

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

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



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## **TURKEY, 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	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 1.6 Clarification of the statistics used

N/A

# 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/A
b. Participation/self-governance	Yes	N/A
c. Emergency response	Yes	N/A
d. Community peacekeeping	Yes	N/A
e. Social assistance	Yes	N/A
f. Personal assistance	Yes	N/A
g. Children and youth	Yes	N/A
h. Environment	Yes	N/A
i. Human rights, advocacy and politics	Yes	N/A
j. Economic justice	Yes	N/A
k. Development aid	Yes	N/A
l. Humanitarian aid	Yes	N/A
m. Religious volunteering	Yes	N/A
n. Education	Yes	N/A
o. Arts/culture	Yes	N/A
p. Sports	Yes	N/A

	Exists?	Number
<b>q. Recreation</b>	Yes	N/A
Other voluntary activities		
Gender issues		

## 3 Finance

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

**Total** : N/A

Explanation

The certain amount of finance for voluntary activities is not clear since they are funded by a wide number of sources.

### 3.2 Sources of finance

Most of the voluntary activities are funded by NGOS (foundations, associations, organizations) and by the Ministries

## 4 Main Actors

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

Governmental actors

Ministry of Interior executes volunteer service legislation and manages non-governmental organizations. The Department of Associations and Organizations within the Ministry regulates the content and the procedures of the NGOs at the national and international levels. Besides the Ministry operates the local voluntary services in terms of Municipal activities.

(www.icisleri.gov.tr) The Ministry of Health operates the voluntary services within the Turkish Red Crescent Society in a wide range in cooperation with other national and international organizations. (www.saglik.gov.tr, www.kizilay.gov.tr) Both The Prime Ministry General Directorate of Youth and Sports and the Ministry of National Education operate many youth voluntary activities. (www.gsgm.gov.tr, www.meb.gov.tr) National Agency have training, implementation and exchange programs in the field of voluntarism. (www.ua.gov.tr)

Non governmental actors

Most of the NGOs in Turkey have voluntary services, voluntary activities and/or voluntary education programs in cooperation with the related Ministries and organizations and they take the advantages of young volunteers. Among them Community Volunteers Foundation(CVF) can be considered as the biggest. CVF has realized more than 800 local and national projects, has provided 595 trainings to its volunteers, opened 4 Youth Service Centers and 3 Local Coordination Centers, and provides 397 university students with scholarships with the active participation of young volunteers and assistance of adult volunteers so far(www.tog.org.tr). The other is



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Educational Volunteers Foundation (TEGV) and their mission is to provide non-formal educational opportunities for children and youth in need, currently serving the non-formal educational needs of over 150,000 children and young people (aged 6-16) throughout Turkey. It works with up to 2,780 volunteers annually. The foundation aims to enhance personal potential, attitudes and community values in youth, by providing effective training programs for young volunteers working with less-privileged children and youth throughout Turkey, and the opportunity for young people to practise life skills by participating in non-formal mentored programs for children throughout Turkey. ([www.tegv.org.tr](http://www.tegv.org.tr))

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

### 5.1 Legal status of volunteers

The Ministry of Internal have a Regulation for the Voluntary Activities within Municipal Services. This regulation applies for many other voluntary activities. Volunteers can not be under the age 12 and until the age of 18, permission from the parents is required. In some cases, specific health reports is required.

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

No specific tax exemption in the existing system.

### 5.3 Existence of social protection of volunteers

No specific social or health insurance in the existing system.

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

N/A

## 6 Programmes

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

N/A

## 7 Relationship between different types of voluntary services

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

Military service is obligatory in Turkey. Every 18 years old men has to register for the army as a civilian. Specific exceptions can be made such as the health problems or the educational reasons.



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

N/A

## 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/A

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

Increasing ~~Decreasing~~ Stable

Explanation

As the number and the quality of the NGOs are increasing, the range of voluntary activities is increasing too. An important factor can be seen as the practices in the process of integration with the EU. The trainings and the implemantations within the programs of national agency extended the value, contenct and the number of the voluntary activities.

### 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/A

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

No answers available

## 10 Promotion of voluntary activities for young people

No answers available

## 11 Recognition of voluntary activities of young people

No answers available

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

No answers available

## **13 Studies & Surveys**

No answers available