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PIONEERED is an EU-funded project aiming to determine research-based policy measures and identify pioneering practices that mitigate inequalities across different education stages, as well as within formal and informal learning settings.

Immigrant children on average have lower chances of entering high-level upper-secondary educational tracks and of making successful transitions to dual vocational training programs.



The vocational training system in Germany had been praised as a reference model that promotes a smooth school-to-work transition providing access to stable and well-paid employments.

Initiative Bildungsketten [Education Chain Initiative] (2010):

Aims to facilitate a smooth transition from secondary to vocational training or work, particularly for students at risk of not completing a degree/training. The program connects career guidance programs and workshops with individual full-time and voluntary support services.

Education in Germany

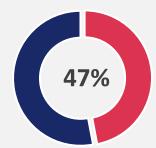
Reversing inequalities through policies

Primary and Secondary Education

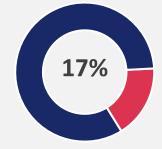
The three major **risk situations** for successful education of a child/young person:

- 1. Both parents are unemployed.
- 2. Both parents have neither completed vocational nor university entrance qualifications.
- 3. Household at risk of poverty.

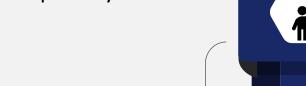
Percentage of students affected by risk situations (on the left):



Migrant origin



Without migration background



Early Childhood Education

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Nearly one in five children with migration background between 3 and 6 years old do not attend kindergarten in Germany, contrary to nearly all children without a migration background.

"Kitas-Einstieg" [Daycare Entry] (2017):

Aims to improve the integration of "hard-to-reach" families into ECEC using outreach activities to provide information and build trust (measures are designed locally). Evaluations of the program show that networking in the social space is especially important for reaching migrant families and reducing institutional discrimination.

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