

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

Key priorities for youth policies answers on  
**Voluntary Activities**



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## **LITHUANIA, 2006**

### **1 Statistics**

#### **1.1 Different types of voluntary activities that exist for young people**

	Voluntary activities	Voluntary service	Civic service
<b>Exists?</b>	Yes	Yes	No

#### **1.2 Number of young people who engage in voluntary activities**

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

#### **1.3 Number of young people who engage in voluntary service**

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Total Number</b>	89 <i>persons</i>
<b>Total Female</b>	62 <i>persons</i>
<b>Total Male</b>	17 <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	No	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
<b>q. Recreation</b>	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/I

### 3.2 Sources of finance

N/I

## 4 Main Actors

### 4.1 Main actors of voluntary activities of young people

Governmental actors

N/I

Non governmental actors

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

### **5.1 Legal status of volunteers**

No, there is not.

### **5.2 Taxation/tax exemptions for volunteers and volunteer organisations**

By Resolution No. 1511 of 13 December 2001 (as amended by Resolution No. 207 of 11 February 2003) the Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the Conditions and Procedure for Performance of Voluntary Work. This Procedure regulates voluntary works performed at one's free will and without remuneration. The form of the agreement on performance of voluntary work is also approved.

### **5.3 Existence of social protection of volunteers**

By Resolution No. 732 of 24 May 2002 the Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the Procedure for Compensation of Expenses of Persons Performing Voluntary Work.

### **5.4 Legal situation of unemployed young people participating in voluntary activities**

No legal acts are approved.

## **6 Programmes**

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

Measures of implementation of the Government Programme of the Republic of Lithuania for 2006-2008 approved by Resolution No. 1020 of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania of 17 October 2006 provide for the measure To Draft and Implement the Programme for Promotion of Public Spirit, Morality and Voluntary Activities of Children and Youth through Youth Organisations and Organisations Working with the Youth and Traditional Religious Communities. The period of implementation of this measure is by the fourth quarter of 2007. By Resolution No. 1511 of 13 December 2001 (as amended by Resolution No. 207 of 11 February 2003) the Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the Conditions and Procedure for Performance of Voluntary Work. This Procedure regulates voluntary works performed at one's free will and without remuneration. The form of the agreement on performance of voluntary work is also approved. By Resolution No.



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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

No relation.

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

N/I

## 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

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

Increasing ~~Decreasing~~ ~~Stable~~

Explanation

Number of young people involved through EVS was 122 in 2005 and 135 in 2006.

### 8.3 Description of quality standards used in voluntary activities

N/I

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

The project of the Lithuanian Voluntary Activity Network is intended directly for Lithuanian youth non-governmental organisations and the youth in general. This project has been especially useful for members of regional youth organisations. The project encouraged discussion about volunteerism both among the youth and in the public, the culture of volunteerism was popularised,



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the youth was informed about opportunities offered by voluntary activities and encouraged to use them. Materials of the project were systemised and published on a CD distributed to various institutions and organisations. After the end of the project Lithuanian Voluntary Activity Network the following proposals were presented: &#61607; To improve legislation in order to create more favourable conditions for voluntary activities, better regulation and regulation of voluntary work; &#61607; To create economic conditions for volunteerism, to support voluntary activities in order to promote development of volunteerism contributing to the improvement of the public welfare and economic growth; &#61607; To create social conditions for volunteerism seeking to create more favourable conditions for development of the culture of volunteerism; &#61607; To change the attitude of the public/the youth in order to raise public/youth awareness of opportunities and benefits offered by voluntary activities; &#61607; To recognise experience of voluntary activities as a valuable part of development of young people through informal education evaluating skills acquired when carrying out voluntary activities and practical skills developed that complement formal education.

## 9 Removing obstacles to young people#s voluntary engagement

### 9.1 The facilitation of young people#s voluntary engagement

In 2005-2006 the Council of Lithuanian Youth Organisations (hereinafter referred to as the LiJOT) carried out a project Lithuanian Volunteer Activity Network. This was the first proactive step towards implementation of the recommendations of the European Commission in the field of youth volunteering work. It promoted volunteer activity at the national level. The project contributed to the public spirit raising, provided an opportunity to the youth residing in regions of Lithuania to familiarise themselves with the activities of youth organisations from large cities and acquire various work experience in the NGO sector which is very useful to promote active and organised activities of the youth in Lithuanian regions.

