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Table on recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies

Tableau sur les développements récents dans la mise en œuvre nationale des politiques de jeunesse

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Country / Pays:

Albania / Albanie

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Minister of State for Youth and Children

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Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

The National Youth Strategy of Albania 2022-2029 (NYC 22-29) is a strategic initiative targeting the empowerment and societal involvement of young people, in alignment with the Government's 2021-2025 Program, EU Youth Strategy, and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. It is structured around three main policy goals:

Active Youth Participation and Empowerment (Policy Goal 1): This policy emphasizes engaging youth in societal participation and enabling them to voice their opinions. Initiatives under this goal include:

- Establishment of the National and Local Youth Councils as platforms for youth empowerment and decision-making involvement.
- Conducting the "Youth 2030" Conference to review the first 8-month phase of the Strategy.
- The National Youth Agency's role in capacity-building through grant schemes for youth projects and youth infrastructure.

Innovation and Skill Development (Policy Goal 2): This goal fosters youth innovation and skills enhancement, particularly in ICT and digital fields, to improve employment prospects. Key programs include:

- The National Internship Program, offering internships and potential employment in public administration.
- The successful Coding Program, with 1285 participants in 2023, exceeding its initial target of 1000 participants, and its expansion in 2024.
- Education, Training, and Employment Fairs providing skills development and employment opportunities.

Youth Well-being (Policy Goal 3): Focusing on the physical, social, and mental health of youth, especially those at risk or marginalized, this goal involves:

- The Sports Teams in Schools Program, promoting a healthy lifestyle among over 10,000 children and youth.
- The After-School Program in 200 schools, offering diverse activities from arts to technology.

Recent developments from October 2023 to March 2024 also include launching the Youth Guarantee pilot scheme and initiating new youth centers and infrastructure for youth in various municipalities of Albania, through National Youth Agency's calls for Project-proposals from Local Government Units. The Strategy, endorsed by decision VKM no. 692 on 26.10.2022, outlines actions until 2029, ensuring a comprehensive approach to youth development in Albania.

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Armenia / Arménie

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Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport, Republic of Armenia

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Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

In 2022, mechanisms for ensuring the quality of state youth policy were developed and in 2023 were approved by the Order of Minister of ESCS launched. This tool was developed in accordance with the adequacy of youth policy goals, society's demands, the standards and priorities approved by RA, as well as the youth policy quality standards developed by the European Youth Forum, the Youth Policy Self-Assessment Tool developed by the Council of Europe, the "Youth Policy quality standards" guide developed by Youth Studies in 2018.

In the frameworks of 'The EU4Youth. the Student Democracy Now program. "The methodology of formation of self-organized groups in educational institutions" was approved by the Order of Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Armenia .

Since 2023, four youth centers have started their activities: In this period of time, those centers carried out 243 activities for identifying the potential of young people, developing their abilities, and organizing intellectual entertainment, with 2960 participants. The centers, without further additional funding, are committed to self-funding with the model of social entrepreneurship in the next 5 years to carry out various activities aimed at revealing the potential of young people, developing their abilities and organizing intellectual entertainment, for which they will provide periodic reports to the Ministry on a semi-annual basis.

Throughout 2023, Metsamor, the youth capital of the year, carried out a number of events to develop young people's abilities, increase information about opportunities for young people, including professional orientation courses, organization of a fair of youth opportunities, solemn celebration of the International Youth Day on August 12 etc. The city of Gavar in the Gegharkunik region of the Republic of Armenia was chosen as the youth capital of Armenia in 2024 out of 5 applicant cities on a competitive basis, including the calculation of the SMS voting of young people. All these programs were implemented by the support of international and local partners.

At the urging of the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Armenia, a number of partner organizations (including international organizations and local CSOs) consider the youth capital of the given year as an important place in their annual activities, and in particular, according to the already existing agreements, in 2024 in the Gavar community are planned to be:

- panel discussions (Project Harmony International Armenia),
- youth exhibitions-fairs aimed at identifying and solving youth issues (Project Harmony International Armenia),
- youth forums (Armenian Progressive Youth NGO),
- events dedicated to the International Youth Day (UN offices in Armenian).

In 2023 were also implemented.

Capacity building programs (10 programs in total)

Within the framework of 9 grant and 1 purchase tenders, 10 programs aimed at developing the abilities of young people were organized, as a result of which for 1165 young people from marzes (regions) of RA and Yerevan were implemented: programs on civic education, media literacy, financial literacy, first aid, healthy lifestyle, youth work, career guidance, social entrepreneurship, volunteerism promotion.

Awareness raising programs (7 programs in total).

