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# THE CURRENT STATE OF YOUTH POLICY





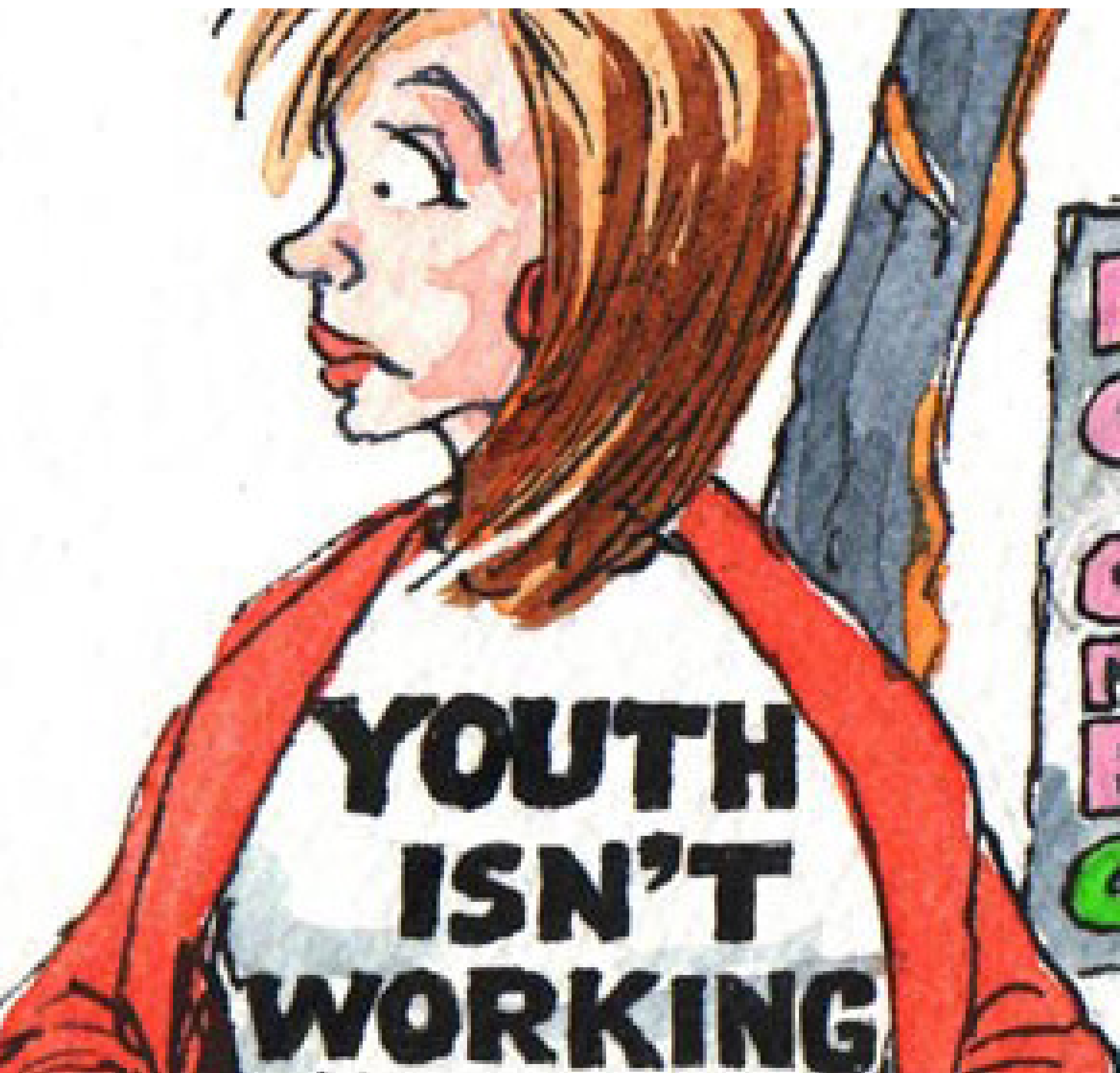