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

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### 9.3 Existing obstacles

Lithuania lacks volunteer-friendly environment: the legislation does not provide proper regulation of voluntary activities, there are no favourable economic conditions for development of volunteer activities, there are no favourable social conditions for development of volunteer culture, the public



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opinion of volunteer activities is not favourable, the public lacks information about opportunities and modes of volunteer activities and how these opportunities can be used. Lithuania demonstrates a lack of cooperation between public governance institutions and the non-governmental sector to create and support a proper structure of volunteer work. There is no system that would cover: &#61607; Training of volunteers (training methodology, qualified specialists training volunteers, etc.); &#61607; Organisation of volunteer work (a functioning network of organisations accepting people for volunteer work; qualified specialists coordinating volunteer work in a specific organisation; promotion of volunteer activities, etc.); &#61607; Orientation of knowledge acquired during volunteer activity towards professional/job skills when solving problems relating to choice of profession or finding a job; &#61607; A system of evaluation and legalisation of voluntary activities (that would provide social protection for volunteers, with volunteer activities being taken into account as an alternative to other activities, improving of the insurance system with regard to voluntary activities).

## 10 Promotion of voluntary activities for young people

### 10.1 Information channels and contacts for voluntary activities of young people

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### 10.2 Promotion activities for voluntary activities

EVENTS In 2005-2006 the YICA focused on quality assurance of organisation activities and projects. Training courses were organised for new host organisations, training courses for new sending organisations were held, and internal trainings were organised in 4 host organisations. Preparatory trainings and evaluation seminars are constantly organised for outgoing and incoming volunteers (the total number # 37 trainings courses and seminars). The YICA in cooperation with partners constantly carries out information activities. In April 2005 Vilnius hosted the EVS information day. The Youth Programme and the European Voluntary Service were presented at 24 events for the youth and people working with the youth. The Agency staff took active part in the implementation of the LiJOT project Lithuanian Volunteer Activity Network and the project on dissemination of voluntary service of the association of former EVS volunteers Saltes. As a part of the Lithuanian Volunteer Activity Network financed by the YICA, on 29-30 April 2006 the conference Volunteer Network in Lithuania: Need and Prospects was held in Vilnius. On 8 December 2006 the EVS volunteers and sending, host and coordinating organisations will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the European Voluntary Service Programme. Providing for the possibility to promote volunteer activities in Lithuania, on 3 December 2004 the State Youth Affairs Council and the Council of Lithuanian Youth Organisations initiated a conference Does a Young Person Need Informal Education? The conference participants analysed the development of informal education and possibilities in Lithuania.

### 10.3 Initiatives to promote voluntary activities among young people from



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## **disadvantaged backgrounds**

N/I

# **11 Recognition of voluntary activities of young people**

## **11.1 Initiatives for recognition 'good practices'**

N/A

## **11.2 Measures of societal recognition**

On 17 October 2006 the International Youth Prize Programme was presented. His Royal Highness Duke of Edinburgh participated in the ceremony. In Lithuania the Programme is coordinated by the Youth International Cooperation Agency. The International Award for Young People is a self-education programme widely recognised all over the world intended for young people aged 14-25 who participate in voluntary activities. Participation in the Programme is voluntary and flexibly adjusted to meet personal experience and possibilities of young people. One of the four components of the Programme is voluntary services to local community (for example, help for elderly people, help in teaching children, collection of funds for charity, first aid, care for animals, etc.). December the 5th is celebrated as International volunteers' day.

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

## **12.1 Networks who promote voluntary activities of young people**

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## **12.2 Exchange of information, experience and good practices**

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### 12.3 Exchange for young volunteers: at all levels (transnational, national, regional, between communities)

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## **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**

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**

### **13.1 Recent surveys or research on the topic of voluntary activities**

N/I