Within the framework of 2 grant, 5 purchase tenders (including maintenance of two awareness websites - erit.am youth portal and antitrafficking.am websites) 7 awareness raising programs were organized. 2497 young people from RA different marzes and Yerevan participated in events aimed at presenting innovative ideas of young people, patriotism, democratic and civic participation, prevention of trafficking, raising information on corruption. The visibility of awareness websites erit.am and antitrafficking.am increased 2 times compared to 2022. For the youth portal erit.am, website interface changes have been made and various repositories have been added for research and publications.

It's notable that there were made some important changes in one of the target programs of MoESCS - "The program of Air ticket reimbursement to young people and groups" ; The purpose of the change in the order of the air ticket provided to young people is to bring it into line with the logic of the state youth policy, as well as to direct the allocated financial resources in the direction of increasing the index of involvement of young people and youth groups and more active participation in international platforms exclusively in youth events and programs. Currently, the provision of reimbursement of air ticket expenses for participating in cultural, scientific, scientific and technical and other field events has been removed from the draft order, in order to avoid repetition in case of similar regulations in other fields. Active awareness activities about the changed order are carried out through the Universities, TV stations and partners;

Collaboration

Taking into account the interest shown by some of the international and local partner organizations during the official format meetings in 2023 to jointly plan the upcoming sectoral events, the responsible department of on youth affairs organized a meeting to get acquainted with the sectoral programs to be implemented by the up mentioned organizations for the coming years and to avoid duplication and combine resources which were in youth fields, thematic events to jointly plan the upcoming things to do. As a result of the meeting, it became clear that these organizations have clear target points and in the near future they will carry out a number of important activities in parallel or jointly with the Ministry of Education and Culture: continuous development of the capacities of sector policymakers, trainings of youth workers, visits to exchange experiences, programs on youth capacity development, social entrepreneurship and etc.

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- By the way the project also provided support for the development of the draft Youth Law of Armenia by facilitating, in close collaboration with the ESCS Ministry, the organization of the workshop with the participation of the Working Group members. This workshop enabled active discussions involving public institutions and youth organizations on the key terms, definitions, and articles, which serve as the foundation for drafting the "Law on Youth Policy" of Armenia.

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Belgium Flemish community / Belgique communauté flamande

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Department Culture, Youth and Media of the Flemish Government

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21/03/2024

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Flemish youth minister Benjamin Dalle brought together 4 different Flemish decrees and streamlined them into a new youth decree. These four decrees are: 1. The Renewed Flemish youth and children's rights policy; 2. The subsidization of supra-local youth work, youth centers and youth work for special target groups, 3. The support and stimulation of local youth policy and 4. Additional subsidies for employment in the cultural sector (DAC). Specifically, the intention is to provide both a legal and substantive redesign of the regulatory framework. This process in which the youth sector is involved through participation moments began in the fall of 2021 and has been completed at the end of 2023.

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The Youth Decree is the core legislation concerning youth policy and youth work policy. This decree integrates and optimizes the above mentioned four former decrees. It serves as a framework to develop youth policy instruments and to support youth work organisations at the regional and subregional level in Flanders. Children's rights are a foundation of this legislation that is taken into account in all aspects of youth policy and youth work. Concerning youth work policy, the Youth Decree coordinates the procedures to apply for a total of eight types of focused subsidies, and to grant these subsidies. The attention to inclusive and exclusive activities, depending on children's needs, ensures that a wide range of youth work is supported.

The decree regulates the admission to (structural funding) and the structural funding of:

- o regional youth work organizations like youth movements, holiday camps, organizations in the field of cultural education or children's help lines,
- o professional youth work organizations that work with children with disabilities and with disadvantaged children at the subregional level,
- o structural cooperations between local governments in the fields of youth policy and youth work,
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The mid-term National Program for Youth Activities under article 10a of the Gambling Act (2023 – 2025) launched in March 2023 is in process of implementation. The main objectives of the program are to encourage youth engagement, participation and empowerment, to promote socially responsible behavior among young people, to develop youth activities and youth work; to encourage young people's creativity with regard to important topics such as prevention of risk behavior and different forms of addictions, protection of environment, promotion of health and environment-friendly lifestyle; to provide equal access to youth activities and services.

The Youth Report 2021-2022 was approved by the Council of Ministers and is now in process of review by the Parliamentary commissions pending its adoption by the Parliament. It monitors the changes and trends in the socioeconomic situation of young people and covers the following areas: education, employment, health and wellbeing, equality and inclusion, young people from small areas, awareness and digital skills, youth organizations.

Furthermore, The Ministry has established a working group, which includes various stakeholders, to draft a law on volunteering. The process is in its preliminary consultation phase with various stakeholders – civil society, NGO, other ministries and public institutions, etc.

