

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

Key priorities for youth policies answers on  
**Information**



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### **1 Information services**

#### **1.1 Legal framework of the youth information service**

- no explicit national legal framework of youth information in Germany, youth information mainly task of federal states (Laender) & municipalities (Kommunen) - right to freely access information put down in article 5 of the Constitution, one of basic rights of each citizen; - legal rules providing for comprehensive array of actions within the field of child/youth services set down in Social Code Volume Eight (SGB VIII) Child & Youth Services; §§ 1/11 define obligation by state to provide information; youth information as part of youth counselling one of the priorities of youth work - institutions working in youth information mainly follow topics/standards set by European Youth Information & Counselling Agency (ERYICA); services base on European Youth Information Charter

#### **1.2 Youth information points**

##### **1.2.1 Number of youth information points at national level**

0 *information points (national level)*

##### **1.2.2 Number of youth information points at regional level**

58 *information points (regional level)*

#### **1.3 Are information services free of charge?**

	public	private
free of charge	yes	no

#### **1.4 Youth portals**

##### **1.4.1 Number of national youth portals**

11 *youth portals (national)*

##### **1.4.2 Number of regional youth portals**

21 *youth portals (regional)*

#### **1.5 What are the contents of the information delivered**

education, employment, further education, school & school exchange, studies, training, friendship, health, living, love, partnership, international youth work, media education & youth protection, child & girl abuse, environment, gender, funding, rights, social issues, violence, policy, Europe, events,



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spare time, culture, mobility, sports, travelling, vacation, addresses for further information

## 2 Access for young people

### 2.1 Number of young people using the information services

N/I *persons*

#### 2.1.1 Number of young people using the information services by age groups

	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
number of persons	N/I	NI/	NI/	NI/	NI/	NI/

#### 2.1.2 Number of young people using the information services by gender

male	female
- <i>persons</i>	- <i>persons</i>

#### 2.1.3 Number of young people using the information services by rural-urban

rural	urban
- <i>persons</i>	- <i>persons</i>

### 2.2 Number of young people visiting the national and regional youth portals

N/I *persons*

### 2.3 Is there any mobile information service?

yes ~~no~~

Description

Mobil für Kinderfreundlichkeit (www.kinderfreundlichkeit.de) run by Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk (Children's Charity of Germany, www.dkhw.de). Directed at children & young people (8 & 14 years), children & youth beyond that age group also welcome. Van tours through Germany. Employees talk to children/young people, parents/all adults & especially listen to the needs/worries of children/ youth. Mobile information service on youth relevant topics offered by joint project #webmobil# (www.jugend-mobil.net) in Greater Region (German-speaking Community Belgium, Luxemburg-North, Region Trier)

## 3 Ensuring quality of information

### 3.1 Number of universities that offer courses on the delivery of youth



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## information

### 0 universities

#### 3.1.1 Names of universities

University courses concerning youth information are not offered so far.

#### 3.2 Number of training centres specialised in youth information

N/I

#### 3.3 Number of information points that are following ISO quality standards

N/I

#### 3.4 Number of information points that facilitate career guidance

N/I

#### 3.5 Existing monitoring systems on the quality of information dissemination

Such monitoring systems do not exist so far. The Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) supports the co-operation of experts in youth information on national level & provides funds for a yearly panel meeting, the work of three steering groups (training & further education, quality management, participation in youth information) and an internet platform directed at experts in youth information. The entire process is co-ordinated by a network of actors in the field of youth information. More info and details: [www.jugendinfonet.de](http://www.jugendinfonet.de) The Youth Information Charter developed by ERYICA was translated into German & distributed to all youth information centres (YICs) & decision makers & published in specific press. It is used by most of the YICs as an orientation to check the quality of information but was not formally signed by state authorities.

## 4 Participation by young people in information

#### 4.1 Number of publications by young people

N/I *publications*

##### 4.1.1 Publications by young people by age groups

	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
<b>publications</b>	N/I	N/I	N/I	N/I	N/I	N/I

##### 4.1.2 Number of publications by young people by gender

male	female
- <b>publications</b>	- <b>publications</b>

## 4.2 List of the existing mechanisms to involve young people in information making

There are two important organisations organised by young people themselves: Young Presse Germany (Jugendpresse Deutschland, [www.jugendpresse.de](http://www.jugendpresse.de)) & Resource Centre Youth Participation (Servicestelle Jugendbeteiligung, [www.jugendbeteiligung.info](http://www.jugendbeteiligung.info)). Provide information by young people & for young people. Support of participation of young people in information making & its dissemination mainly up to the Regional Youth Councils & local/community youth work. Further existing mechanisms (examples): national & regional youth portals, online-communities: - [www.netzcheckers.de](http://www.netzcheckers.de) - national youth portal run by IJAB where young people can actively take part in information making (chats, up-/download of photos, online-diaries, etc.) - [www.youthreporter.de](http://www.youthreporter.de) - web portal by German National Agency YOUTH, asks young people to write reports, short stories, essays, any other about certain subjects defined on the website - [www.projekt-p.de](http://www.projekt-p.de) - participation platform for young people; youth magazines (online &/or print) made by young people for young people: - [www.schekker.de](http://www.schekker.de) - online magazine run by the federal government, articles about politics & society - [www.fluter.de](http://www.fluter.de) - youth magazine by Bundeszentrale fuer politische Bildung, articles about politics & culture - [www.yaez.de](http://www.yaez.de) - youth magazine; other mechanisms: radio programmes ([www.dasding.de](http://www.dasding.de); [www.jugendradio-nrw.de](http://www.jugendradio-nrw.de)).

## 4.3 List the existing mechanisms to involve young people in dissemination of information

The Federal Initiative #Young people to the net# (Jugend ans Netz, [www.jugend.info](http://www.jugend.info)), aimed at stronger networking of youth information/counselling services, was finished at the end of June 2006. The youth portal [www.netzcheckers.de](http://www.netzcheckers.de), formerly run by the Federal Initiative, providing information relevant for youth & facilitating participation of young people in information making & dissemination, keeps going, run by IJAB. Peer Education is also one of the mechanisms that are used to involve young people in the dissemination of information. In Germany it has not yet reached the dimension it has got in Great Britain or the USA. Examples for peer education projects: - Project Europeers, [www.europeers.de](http://www.europeers.de), dissemination of information on Europe & possibilities to be active in - Juniorteam Europa, [www.fgje.de/was/juniorteam/index.htm](http://www.fgje.de/was/juniorteam/index.htm), information on European integration for young people provided by young people

## 4.4 Recent developments that have been made to include young people in the creation and dissemination of information

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