

## 7.2 Preparatory classes

**STANDARD 33:** *Ensure access to and participation in the education system.*

**Indicator 33.1:** All unaccompanied children should have access to internal or external preparatory classes, including language classes, when necessary, in order to facilitate their access to and participation in the education system.

- **Additional remarks:** *Unaccompanied children need support, sometimes permanently, to become familiar with the education system and to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to actively participate in mainstream classes.*

**Indicator 33.2:** Internal or external arrangements, including infrastructure, curriculum, and trained staff, are in place to ensure effective preparatory classes in line with the needs of the children.

- **Additional remarks:** *Special attention should be paid to resources needed for an effective implementation of preparatory classes.*

### **Good practice on preparatory classes**

It is considered good practice to:

- ? provide for intensive language classes in line with the needs, levels of maturity and cultural background of unaccompanied children;
- ? provide for guidelines and criteria to assess skills and previous education of unaccompanied children for enrolment in school;
- ? raise awareness of teachers and educators, internally and externally, about specific needs and background of unaccompanied children.