Together with the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Youth and Sports established a working group to consider the possibilities and to prepare the documents for ensuring funds for the future existence and work of the 8 youth centers in Bulgaria established under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism after April 2024. The respective fund transfers in the amount of BGN 4 000 000 will be made from the state budget to the budget of the relevant 8 municipalities where the centers are located to ensure their future operation by the end of the year.

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Croatia /Croatie

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Central State Office for Demography and Youth

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08/04/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

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Cyprus / Chypre

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Youth Board of Cyprus

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

12/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

National Youth Strategy:

The Youth Board of Cyprus (YBC) is under preparations for the new National Youth Strategy with a horizon of 2030 which will also take into consideration the conduct of research to investigate the current situation of young people and the submission documenting policy proposals. A first document draft of the National Youth Strategy it is estimated to be ready till the end of 2024.

Youth Work:

The National Youth Working Group which is consisted by representatives of the Youth Board of Cyprus, the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth and the Cyprus Youth Council is continuing its work for developing a road map for the development of youth work in Cyprus. Furthermore, the YBC is continuing its closed cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport that is coordinating the project for the creation of mechanisms for the validation of non-formal and informal learning, including the set-up of the occupational standards for the youth workers.

Youth Participation:

Reinforcement of the General Advisory Body Group which is consisted of governmental organisations and is under the law of the Youth Board of Cyprus. The Youth Board of Cyprus is organising meetings with the Advisory Body Group in different topics and matters that are suggested by the NGOs and youth policies suggestions are carried out.

Additionally, the program "Young Cities" which has been launched in 2020 (a cooperation between the Youth Board of Cyprus and the National Betting Authority of Cyprus) is continuing its third cycle with new Municipalities and Communities. The program follows a bottom-up procedure that enables young people to have an active participation in their own local Authority. Another program, the Municipal and Community Youth Councils are current new developments since it is of great importance the participation of young people in the local society.

National Year of Youth:

Following a decision of the Council of Ministers, 2024 has been declared as the National Year of Youth where it aims to give visibility to youth issues either through the development of new initiatives or through highlighting existing ones that support young people in their personal, social, economic, and professional development in a green, digital and inclusive world. The Youth Board of Cyprus has been designated as the National Coordinator for the implementation of the National Youth Year 2024.

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Since October 2023, a significant progress in national youth policy making has been achieved.

The Ministry elaborated and approved "Introductory Report" which is a document that justifies the urgent need for developing a strategic document on supporting young people, analyzes the current state of play, outlines preliminary vision, and suggests recommendations for the whole process of developing National Youth Strategy 2025+. The most comprehensive part of the Report "Preliminary vision and its analysis" provides an overview of thematic areas that the state should address in relation to youth and gives a basic overview of what the youth agenda should contain. The preliminary vision is based on three proposed pillars of youth support: 1) development of the full potential of young people; 2) the young person's transition to adulthood; 3) support of youth participation. Coverage of these pillars will be further discussed with key stakeholders in round tables and within a three-level participatory structure (Council for Youth, Non-formal and Interest Education; National Working Group for Structured Dialogue with Youth; Youth Panel). The new Youth Strategy will mainly focus on identified gaps concerning youth support which are not covered by other public strategies. For this reason, Introductory Report also provides a basic overview of the regulatory framework and already existing public strategies that partially cover youth issues. As a result, Introductory Report also contains a summary of thematic areas of youth support, which are either completely or partially covered by current public strategic documents.

It is expected that the three proposed pillars will be discussed with relevant stakeholders in three roundtable discussion events in April 2024 and consulted with young people throughout the years 2024 and 2025 (see Youth Panel below). The Strategy should be approved by the Government in December 2024.

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The Ministry elaborated and approved "Introductory Report" which is a document that justifies the urgent need for developing a strategic document on supporting young people, analyzes the current state of play, outlines preliminary vision, and suggests recommendations for the whole process of developing National Youth Strategy 2025+. The most comprehensive part of the Report "Preliminary vision and its analysis" provides an overview of thematic areas that the state should address in relation to youth and gives a basic overview of what the youth agenda should contain. The preliminary vision is based on three proposed pillars of youth support: 1) development of the full potential of young people; 2) the young person's transition to adulthood; 3) support of youth participation. Coverage of these pillars will be further discussed with key stakeholders in round tables and within a three-level participatory structure (Council for Youth, Non-formal and Interest Education; National Working Group for Structured Dialogue with Youth; Youth Panel). The new Youth Strategy will mainly focus on identified gaps concerning youth support which are not covered by other public strategies. For this reason, Introductory

Report also provides a basic overview of the regulatory framework and already existing public strategies that partially cover youth issues. As a result, Introductory Report also contains a summary of thematic areas of youth support, which are either completely or partially covered by current public strategic documents.

