International Early Learning and Child Well-being Study (IELS)

Timeline for the 2nd Cycle

April 2022 - January 2023

OECD appoints the International Contactor/Consortium

- Call-for-tender released (April 2022)
- Proposals evaluated (June 2022)
- Negotiations with preferred contractor/s (August December 2022)
- Contract with the preferred contractor is finalised (January 2023).

February - August 2023
Instruments are finalised for the field trial

- Instruments confirmed, revised or developed for the field trial, including any country-specific domains or items (February - July 2023)
- New or revised items are tested (March July 2023)
- Instruments and items are finalised for the field trial (August 2023).

June - December 2023
Country preparations for the field trial

- •Translations and national adaptations are completed, eg information for schools/ECEC centres, assessment scripts and questionnaires
- Voice-over recordings are completed
- Schools and/or ECEC centres are recruited for the field trial
- Study administrators are recruited and trained for the field trial.

January 2024 - March 2024 Field trial is implemented

- Study administrators administer the assessment
- Parents and teachers/ECEC staff complete the indirect assessments and contextual questionnaires
- Participating countries forward anonymised data to the International Contractor.

April - August 2024
Instruments are finalised for the main study data collection

- Results of the field trial are analysed (April July 2024)
- Any revisions to the instruments and/or protocols and procedures for the study are made (July - August 2024)
- Instruments are finalised for the main study data collection (August 2024).

June - December 2024
Country preparations for the main study data collection

- Translations are completed for any revisions to the information for schools/ECEC centres, assessment scripts and questionnaires
- Any changes required to the voice-over recordings are completed
- Schools and/or ECEC centres are recruited for the main study data collection
- Study administrators are recruited and trained for the main study data collection.

January - March 2025

Main study data collection

- Study administrators administer the assessment to 3,000 children
- Parents and teachers/ECEC staff complete the indirect assessments and contextual questionnaires
- Participating countries forward anonymised data to the International Contractor.

April 2025 - March 2026 Analysis and reporting

- Data analysis is completed
- OECD Secretariat prepares report/s, in consultation with participating countries
- International and country-specific launch events and associated media engagement accompany the release of the findings.

Note: Training and support is provided by the International Contractor throughout the cycle for the National Project Managers (NPMs) responsible for the study in each participating country.