Western Australia</i>								
Austria	X			X		X		
Belgium	X			X		X		
<i>Flemish Community</i>								
<i>French Community</i>								
Canada	X		X		X			
<i>British Columbia</i>								
<i>Manitoba</i>								
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>								
Chile								
Czech Republic			X		X			
Estonia								
Finland				X	X			
Germany	X				X			

Hungary				
Ireland				
Israel				
Italy	X (for 3-6-year olds)	X (for 0-3 year olds)		
Japan			X	
Korea			X	
Luxembourg	X		X	
Mexico				
Netherlands	X			X
New Zealand				
Norway	X		X (framework)	
Poland				
Portugal	X			
Slovak Republic				
Slovenia	X		X	X
Sweden	X	X		X (guidelines)
Switzerland			X	
Turkey				
United Kingdom		X	X	X
<i>England</i>		X	X	X
<i>Scotland</i>		X	X	X
United States		X	X	X

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Notes:

Integrated system: responsibilities for ECEC services are with one leading authority at either national or regional level , e.g. Ministry for Education is responsible for child care and early education.

Split system: ECEC services are governed by different ministries or departments at national/ local level, e.g. child care is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Social Affairs and early education under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education. This is most often the case in countries where child care and early education are provided as two different, separate, services . For instance, “child care” for younger children (such as 0-3 year olds) , and “early education” for older children (such as 3-6 year olds).

Mainly decentralised governance system: responsibilities towards early childhood care and education are distributed to regional, local, or municipal authorities, e.g. in a federal country responsibilities for ECEC are often deregulated to the individual states.

Notes regarding *:

Australian Capital territory: Department of Education, Youth and Family Services is responsible for ECEC

New South Wales: Department of Education and Training (DET) for preschools in schools. For ECEC in general: Department for Community Services

Northern Territory, Queensland, Tasmania: Department of Education

South Australia: Department of Education and Children’s Services (DECS)

Western Australia: Department for Education responsible for preschool for 3-5 year-olds, and Department for Communities for care for 0-5-year-olds.

Flemish Community: child care (0-3 years) under responsibility of Kind en Gezin (Child and Family), agency under the Ministry of Welfare, Public Health and Family)

French Community: responsibility for 0-3 year-olds in care: Office de la Naissance et de l’Enfance (ONE - Agency for Birth and Child)

British Columbia: responsibility child care for 0-5 year olds is shared between Ministry of Health Services and Ministry of Children and Family Development

Manitoba: Responsibilities for ECEC for 0-5 year-olds: Shared between the Healthy Child Committee of Cabinet, Healthy Child Manitoba, Department of Family Services and Consumer Affairs

Prince Edward Island: Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Finland: Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. Responsibilities for children aged 6 and above: Ministry of Culture and Education

Hungary: responsible for ECEC for 0-3 year-olds is the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

Ireland: Department of Health and Children is responsible for 0 to 4-year-olds in care; Department of Education and Science responsible for preschool (4-6-year-olds)

Israel: for care for 0-3-year-olds, is shared between Ministry of Health, Ministry of Welfare, and Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labour

Japan: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) is responsible for care (0-6-year-olds), and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) for preschool (3-6-year-olds)

Luxembourg: Ministry of Family and Integration is responsible for child care for 0-3-year-olds

Mexico: Child care for 0-3-year-olds is shared responsibility between Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Education

Netherlands: Ministry of Social Affairs and Welfare is responsible for child care for 0-4-year-olds

Poland: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy responsible for child care (0-3-year-olds)

Portugal: Ministry of Labour and Solidarity responsible for child care (0-3-year-olds)

Turkey: Social Services and Child Protection Agency (SHÇEK), which operates under the Prime Ministry, is responsible for child care (0-3-year olds). General Directorate of Pre-school Education, which operates under the Ministry of National Education (MoNF) is responsible for preschool (3-6-year-olds)

England: Department for Education (DfE) is responsible for ECEC

Scotland: Minister for Children and Early Years is responsible for ECEC

Sources: OECD Network on Early Childhood Education and Care’s “Survey for the Quality Toolbox and ECEC Portal”, June 2011; OECD ECEC Network Questionnaire for the 6th ECEC meeting on 'Integration of Education and Care', December 2009.

Table 3. Legal entitlement to free ECEC

Legal entitlement to free ECEC						
Country/jurisdiction	Year of implementation of free ECEC	Hours/day to free ECEC	Age covered	Scope		Compulsory schooling age
				Universal ¹	Targeted ²	
Austria	2010	4 hours/day	5 year olds	X		5 years
Belgium	a	a	a	a	a	6 years
<i>Flemish Community</i>	m	28 LT*/week	2.5-6 years	X		
<i>French Community</i>	m	28 LT*/week	2.5-6 years	X		
Denmark	m	m	6 year olds	X		7 years
Finland	2001	5 hours/day	6 year olds	X		7 years
France	m	m	2-6 years	X		6 years
Israel	1984	7,5 hours/day*	3-6 years	X		6 years
Korea	1997	m	5 year olds	X		6 years
	2013	m	3 and 4 year olds	X		
Mexico	Gradual implementation: for 5 year olds implemented in 2004-05; for 4-year-olds in 2005-06; for 3-year olds in 2008-09	4 hours/day	3-6 years	X		3 years
New Zealand	1989	m	5 year olds	X		6 years
Netherlands	m	5.5 hours/day	4 and 5 year olds	X		5 years
Portugal	m	5 hours/day	3-6 years	X		6 years
Slovak Republic	2008	m	5 year olds	X		6 years
		m	3-6 years		X (children with low income background)	
Slovenia	2012	9 hours/day	11 months - 6 years		X (only the third and every next child in the family)	6 years
Sweden	1975	3 hours/day	6 year olds	X		7 years
	2003	3 hours/day	3-6 years	X		
United Kingdom	a	a	a	a	a	5 years
<i>England</i>	m	12.5 hours/week	3 and 4 year olds	X		
<i>Scotland</i>	2007	475 hours/year	3 and 4 year olds	X		

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Notes:

Entitlement: a government program that guarantees and provides benefits to a particular group based on established rights or by legislation.

¹ Whether the legal right is universal, i.e. for all children - such as for all 3 and 4 year olds, or for all children below age 6.

² Whether the legal right is only for a targeted/specific group, such as only for 4-year olds with low-income background.

Note 1: Australia: whilst nearly all jurisdictions (excepting WA) do not have legal right to preschool enshrined in legislation all ministers and the Commonwealth have committed to and funded access to ECE for all four year old children.

Note 2: Norway: parents normally pay a monthly fee. A handful of municipalities provide free kindergarten places (4 of 430 in 2009), and some provide 20 hours a week (part of a National project - trying out the effect for integration and social equity).

* = Regarding Belgium: LT refers to Lesson Times. A lesson time is 50 minutes long. Regarding Israel: Free ECEC for 3-6-yearolds is for 6 days/week for 220 days per year from 07:55 - 13:30 or from 07:55 - 15:40. Regarding Finland = legal right to a place in ECEC after parental leave ends.

Source: OECD Network on Early Childhood Education and Care's "Survey for the Quality Toolbox and ECEC Portal", June 2011.