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1 Information services

Information services are available both online and offline. Online information is available at www.jauntneslietas.lv

Offline information is provided at the Youth Initiative centres in various cities, regions and districts.

1.1 Legal framework of the youth information service

Legal framework of the youth information service is discussed within the State programme on youth. In 2007, the concept of the youth portal was developed and methodical guidance was elaborated. The portal was opened on November 29, 2007.

1.2 Youth information points

1.2.1 Number of youth information points at national level

1 youth information point at national level.

1.2.2 Number of youth information points at regional level

30 youth information points.

1.3 Please list the areas covered by youth information in your country

Culture, employment, leisure time, European voluntary work, youth organisations, health issues, job and safety.

1.4 Number of information points that facilitate individual career guidance

26 career information centres.

1.5 Are information services for young people free of charge?

Career information service is free of charge.

1.6 Youth portals

A Youth portal that is recognised as youth information service by the national authorities in Latvia is the youth portal www.jauntneslietas.lv.

1.6.1 Number of national youth portals

At least 3, but there are more web pages of different organisations.

www.jauntneslietas.lv, www.ljp.lv, www.jaunatne.gov.lv,

1.6.2 Number of regional youth portals

At least 7, but there are more web pages of different organisations, schools etc.

1.7 What are the contents of the information delivered (education, employment, health, etc.)?

There are portals where most information is about leisure time, culture, different cultural events (www.hc.lv, www.rideit.lv). There is one portal which is aimed at student population. In this portal information on education, leisure time, culture, employment, sports etc. are available (www.studentnet.lv). It is planned that in 2008 there will be opened a new portal for school-age young people. There is also one new portal for young people on employment, training and practice (www.prakse.lv).

The regional portals mostly deliver information on education, leisure time, sports, culture, and different projects.

2 Access for young people

2.1 Number of young people using the information services

Data not available.

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

During one month of existence of the national Youth portal www.jaunatneslietas.lv it was visited 28042 times or by about 5655 persons per week (400 - 500 daily visits).

2.3 Is there any mobile information service?

There are no mobile information services.

3 Ensuring quality of information

3.1 Please list the universities that offer courses on the delivery of youth information (if any)

There are no universities that offer courses on the delivery of youth information.

3.2 Number of training centres specialised in youth information

No training centres specialised on youth information.

3.3 Number of information points that are following quality standards (e.g. ISO, EIRYCA Charter, national standards

There has been no assessment for ISO 9000 or ISO 14000.

3.4 What existing monitoring systems are there on quality of information dissemination?

No monitoring systems exist on quality of information dissemination.

4 Participating by young people in information

4.1 Number of publications by young people provided by the information services

There are publications by young people provided by the information services, but there are no statistics on the exact number of such publications. The whole magazine "*Neformālis*" ("*Non-formal*") is written only by youth.

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

There are three mechanisms to involve young people in information making:

- Youth actively participate in the youth portal by writing information and comments;
- Youth prepare and publish information in the Newsletter of the Latvian Youth Council (LJP);
- youth prepare a magazine "Non-formal" ("Neformālis"), a magazine about informal education, NGOs and young people and which is financed by the Ministry for Children and Family Affairs.

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

The magazine "Non-formal" ("Neformālis") is financed by the Ministry for Children and Family Affairs.