KEEP YOUR COINS,  
**I WANT  
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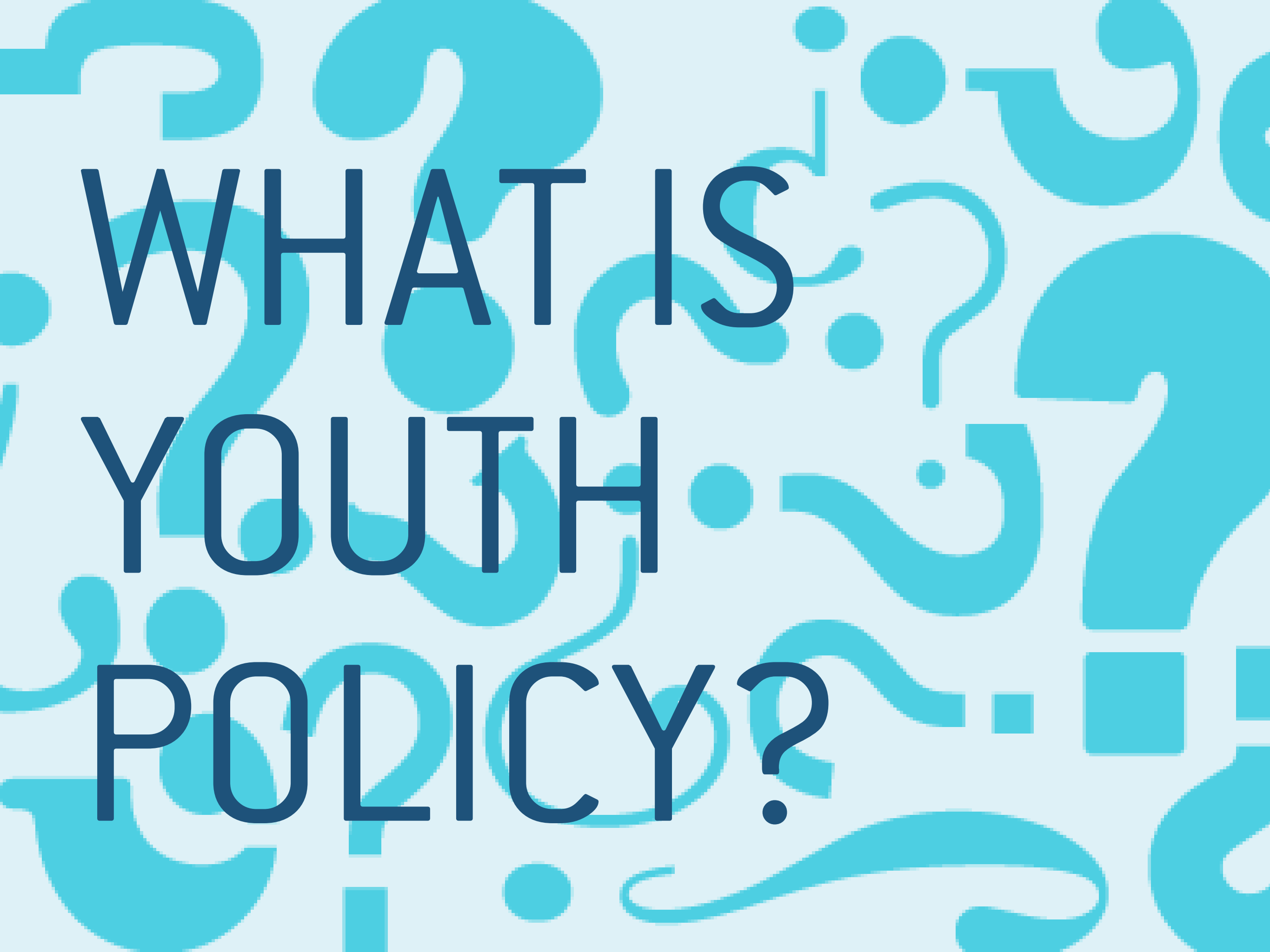