It is expected that the three proposed pillars will be discussed with relevant stakeholders in three roundtable discussion events in April 2024 and consulted with young people throughout the years 2024 and 2025 (see Youth Panel below). The Strategy should be approved by the Government in December 2024.

Country / Pays:

Estonia / Estonie

Reference period / Période de référence:

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Education and Research

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

28/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

The Estonian Ministry of Education and Research is in the process of preparing major amendments to the Youth Work Act and Hobby Schools Act. Among other things, the proposed changes to the Youth Work Act relate to introducing mandatory qualification requirements for youth workers, introducing a national Youth Work Standard which will outline the minimum requirements for youth work services and activities in Estonia as well as changes to the requirements for organising youth camps and establishment of a national register of youth workers. As these are significant reforms, the process is expected to be completed and legislation passed by the parliament some time towards the end of 2025. In March 2024 a report of the study commissioned by the Ministry that analysed the experience of Malta and Wales in introducing qualification requirements in the youth sector as well as the experience of other related fields in Estonia that already had introduced mandatory qualification requirements (sports coaches, kindergarten teachers and child protection specialists) was completed. The results of this will be used to inform the policy reform to introduce qualification requirements for youth workers in Estonia and summary of findings will be translated also into English in the near future.

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Finland / Finlande

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Education and Culture

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

27/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

The Finnish Government decided on 21 March 2024 on the new National Youth Work and Youth Policy Program for the years 2024-2027. In the program, the Government defines its youth policy objectives and the measures to achieve them. The core target group of the program are young people aged 12-25. Ministry of Education and Culture has the overall responsibility for leading the work to improve the wellbeing of young people, in cooperation with several other ministries.

The preparation of the programme began with the Ministry consulting more than 7,000 young people and a large number of youth workers and other actors in the youth field, such as youth organisations, and also authorities in other relevant sectors. Based on the consultations, measures such as the prevention of social exclusion and young people's opportunities to participate in the discussion on climate change and biodiversity loss were selected as one of program's themes. Other key themes are the wellbeing of young people at school and educational institutions, low-threshold access to leisure activities, supporting mental health, improving opportunities for participation and exerting influence, and strengthening the sense of security, equality and communality among young people.

The Program also sets Finland's national objectives for European and international youth work for the following four thematic areas: young people's mental health, quality of youth work, strengthening participation and democracy and young people and climate change.

These objectives are in line with Finland's national youth policy objectives and they are promoted as part of the youth sector activities of the Ministry of Education and Culture in the European Union, the Council of Europe, other international organizations and transnational cooperation structures.

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Country / Pays:

France

Reference period / Période de référence:

October 2023 - March 2024 / octobre 2023 - mars 2024

Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministère de l'Education et de la Jeunesse

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

22/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

- Renforcer l'offre éducative périscolaire et extrascolaire
- Reconstitution du dispositif « Colos apprenantes », qui octroie, depuis 2020, un label aux organisateurs de séjours sur le temps des vacances scolaires (« colonies de vacances ») s'ils respectent un ensemble de critères éducatifs et de qualité. Le dispositif a déjà permis à 300 000 moins de 18 ans de partir (chiffres 2023).
- La poursuite des travaux de rénovation de la filière de l'animation
- Le nombre de brevets d'aptitude aux fonctions d'animateur (BAFA), pour devenir animateur socio-éducatif ou socio-culturel non-professionnel, a augmenté de 8,2% en 2023 (46 042 brevets délivrés en 2022, 49 806 en 2023). Cette hausse est notamment liée à l'abaissement de l'âge d'entrée en formation pour ce brevet de 17 à 16 ans, et à la mise en œuvre d'incitations financières pour passer ce brevet, prévus par le plan de renouveau de l'animation en accueils collectifs de mineurs (2022).
- Soutenir l'accès à la santé des jeunes
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- Favoriser l'autonomie des jeunes et l'égalité des chances
- Depuis le 1er janvier 2024, l'âge minimal d'obtention du permis de conduire a été abaissé à 17 ans (au lieu de 18 auparavant) dans un objectif d'autonomisation des jeunes (décret du 20 décembre 2023).
- Mentorat : en 2023, 160 000 jeunes ont été accompagnés dans le cadre du dispositif « 1 jeune, 1 mentor ».

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Country / Pays:

Hungary / Hongrie

Reference period / Période de référence:

October 2023 - March 2024 / octobre 2023 - mars 2024

Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

General Youth Department

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

28/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

The Youth Department translated the full text of the Recommendation. In April the Hungarian version of Recommendation will be available. There will be a memorial on International Roma Day.

