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QUESTIONNAIRE

“VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES”

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1 Statistics

1.1 Which types of voluntary activities exist in your country for young people?

Voluntary activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Voluntary service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Civic service <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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1.2 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary activities per year, totals and by gender. In case the statistical information covers a different age group than 13 to 30 years old, please indicate the source and which age group is covered.

N.I.

1.3 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary services in your country per year, in totals and by gender

N.I.

1.4 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary service abroad (excluding European Voluntary Service), totals and by gender.

N.I.

1.5 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in national voluntary civic service, where it exists. Provide total and gender specific numbers.

N.I.

1.5.1 Number of young people from the ages of 13 and 30 who carry out their service abroad. Provide total and gender specific numbers.

N.I.

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

Tick box

1.5.3 If yes, provide total and gender specific numbers of young people (13-30 years old) from outside the country participating in your national voluntary civic service.

2 Range of voluntary activities: Tick the voluntary activities engaged in by young people and then indicate the approximate number of people involved.

3 Finance

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

The finance that is available for voluntary activities is not always clear, as some organisations support voluntary and commercial or public services at the same time. In other cases the financial reporting is non-public or considered as a trade secret.

- *Indicate with a 'star' ('*') if the financial data is also used for other (e.g. commercial) services.*
- *Indicate with a 'plus' ('+') if the financial data doesn't cover all voluntary activities.*
- *Explain the calculation method in the comments field*
- *Describe other (commercial and public) services that are also covered by this money*
- *In case the financial data doesn't cover all types of voluntary activities describe which activities are covered by this data*

N.I.

3.2 Main public and private sources of finance

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

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4 Main actors of voluntary activities of young people (all levels: national, regional, local, e.g. Ministries, organisations, etc...with description of main activity, contact person, address, telephone and fax number, e-mail, website)

4.1 Governmental actors

No Governmental actors

4.2 Nongovernmental actors

Red Cross, Rescue squads, Scouts

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

5.1 Is there a specific legal status for volunteers or are they assimilated to other categories of people (students, workers, trainees etc?)

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

5.2 How are volunteers and volunteer organisations taxed? Are they conceded tax exemption?

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

5.3 Describe if volunteers are protected by social or health insurance, or if their activities are recognised by the pension system.

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

5.4 Legal situation of unemployed young people participating in voluntary activities

How is the legal situation of unemployed young people participating in voluntary activities

N.I.

6 What Programmes and plans are there in your country on volunteering (national, regional, local)

A number of programmes are implemented by youth organizations, municipalities and others.

7 Relationship between different types of voluntary services

N.I.

7.1-What is the relationship between military service, civilian service, civic service and voluntary service in your country?

Iceland has no military

7.2 If a voluntary civic service does not exist, are there plans to create one? Please provide a description.

There is 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 Does a strategy (plan) for the development of voluntary activities of young people exist in your country? If yes, please give a short description.

N.I.

8.2-Which other means, measures and instruments does your country apply in order to develop the voluntary activities of young people?

N.I.

9 Removing obstacles to young people's voluntary engagement

9.1 How is young people's voluntary engagement facilitated?

In certain cases one's engagement is approved into his assessment in primary school and secondary school

9.2 What obstacles still exist?

N.I.

9.3 What recent (this year) measures have been taken to remove obstacles to young people's volunteering? (legal, administrative measures, etc...)

N.I.

10 Promotion of voluntary activities of young people

No information available

10.1 Information channels and contacts for voluntary activities of young people (organisations, links, contact persons, etc...)

No information available

10.2 Promotion activities for voluntary activities (events, support for promotion actions, contact persons)

Describe what type promotion activities for voluntary activities are used and the way these activities are implemented.

Additionally describe which types of promotion are used to promote which types of voluntary activities, if applicable.

Municipalities have recently developed active involvement of young people towards democratic decision making. They 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

Describe what type promotion activities for voluntary activities are used and the way these activities are implemented.

Additionally describe which types of promotion are used to promote which types of voluntary activities, if applicable.

N.I.

11 Recognition of voluntary activities of young people

11.1 How (by which means) are voluntary activities of young people recognised?

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N.I.

11.2 Do certificates on the voluntary activities of young people exist?

No

11.3 By whom are the voluntary activities of young people recognised

N.I.

11.4 Does society as such recognise voluntary activities of young people? If so how (by which means)?

N.I.

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

12.1 Co-operations and networks in favour of voluntary activities of young people at all levels (international, European, national, regional, local) with short description of the networks, their members and activities; description of how they enhance the development, facilitation, promotion and recognition of young people's voluntary activities

U.M.F.I.

Red Cross

National Organization of Youth Clubs

Youth Cultural and Informaton 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 What are the possibilities for exchange for young volunteers: at all levels (transnational, national, regional, between communities). Give information and contact addresses

LÆF (Landssamband æskulýðsfélaga) = Icelandic Youth Council [www.youth.is]

The aims of LAEF are to encourage co-operation of Icelandic youth organizations, to work for their common goals, to encourage and promote youth activities and youth issues, to represent Icelandic youth organizations abroad, to have friendly relations with youth organizations all over the world, and to work for international causes of young people. The main task of the Council is to arrange informative and co-ordinating conferences and meetings. Within LÆF there are also task groups working on different topics. Only democratic nongovernmental organisations that are nationwide organizations and put their main emphasis on work with young people from 6 to 25 years old can become members of LÆF.

Other:

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

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Please describe collective volunteering projects that take place this year.

N.I.

12.3.2 Are there any possibilities for involvement of international volunteers in these projects?

Please describe.

N.I.

12.4 International solidarity volunteer service

12.5 Does an international solidarity volunteer service (e.g. in human/natural disaster situation, civil protection, humanitarian aid, development, assistance, capacity-building etc.) exist?

N.I.

12.5.1 Please list some major NGOs and/or NGO platforms active in the field of international solidarity service in non-EU countries

N.I.

12.5.2 Please describe in how far the government/state administration is involved in organising, supporting and implementing international solidarity service in non-EU countries.

N.I.

13 What recent surveys or research has been carried out on the topic of voluntary activities?

N.I.