

The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

Key priorities for youth policies answers on
Voluntary Activities



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1 Statistics

1.1 Different types of voluntary activities that exist for young people

	Voluntary activities	Voluntary service	Civic service
Exists?	No	No	No

1.2 Number of young people who engage in voluntary activities

Total Number	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Female	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N/I <i>persons</i>

1.3 Number of young people who engage in voluntary service

Total Number	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Female	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N/I <i>persons</i>

1.4 Number of young people who engage in voluntary service abroad (excluding European Voluntary Service)

Total Number	N/A <i>persons</i>
Total Female	N/A <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N/A <i>persons</i>

1.5 Number of young people who engage in national voluntary civic service

Total Number	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Female	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N/I <i>persons</i>

1.5.1 Number of young people who carry out their service period abroad

Total Number	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Female	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N/I <i>persons</i>

1.5.2 Is the national voluntary civic service open to young people from outside the country?

Yes ~~No~~

1.5.3 If yes, number of young people from outside the country participating in your national voluntary civic service

Total Number	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Female	N/I <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N/I <i>persons</i>

1.6 Clarification of the statistics used

N/I

2 Range of voluntary activities

2.1 Voluntary activities engaged in by young people and approximate number of people involved

	Exists?	Number
a. Community activity	Yes	N/I
b. Participation/self-governance	Yes	N/I
c. Emergency response	Yes	N/I
d. Community peacekeeping	No	N/I
e. Social assistance	Yes	N/I
f. Personal assistance	Yes	N/I
g. Children and youth	Yes	N/I
h. Environment	Yes	N/I
i. Human rights, advocacy and politics	Yes	N/I
j. Economic justice	No	N/I
k. Development aid	Yes	N/I
l. Humanitarian aid	Yes	N/I
m. Religious volunteering	Yes	N/I
n. Education	Yes	N/I
o. Arts/culture	Yes	N/I
p. Sports	Yes	N/I

	Exists?	Number
g. Recreation	Yes	N/I

Other voluntary activities

N/I

3 Finance

3.1 Amount of finance that is annually available for voluntary activities and allocation of this finance

Total : N/I

Explanation

N/A

3.2 Sources of finance

State, municipalities, participation fees, corporate enterprises e.t.c.

4 Main Actors

No answers available

5 Legal basis/legislation for voluntary activities in general and for young people in particular

5.1 Legal status of volunteers

Yes, volunteers taking part in organized bodies are covered by the laws of the organization in their activities.

5.2 Taxation/tax exemptions for volunteers and volunteer organisations

In general volunteer organizations are taxed in the same manner as limited liability companies.

5.3 Existence of social protection of volunteers

Volunteers within the sports movement are covered by an agreement with the insurance companies. Other volunteer organizations can buy separate insurances at their own decision.

5.4 Legal situation of unemployed young people participating in voluntary activities

N/I

6 Programmes



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6.1 Programmes and plans on volunteering (national, regional, local)

A number of programmes are implemented by youth organizations, municipalities and others.
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7 Relationship between different types of voluntary services

7.1 Relationship between military service, civilian service, civic service and voluntary service

There is no military in Iceland.

7.2 Perspectives for the creation of a voluntary civic service in countries where it does not exist

We have a network of voluntary rescue units all around Iceland. Almost all of them have youth programs.

8 Development of voluntary activities, including standards/instruments aiming at securing and enhancing quality in voluntary activities

8.1 Recent (this year) developments in the area of voluntary activities

N/I

8.2 What are the trends concerning the range of voluntary activities?

~~Increasing~~ ~~Decreasing~~ Stable

Explanation

N/I

8.3 Description of quality standards used in voluntary activities

N/A

8.4 Description of measures to improve the quality of voluntary activities for young people

N/I

9 Removing obstacles to young people's voluntary engagement



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9.1 The facilitation of young people's voluntary engagement

In certain cases your engagement is approved into your assessment in primary school and secondary school.

9.2 Recent (this year) measures to remove obstacles to young people's volunteering

Recently a network of municipality operated centers for 16 to 25 year old has been established in several municipalities around Iceland. Their objectives is amongst other to be an information channel for young people promoting voluntary cultural activities and exchange programs. <http://www.hitthusid.is/EN> Municipalities have recently developed active involvement of young people towards democratic decision making. Municipalities have also been active in building networks and umbrella organizations for youth organizations.

9.3 Existing obstacles

N/I

10 Promotion of voluntary activities for young people

10.1 Information channels and contacts for voluntary activities of young people

Young people receive information on voluntary activities through various media. The main actors in promoting voluntary activities are all the non- governmental organizations working in the field of youth, special youth information centres, NGO's, ministries, municipalities.

10.2 Promotion activities for voluntary activities

Municipalities have recently developed active involvement of young people towards democratic decision making. Municipalities have also been active in building networks and umbrella organizations for youth organizations.

10.3 Initiatives to promote voluntary activities among young people from disadvantaged backgrounds

N/I

11 Recognition of voluntary activities of young people

No answers available

12 Co-operations and networks, exchange of volunteers, transnational and international cooperation



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12.1 Networks who promote voluntary activities of young people

U.M.F.I. Red Cross National Organization of Youth Clubs Youth Cultural and Information Centres
Scandinavian Cooperation of Party Political Youth Scout Organization I.O.G.T. Religious
movements B.I.S.N. I.N.S.I. B.I.F.

12.2 Exchange of information, experience and good practices

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Cultural and Information Centres Scandinavian Cooperation of Party Political Youth Scout
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12.3 Exchange for young volunteers: at all levels (transnational, national, regional, between communities)

N/I

12.4 Collective volunteering projects

12.4.1 Collective volunteering projects (where large numbers of volunteers jointly assist in cultural or sporting events, or where they help in humanitarian/natural disaster situations)

Description of projects (including future projects)

N/I

Details of programme/project

N/I

12.4.2 Possibilities for involvement of international volunteers in these projects

N/I

12.5 International solidarity volunteer service

12.5.1 International solidarity voluntary service in the EU and the world (e.g. in human/natural disaster situations, civil protection, humanitarian aid, development assistance, capacity-building etc.)

N/I

Details of programme/project

N/I

12.5.2 Major NGOs and/or NGO platforms active in the field of international solidarity service in non-EU countries



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N/I

12.5.3 The degree of involvement of the government/state institutions in supporting international solidarity service in non-EU countries

N/I

13 Studies & Surveys

No answers available