We co-organized the Roma Youth Conference with the European Youth Centre of Budapest and the National Youth Council in 2023 and 2024. We organized a panel discussion on the recommendation and workshop on the themes.

The team of the Deputy State Secretariat for Youth, have proposed to invite organisations working with roma youth on a daily basis, to our Planned Forum which would encourage the dialogue of individual specialist areas and civil organisations. We believe that these organisation can most authentically represent their own interests, and that through a connection, they can become part of the vibrant circulation of youth life.

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Country / Pays:

Iceland / Islande

Reference period / Période de référence:

October 2023 - March 2024 / octobre 2023 - mars 2024

Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Education and Children

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

01/03/2023

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

The policy, Future- on youth and leisure work for children and young people 2030 was formally implemented in Iceland on 31st March 2022. The policy strategy is implemented with an action plan for three years at a time and it will be re-evaluated in 2025.

The policy aims to ensure all children and young people diverse and excellent youth and leisure activities guided by active participation. With the strategy, youth and leisure activities are based on proven knowledge and a solid operating base, is professional, safe, and accessible for everyone and the emphasis is on reaching marginalized groups and increasing their participation.

The government and society recognize the importance of youth and leisure activities and their educational, preventive, educational and recreational value.

The policy is about the purpose, content, organization and framework of youth and leisure activities of children and young people. Policy and objectives are set out for its main components. With the policy highlights the issues that are important to prioritize in the coming years to promote constructive progress in youth and leisure work for children and young people.

Some of the main goals are that all children and young people have right to participate in youth and leisure work and that there is a wide range of meaningful youth and leisure activities for children and young persons who has, among other things, social, preventive, educational and educational values.

As a part of a revision of the Youth Act no. 70/2007 work is currently underway on a new holistic law on youth and leisure activities, where, among other things, the activities of youth clubs for children and young people 10-18 years old and municipal youth councils will be statutory. The plan for a new law received a lot of very positive comments in the government's consultation portal.

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Country / Pays:

Italy / Italie

Reference period / Période de référence:

October 2023 - March 2024 / octobre 2023 - mars 2024

Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Department for Youth Policies and the Universal Civic Service

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

26/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

On 22 October 2022 Mr. Andrea Abodi was nominated Minister for Sport and Youth. The Department for Sports and the Department for Youth Policies and the Universal Civic Service of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers are his supporting structures.

The Update of the Economic and Finance Document 2023 (Nadef), which outlines the baseline scenario under existing legislation and the public finance targets for the 2024-2026, envisages a new law on youth and the Universal Civic Service which should be drafted in 2024. Even though the specifics are not available yet, the new law should encompass, among others, topics such as youth work.

As a first step in implementing a complete youth check, in 2021 Italy established a committee which oversees the impact of public policy on young people. The first set of guidelines was published in 2022. As of early 2024, a draft law envisages the introduction of a "generational impact assessment mechanism" which should evaluate ex-ante the possible impact of new legislation on young people, using the above mentioned guidelines as reference framework.

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Country / Pays:

Latvia / Lettonie

Reference period / Période de référence:

October 2023 - March 2024 / octobre 2023 - mars 2024

Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

26/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

Youth policy action plan 2023-2024 have been approved in end of Year 2023.

Amendments to the regulation of the Youth Advisory Council are currently being made. These amendments will strengthen the possibilities for participation of organisations and institutions represented in the Council. Amendments to the regulation are currently being submitted for approval by the Cabinet. The amendments are expected to be approved in April 2024.

The working group has concluded work on professional qualification requirements for a youth worker. 14 representatives of the youth field (including representatives of the Ministry) participated in the working group, which identified the most important duties for the youth worker. It is planned that professional qualification requirements will be approved by June 2024 and will be used for training of youth workers and the improvement of the quality of youth work. It was decided that a job description for youth affairs specialists should be established separately.

In the end of the Year 2023, the preparation of the Global Education Network Europe (GENE) report on Latvia, including in the field of youth, took place, which will provide support for the improvement of global education policy and practice.

Latvia has launched The Recovery and Resilience Facility project on digital youth work in municipalities.

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Ministry continues its work on amendments on Youth Law which was started in 2023. The draft law has been developed with the aim to strengthen qualification and professionalisation of persons involved in youth work and to oblige local governments to determine the authority responsible for youth work within their municipalities, to determine the concept of "youth worker" in the law and to strengthen the duties and rights of the Agency for International Programs on Youth.