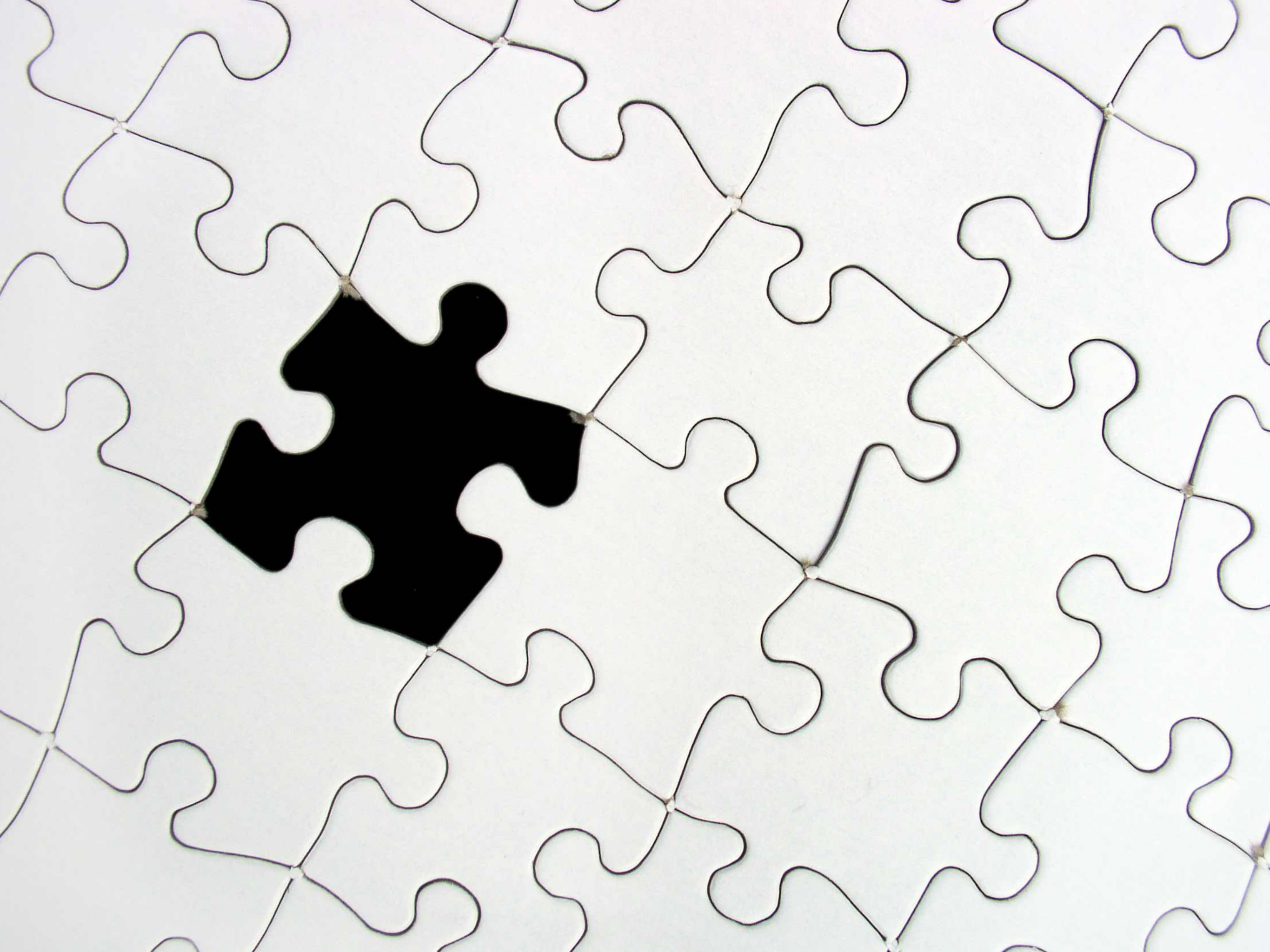






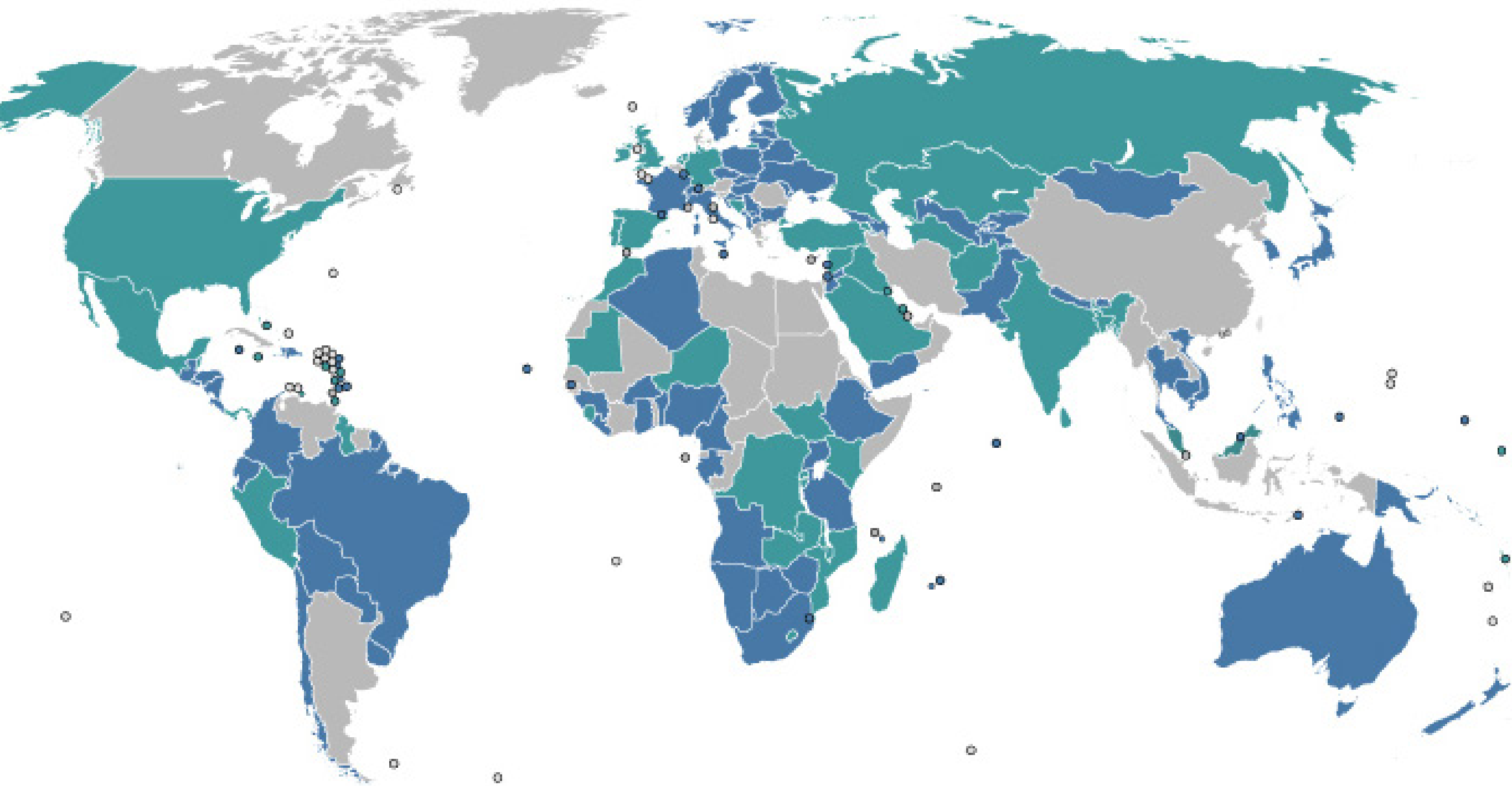
# WHAT IS YOUTH POLICY?







Of 198 countries, 99 (50%) have a current youth policy. A further 56 (28%) are revising their existing national youth policy or are, in a few cases, developing their very first national youth policy. 43 states (22%) have no national youth policy (yet).













NATIONAL  
YOUTH  
POLICY



PUBLIC  
POLICIES  
EFFECTING  
YOUTH

THERE ALWAYS IS A YOUTH POLICY.

EITHER

ON PURPOSE

OR

BY NEGLECT

IT'S (Y)OUR CHOICE.





WHEN WE SAY YOUTH POLICY, WE MEAN:

ALL PUBLIC POLICIES WITH AN IMPACT  
ON YOUNG PEOPLE — WHETHER ON  
PURPOSE OR BY ACCIDENT — AND THE  
SYSTEMS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO  
DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, MONITOR &  
ASSESS THESE PUBLIC POLICIES.



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National  
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VISION



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**Long-term vision: 10-15 years**

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**Medium-term plan: 3-5 years**

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**Short-term action: 1-2 years**



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## Youth needs

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Which needs will young people have next?

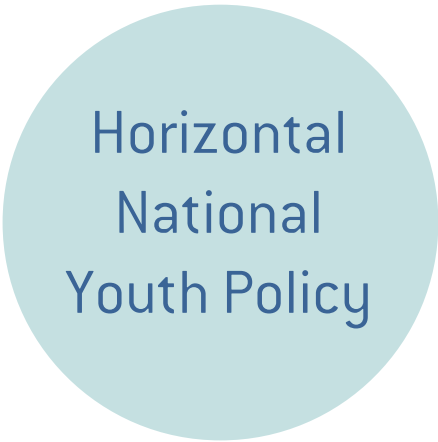
Which of these needs are neglected most?

