



# Encouraging Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

## SUMMARY OF STRATEGY OPTIONS TO TACKLE CHALLENGES IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING QUALITY STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

### Challenge 1: Securing financial means for quality enhancement in ECEC

- Revising quality standards in expanding access, raising participation and improving quality
- Aligning quality enhancement of ECEC with that of compulsory education
- Linking quality standards to public funding
- Using international country examples to inform regulations and standards
- Setting standards high on the policy agenda

### Challenge 2: Lack of transparency among different providers

- Bringing policy coherence through co-ordinated or unified governance
- Streamlining different standards in care and education
- Setting up a framework to make “quality” transparent to users

### Challenge 3: Adaptation to local needs

- Delegating responsibilities to local authorities

### Challenge 4: Implementation

- Ensuring stakeholder buy-in by involving them in the design process
- Allocating funding for implementation
- Setting up an agency responsible for implementation
- Giving structural or financial incentives to service providers to follow the regulations
- Providing training for staff and assessors
- Disseminating the new or revised regulations and standards widely

### Challenge 5: Managing private provisions

- Streamlining different standards for public and private ECEC provisions
- Steering private provisions through public funding
- Managing private provisions through regulating the market entry, monitoring and penalty
- Setting up an information system to help parents make informed choices
- Conducting analyses on private providers