December 2023, Jurmala city hosted the biggest Latvian pupils self-government forum "Engagement capacities and opportunities", bringing together 100 pupils and 50 self-government consultants from 50 different educational institutions in Latvia. The activity was implemented with the aim to strengthen the understanding among the members of the self-government on pupils' needs, representation of their interests, participation in decision-making thus facilitating active civic participation and to promote exchange of experience and possible long-term co-operation between different self-governments, as well as to identify the need for a National Pupils Council.

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Common quality framework for youth work in local governments. The framework is designed as a self-assessment tool that helps to capture the current situation in municipality and to identify the areas which should be developed further. The quality framework was created based on visits to municipalities carried out by the Ministry in 2021-2023, as well as the Guidelines for Children, Youth and Family development 2022-2027 and the State Audit Office's recommendations "Participation of residents"; a missed opportunity for taking qualitative decisions in municipalities" (2023).

On 18 October 2023, the Agency of International Programs for Youth, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science, organized a conference "Next step in youth work"; for growth". The conference gave opportunity to learn about the current situation in the youth field and to participate in workshops dedicated to knowledge on professionalisation, non-formal and formal education in youth work and different roles of youth workers.

Last Year was published a final report on "Development the concept on youth policy and youth work monitoring system", which includes various conclusions to improve youth policy and youth work, as well as a concept for future monitoring in youth policy and youth work. Also, for the first time, one of the directions of the national Research Programme "Education" is devoted to the field of youth.

A study on "Non-formal education offer in the field of youth work in Latvia" was carried out, based on the results of the study, an information campaign will be organised this Year in April in order to promote understanding of educational institutions and employers regarding certification of competences acquired through non-formal education.

The competition "Best in Youth Work 2023" gala awards ceremony was organised December 2023. This time terms and format of the tender and the application format were changed, facilitating the application process, which has resulted in a record number of applications.

"Law of the State Defence Service" was adopted in 2023, which applies to young people and adults aged 18-27.

In 2023, the State Audit Office carried out an audit of citizens' and in particular youth participation at local level. According to the Audit Local governments are advised to develop opportunities for youth participation, including youth policy development and involvement of young people in this process, regular data gathering and policy improvement according to current data, regular mobile work, as well as to improve the competences of employees involved in digital youth work.

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Country / Pays:

Lithuania / Lituanie

Reference period / Période de référence:

October 2023 - March 2024 / octobre 2023 - mars 2024

Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Agency of Youth Affairs

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

26/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

Agency of Youth Affairs priorities for 2024:

1. Promoting of young people's participation and intercultural learning through the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+ programmes;
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Luxembourg

Reference period / Période de référence:

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministère de l'Education nationale, de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse

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22/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

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Country / Pays:

Norway / Norvège

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and family affairs

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

19/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

Digital companion certificate.

The Directorate for Children, Youth and Families has launched a digital companion certificate. It is the Municipality's Central Organization that has developed the solution itself, which is now part of the citizen services. The solution has great added value for the municipalities, and not least all those who need a companion certificate to be included and participate on an equal basis with others. <https://www.bufdir.no/aktuelt/endelig-kan-du-fa-digitalt-ledsagerbevis/>

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Poland / Pologne

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Education

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28/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

- "Time for Youth" program - youth counselling points

The "Time for Youth" program - youth counselling points, offers young people access to services and information in at least 3 areas: employment, social assistance, psychological support. Additional areas of support include education, health, housing, legal and financial counselling. An important element of the tested models is the inclusion of practical forms of support (especially internships) and active outreach to young people with offers and information about support.

Youth counselling points are implemented by District Labor Offices operating in areas where the share of young people among the registered unemployed is particularly high. Youth counselling points for young people - the so-called one-stop shop - are intended to help young people steer their professional future well, by obtaining information and specific support also in other areas affecting employability. The program is implemented by the Ministry of Family and Social Policy.

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The program addresses, among other things: changes in the ways of youth participation in culture; the increase in emotional and social problems of children and young people as a result of pandemics - the weakening of social ties and polarization of value systems; the progressive digitization of many spheres of social life; the intensification of intercultural relations as a result of the mixing of groups with different cultural backgrounds.