## Youth wellbeing

What keeps young people from being well?

Which policy effects hinder their wellbeing?

Which neglected policy areas do the same?




Horizontal  
National  
Youth Policy



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The diagram consists of two circles. The left circle is light blue and contains the text 'Horizontal National Youth Policy'. The right circle is a darker shade of blue and contains the text 'Specific sectoral youth policies'. A faint, light blue arrow points from the left circle to the right circle, indicating a flow or relationship between the two policy levels.


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- Top Left: Horizontal National Youth Policy
- Top Middle: Specific sectoral youth policies
- Top Right: Authorities for Youth at all governmental levels
- Bottom Left: Consistent youth legislation
- Bottom Middle: (Empty)
- Bottom Right: Cooperation between authorities at all levels

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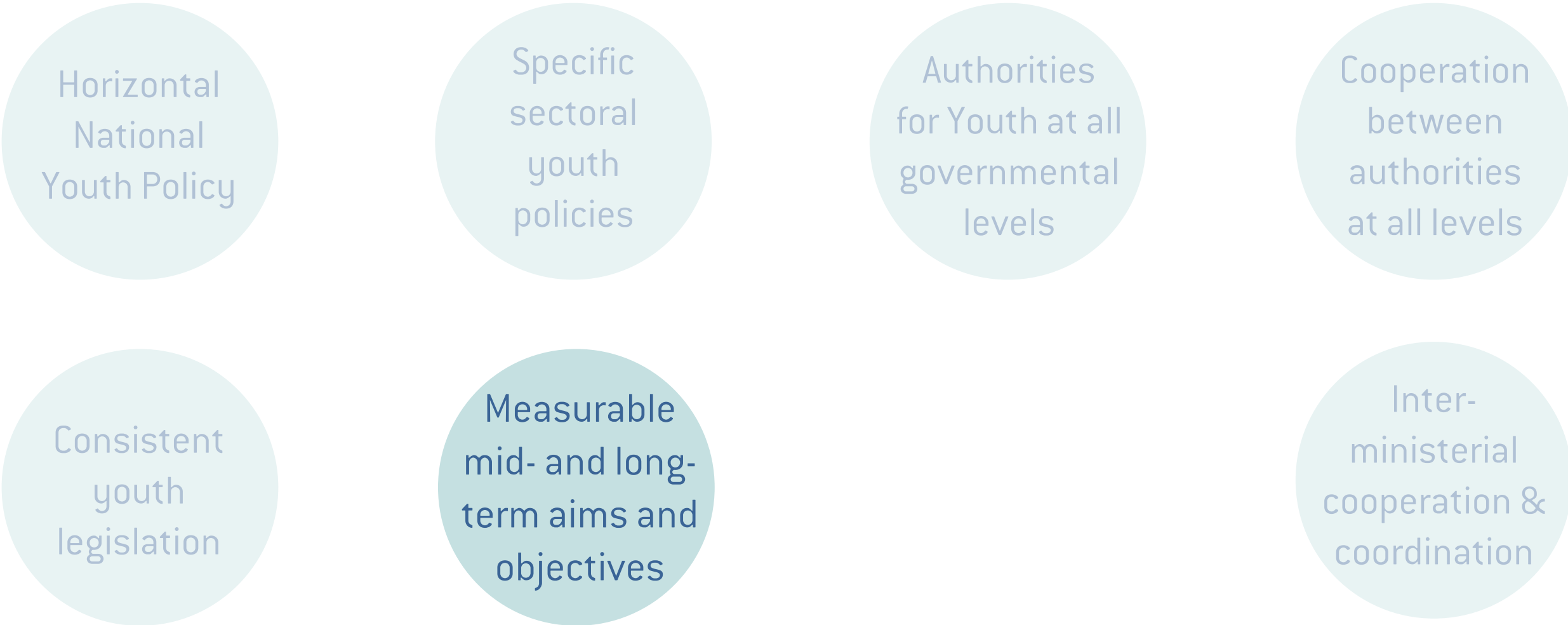
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**Either concept** Where do they support youth policy systems?  
Where to they fail in youth policy systems?  
Where do they break youth policy systems?