



WG2 Case study profile

WG2 Thematic group	WG2.2. Children and childcare
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Title of case study (and priority ranking)	Restructuring of childcare in Jyväskylä
Country/region/place investigated	Finland
Social service sector(s) investigated • Children/Childcare	In Finland the childcare system is rather controversial: at the same time it offers a universal right to all families with under-school-age children to public day care, at the same time it offers financial support for parental of home care of under-3-year-old children and for the use of private childcare services. This broad sphere of support can be captured under the term “new universalism” but it also produces one of the lowest take-up rates of childcare and labour market participation rates among mothers of young children in Europe.
Category of case study ('what' is investigated) • Subsector/policy/programme (meso-level) • Project/initiative/experience (micro-level) • Actor(s) • Place (s)	This paper will describe how local policy-makers in the city of Jyväskylä have balanced between these different parts of the Finnish childcare system and which kind of local policies and policy emphasis they are taken up. Based on a brand new survey among working are women in Jyväskylä (800 women, gathered in November-December 2012) it will also analyse user satisfaction and experiences of women concerning local childcare services and their role in making participation in paid employment possible.
Time frame considered (<i>from when to when</i>)	2000-2013
Five 'perspectives' • Cost efficiency/quality/user satisfaction • Governance • Social and/or territorial cohesion • Gender	Local policy-making and its consequences for the opportunities of women will be the making focus.
Three processes in restructuring + crisis	These processes are not of primary relevance within childcare in Finland (though they have some impact).
Specific questions/focus	Finland
Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)	<i>Do you intend to set up a LSN:</i> YES