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Portugal

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Youth and Modernization

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05/04/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

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Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova

Reference period / Période de référence:

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Education and Research & National Youth Agency

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

28/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

The main policy documents approved in the last 6 months are the following:

- The Government Decision for the approval of the Youth Center operation framework regulation, was approved on December 6, 2023. This normative act is very important for ensuring the functionality of the Youth Centers, as well as it will create the basis for the development of other policy papers related to institutional development and increasing the quality of the youth programs provided.
- The Order of the Minister of Education and Research regarding the Regulation on the organization and operation of Student Councils (November 2023) and the Order related to the Assistance Program for the Student Councils strengthening (December 2023). According to the provisions of these orders, the National Youth Agency is responsible for coordinating this program. This is the first time for the youth sector that a public entity in the youth field is officially designated responsible for the development of Student Councils (at the school level), until now this process was ensured by entities in the field of education, in cooperation with the youth sector.
- The initiative to create a Social Innovation Youth Center (Youth HUB) was launched. The center's mission is to create a coworking space dedicated to youth organizations whose mission is to catalyze social innovation by incubating youth organizations and providing programmatic, strategic, administrative and/or financial services/programs. The Government allocated a building to the National Youth Agency, which is being renovated and provided for the establishment of the Youth Hub.

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Romania / Roumanie

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

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Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

It is important to mention that starting from January 2022 the responsibilities of the old Ministry of Youth and Sports were taken over by the newly established Ministry of Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities.

Between October and December 2023, the "StudentInvest" and "FamilyStart" programs had a consolidated implementation. These programs were aim to facilitate the access of young people and families to resources necessary for personal and professional development, improving the transition from school to work, employability, stimulating professional training and employment, updating skills needed on the labor market.

The StudentInvest program is addressed to young people between 18-31 years old, has an educational character, focusing on increasing access to higher education programs, reducing tertiary education dropout, as well as unemployment among young graduates. Through this program, an estimated number of 4,500 students can benefit from a loan worth a maximum of approximately 15,000 EUR.

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Serbia / Serbie

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Ministry's name / Nom du ministère :

Ministry of Tourism and Youth

Date of submission / Date de soumission:

27/03/2024

Recent developments in the national implementation of youth policies/ Informations sur l'évolution récente de la mise en œuvre des politiques de jeunesse au niveau national:

Youth Strategy in RS for the period from 2023 to 2030 and Action Plan 2023-2025

During the 2023, legal framework related of Youth policy in Serbia was strengthened by the adoption of a new Youth Strategy in the Republic of Serbia for the period from 2023 to 2030 and accompanying Action Plan for the period from 2023 to 2025.

Public open calls

2023 - For the implementation of the Youth Strategy in 2023, Ministry of Tourism and Youth (MTY) conducted five public open calls in the field of youth policy in the first half of 2023. In total, 167 projects (of youth organizations/organizations for youth, alliances, and local governments) were approved and MTY had allocated 268 million dinars (around EUR 2.3 million) for the financing of the realisation of all five specific goals of the Strategy for Youth. From total 167 supported projects, 20 projects have activities focusing on Belgrade, while 147 projects cover other parts of Serbia, which is of high importance in order to support development of youth policy out of the capital. All the projects are finalised and collecting all projects' final reports is ongoing.

Mental Health - In October and November 2023, MTY opened Public Call for the development and implementation of youth policy and activities aimed at the mental health of young people in local communities, and allocated financial resources in the total amount of 26,600,000.00 RSD for two selected projects. The projects are still ongoing and are focusing on improving the availability of programs to preserve the mental health of young people with the use of youth work resources, youth offices and spaces for young people through youth education programs to improve mental health, development of mental health counseling and psychological support and help services outside health institutions.

At the National Conference on Youth Mental Health, held in the city of Novi Pazar from 28-30 November, MTY signed the Statement of Intentions for the establishment and improvement of cooperation in the field of development and implementation of youth policy and activities in the area of youth mental health in 10 LSGs. At the conference, MTY also signed a Protocol on cooperation with the Ministry of Education in the field of preventive work for the protection of mental health and safety of young people, the professionalization of youth work through the system of formal and informal education, career guidance and counseling of young people, support of young people from categories at risk of social exclusion, the development of aesthetic and digital competences and creativity, the preservation of health, especially mental and reproductive, the development of healthy and safe lifestyles and the creation of conditions for easier financial and housing independence of young people.

2024 - In January 2024, MTY opened four new public calls for programs and projects of public interest in the areas youth sector. Youth associations, youth associations and their alliances, as well as local self-government units that have an established Local youth office, have the right to apply. The results of the selection process should be publicly announced in April 2024. The selected projects will be implemented during 2024.

Unique database of youth organizations and associations is maintained by MTY For the purpose of organized and systematic monitoring in the areas of the youth sector and the youth policy. Until December 31, 2023, all together 1,881 associations and unions were registered (990 youth organizations, 861 organizations for youth, 28 associations and two umbrella associations). This database is particularly important since only those organizations that are registered, can apply for the allocation of funds from the state budget intended for the realization of public interest in the field of youth.

