



# Shaping youth policy in practice

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**Faro**

**EU-CoE**  
**Youth partnership**

**Portuguese**  
**delegation**

# Portuguese team





# Youth work and recognition

## *background*

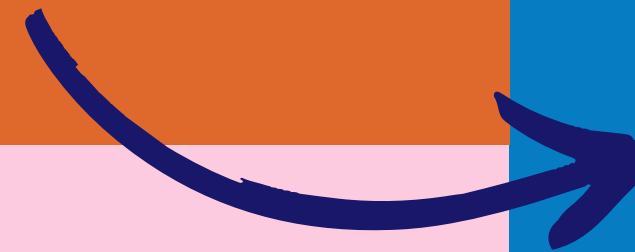
- State of Art of Youth work in Portugal
- Recognition of the professional profile

## *main goals*

- align the PT Youth work agenda with CoE Youth Work recommendation (2017) and the Bonn process
- Improve the recognition of the professional profile

**2015: creation of the Professional Profile for "Youth worker"**

**Main inspiration:  
Council of Europe  
Youth Work Portfolio**  
<https://rm.coe.int/1680699d85>



**Portuguese  
State of Art**

**definition based on objectives, qualifications,  
competencies and training profile**

**inclusion in the National Catalogue of  
Qualification**

# How to get the Certification?



High school:  
3 years (10th-12th school year)  
level IV  
professional certification

RVCC (Recognition,  
Validation, Competences  
Certification)  
long life learning

# “Youth worker”

## Certificates between 2015 to 2023

- 145 issued in professional courses
- 185 issued in EFA (Adults' education and training)
- 32 issued in RVCC processes



**362 total of certificates  
issued**

**(in 8 years gives an  
average of  
45 certificates per year)**

**In 2023:  
looking back  
and reflection**

- **Is the profile attractive enough?**
- **Is its formula updated and valid?**

- **Should the certification be compulsory to work in the field of youth?**
- **Does it respond to the real needs of the target group?**



**“Shaping Youth  
Policy in Practice”  
arrived in the right  
moment**

# Strategy

**Rethink and reshape the offer:**

**1) improve and update the “Youth worker” profile - level IV**



**2) create the “Youth worker” profile - level V**



# Strategy

- **to increase qualifications of our youth workers and those professionals working with and for youngsters**
- **to provide tools aiming to develop competences answering effectively to the actual problems, needs and interests of youngsters and youth organisations**



# Team

IPDJ  
APPJ  
CNJ  
FNAJ

# Stakeholders

ANQEP  
Experts  
Youngsters  
Youth organisations



# Approach

Explore  
other  
European  
experiences

to learn,  
to compare,  
to share  
ideas...



...to collect  
failures and  
successes

# Approach

Meetings  
with national and  
international  
Experts  
in the field

get in touch with:

- new  
tendencies and  
challenges in  
the field of  
youth work



- educational  
systems, curricula,  
frameworks and  
disciplinary areas

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# Results achieved so far

**Review of the  
competences  
framework  
certification  
level IV**



**Shaping of the  
competences  
framework  
certification  
level V**

# Connection to wider youth policy goals



**PT context:  
Level V for the  
“Youth worker”  
profile is included in  
the Youth Work  
National Strategy**

**EU context:  
follows the CoE  
portfolio and aligns  
with its  
recommendation  
and with Bonn  
Process**

**aiming at contribute  
for a better  
qualification in the  
sector and improve  
the impact of the  
work with and for  
youngsters**

# Highlights and things to celebrate

*remembering our "main goals":*

- align the PT Youth work agenda with CoE Youth Work recommendation (2017) and the Bonn process
- Improve the recognition of the professional profile





# What's left?



**Formal recognition by  
the National  
educational system**



**ANQEP**

**work in progress...**



**Obrigado.**