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Abstract

Poverty, deprivation and social exclusion of children in the Czech Republic

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In the Czech Republic, the general at-risk of income poverty rate is relative low when compared to EU average (below 10 per cent) while children poverty is close to the average (17-18 per cent) and the gap between the general and children's at-risk-of-poverty rate is among the highest.

The paper will be concentrated on the two perspectives of this phenomenon. First, it aims to identify in which social groups children's poverty is concentrated and what are the factors of children poverty. Beside the income poverty the paper will assess the indications of material deprivation and social exclusion of children and the overlap of income poverty on the one hand and material deprivation on the other hand. Second, the paper will pay attention to the public policies relevant for alleviation of children's poverty: the effects of the social transfers on children's poverty and other measures aiming at the specific social groups will be assessed. Also the ongoing and/or expected changes in the policies (as outlined in programme documents like National Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion and other) will be discussed. The analysis will be based on quantitative analysis of SILC 2006 dataset and secondary use of other available sources and documents.

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