National Youth Council

The Youth Council (established in 2014) has a total of 44 members, 16 of whom are youth representatives. In January 2023, there was an open call for young people (15-30 years old) to apply and take part in the work of the Youth council. Council, whose main task is to encourage and harmonize activities related to the development, realization and implementation of youth policy, propose measures for its improvement, as well as propose measures for harmonization and coordination of the activities of Ministries and other authorities responsible for youth policy, has the obligation to meet at least once a year. During 2023 (till October 2023), three sessions of the Youth council were held as well as two joint sessions with the Council for monitoring the implementation of UN human rights recommendations.

Local Youth Offices and Youth Spaces

Local youth offices and youth spaces, where various non-formal education programs are implemented, are certainly one of the priorities of the youth policy. Currently, 144 local self-government units in Serbia have functional Local youth office. In 2023, the process of (re)construction of four larger youth centres in different cities in Serbia had started. Till this moment (mart 2024), two of them (in Subotica and Sombor) are finalised and the other two (in Novi Pazar and Nis) are still in the process of preparation.

Youth Guarantee

MTY, together with other relevant institutions, above all the Ministry of labour, employment, veteran and social affairs and National Employment Service as the leading body, is in the process of programing the Youth Guarantee program, which will be financed from the Operational Program IPA III 2024-2027. YG is an initiative that is already implemented in all EU countries, giving excellent results. The main idea is to offer NEET young people (young people who are unemployed, out of education or training) a job, additional education or internship within 4 months.

The role of MTY is especially in the phase of reaching-out of inactive youth, which will be achieved through cooperation with Local Youth Offices and CSOs working with youth. It is expected the OP to be signed at the second half of 2024. The Implementation Plan of YG as the Pilot phase is approved and signed in December 2023 and from January 2024 the activities have started. The Outreach model for the pilot phase was presented in December and the final version was adopted in January 2024.

Council of Europe

The Ministry of Tourism and Youth is an active member of the European Steering Committee for Youth and the Joint Council on Youth - Assistant Minister Ms. Ivana Antonijević is a member of the European Steering Committee for Youth and actively represents Serbia in this body. MTY maintains active communication with the relevant actors of the Council of Europe and responds to inquiries, delivers the necessary imputations, reports, contacts, etc. Assistant Minister Ivana Antonijević participated in the European Youth Conference, in the frame of the 10th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue in Ghent (Belgium) in March 2024, and from April 8-10 she will participate in 72nd meeting of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and 50th meeting of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) which is held in The Youth Center in Budapest (Hungary).

Global Education Week

MTY participates in the Ilegend II cycle of the Council of Europe program as a member of the North-South Centre network and strengthen its position as national coordinator for global education at the national level together with Center for Youth Work (CZOR) as CSO coordinator. MTY, together with the CZOR, coordinated the organization of the GEW 2023, which was held from November 13-19 2023,

under the name Peace for the Planet, Planet of Peace. A joint online info session with Croatia was held in October, followed with promotional and coordination activities. In addition to MTY and CZOR, the High School of Economics from the City of Uzice and the Achievements of Youth in Serbia also participated in the initiative. GEW was also promoted at the GIZ Youth Forum. Activities happening as part of GEW 2023 in Serbia included street actions to raise awareness of global education goals, workshops and lectures for young people, a competition for young people, an online campaign, etc. Number of participants directly involved in activities was 340 in total. Representative of MTZ will participate in The Global Education Network Annual Meeting and the Global Education Thematic Seminar 2024, happening in Malta from 16-18 April.

International partners

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During the 2023, legal framework related of Youth policy in Serbia was strengthened by the adoption of a new Youth Strategy in the Republic of Serbia for the period from 2023 to 2030 and accompanying Action Plan for the period from 2023 to 2025.

Public open calls

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National Youth Council

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Local Youth Offices and Youth Spaces

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- "Türkiye Volunteerism Summit" and a program themed "Earthquake" were organized on 1-7 December 2023 as part of the 5 December International Volunteer Day.
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- E-Guidance System: E-Guidance system is an online guidance system designed for supporting the career and professional development processes of youth by taking the characteristics, interests, values, skills and capabilities of them into consideration. Test development work on this system has been complemented and it is planned to be make available for youth during 2024.
- Our Ministry provides service to 952.024 students across the country through 842 dormitories belonging to the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- Our Ministry provides service to all the young people of our country free of charge through 490 youth centers located in the 81 provinces of Türkiye.
- 1.700 youth leaders (youth workers) perform duty at the youth centers.
- Number of members of youth centers has increased to 3.843.153.
- As of March 2024, 365 youth offices are in service.
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The Ukrainian Youth Fund, a state-funded institution authorized to support youth projects and implement certain youth policy tasks, is prepared for operation.

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The National Volunteer Platform is operating to promote volunteering and raise the culture of volunteering among young people.

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