

# 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**

Youth policy, including youth information, is mostly decentralised to the local level. The legal framework for this will be the Social Support Act (coming into effect 1 January 2007). The objective of the Act is to enable everyone in the Netherlands to take part in society. Under its provisions: # Local authorities will be required to assist those who require additional support in their day-to-day lives. # Support will be given to volunteers and carers who actively contribute to the neighbourhood or society in general. # Support will also be given to those who promote social involvement in the community. # Pre-emptive support will be provided. Under the Youth Care Act, provinces are responsible for youth care. A number of municipalities and some provinces operate youth information centres. The national Association of JIP#s (Vereniging JIP#s) operate [www.jip.org](http://www.jip.org) with information for young people, with some scope for interaction. This network is a non-governmental initiative.

#### **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**

*2 information points (regional level)*

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

	public	private
free of charge	yes	yes

#### **1.4 Youth portals**

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

*4 youth portals (national)*

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

*± 9 youth portals (regional)*

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



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There are nine central themes: sex, work, drugs, law, money, living, school, free time and information on e.g. youth exchanges, internships abroad. [www.jip.org](http://www.jip.org).

## 2 Access for young people

No answers available

## 3 Ensuring quality of information

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

0 *universities*

#### 3.1.1 Names of universities

Within the higher education, some (indirect) attention might be paid to youth information, e.g. in: Culturele en Maatschappelijke Vorming (Cultural and Social Education) and Sociaal Pedagogische Hulpverlening (Social Pedagogical Assistance).

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

0

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

0

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

0

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

Information policy in the Netherlands is a decentralised responsibility. At national level, Quia (Quality Information and Advice for Children and Youngsters, [www.quia.nl](http://www.quia.nl)) has an (unofficial) role with regard to quality control. Quia is member of the Association of Youth Information Centres (Vereniging JIPŽs). They have developed quality criteria for the dissemination of high-quality information. These are derived from the European Charter on Youth Information. Information materials and services are regularly tested at the reliability and accessibility by youth themselves, who received trainings to do so.

## 4 Participation by young people in information

### 4.1 Number of publications by young people

NA *publications*



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#### 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>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

male	female
NA <i>publications</i>	NA <i>publications</i>

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

- The participation of young people in youth information is important. Also at the policy formulation level within central government. The National Youth Council (Nationale Jeugdraad), the main representative body of young people, is an important partner in this respect - Peer to peer information on schools and by trainings - Through posters, internet youth is invited to participate in youth information (e.g. Eyrica-Eurodesk-Eyca.net)

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

The National Youth Council is involved in the dissemination of information for and by youth.

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

There are no recent developments to include young people in the creation and dissemination of information.