



Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Tourism and Youth

GROWING YOUTH WORK IN EUROPE

YOUTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT - SUPPORTING NATIONAL PROCESSES

SERBIA'S EXPERIENCES IN JOINT WORK WITH THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH WORK AND PUBLIC POLICIES

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MAIN ACTORS IN YOUTH POLICY

LEVEL	AUTHORITIES	BASIC DOCUMENTS/YOUTH	BODIES FOR STRUCTURED DIALOGUE	CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
NATIONAL	<p>National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Government (MTY + ministries responsible for specific areas within the youth sector)</p>	<p>Law on Youth (2011)</p> <p>Youth Strategy in the Republic of Serbia for the period from 2023 to 2030 and action plans</p> <p>Number of other governmental strategies important for youth</p>	Youth Council	<p>Key actors:</p> <p>Umbrella Organization of the Youth of Serbia</p> <p>Union of Scouts of Serbia</p> <p>National Association of Youth Work Practitioners</p> <p>National Association of Youth Offices</p>
PROVINCIAL	Provincial administrative body responsible for youth	Action Plan for Youth Policy in Vojvodina	Youth Council of the Vojvodina	Youth organizations and associations
MUNICIPAL	City / municipal administrative body responsible for youth	City/Municipal development plan Local Strategy/Action plan for youth	City / Municipal Youth council	Youth organizations and associations

LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK IN YOUTH FIELD

- Law on Youth 2011
- Youth Strategy in the Republic of Serbia for the period from 2023 to 2030
- Provincial and Local strategies/youth action plans

Their implementation also contributes to the achievement of EU, CoE and UN youth strategies and sustainable development goals



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YOUTH COUNCIL

- Established in January 2014 by the Government of Serbia;
- Chaired by the Minister of Tourism and Youth;
- 44 members (representatives of ministries, provincial administrative body responsible for youth affairs, youth organizations and organizations for youth, youth offices, representative of national minority councils, experts) of which 40% are representatives of young people

Main task: Proposing measures to the Government for improvement of youth policy in the Republic of Serbia.



COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTORS IN GROWING YOUTH WORK

- Participation of the non-governmental sector in Working Groups for the drafting of strategic documents and laws
- Participation of youth representatives from the NGO in the work of the national Youth Council and in and in local youth councils
- Support of the Ministry to the NGO in applying to international donors with projects that improve youth work, their implementation and promotion
- Joint advocacy of NAPOR and the Ministry for the recognition and professionalization of youth work by other authorities on all levels and promotion of youth work
- Cooperation of non-governmental and governmental sectors and researchers in the application of data-based policy principles in youth work

Synergy in the successful implementation on the EYWA

COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTORS IN GROWING YOUTH WORK

- researches and projects -

- **Measuring impact in youth work- mission (im)possible!**
<http://www.napor.net/sajt/index.php/sr-yu/medjunarodni-projekti/mission-im-possible-impact>
- **COACH+** <http://www.napor.net/sajt/index.php/sr-yu/medjunarodni-projekti/coach>
- **Comparative analysis of the National Youth Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2015–2025 and international and national strategies/programs in the field of youth policy**
<https://mto.gov.rs/extfile/sr/1231/comparative-analysis-of-the-national-youth-strategy-of-the-republic-of-serbia-2015-2025-and-international-and-national-strategies-and-programs-in-the-field-of-youth-policy-2021-converted.pdf>
- **Youth entrepreneurship, NEET employability and youth career management skills in Serbia**
<https://mto.gov.rs/extfile/sr/1213/wbyl-youth-entrepreneurship-eng-finalno.pdf>
- **Support to NAPOR in activities for establishment European Youth Workers Alliance with other alliances of youth workers in Europe**

**Key documents for youth work have been translated into Serbian language:
Final Declaration EYWC, EU Youth Strategy and CoE Youth Sector Strategy**

YOUTH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS 2021-2022

- Every step with young people -



YOUTH STRATEGY IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2023 TO 2030

IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

SPECIFIC GOALS:

1. Youth work is standardised in the system of non-formal education and is continuously implemented
2. Spatial capacities and services for the implementation of youth policy have been improved and functional in all local governments
3. Young people are active participants in society at all levels
4. Young people have equal opportunities and incentives to develop their potentials and competencies, which lead to social and economic independence
5. Created conditions for a healthy and safe environment and social well-being of young people

<https://mto.gov.rs/tekst/177/strategije.php>

**Monitoring of progress in the implementation of the Youth Strategy:
Index of youth well-being in Serbia**

SPECIFIC GOAL 1 AND MEASURES

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MEASURES TO ACHIEVE GOAL :



- Measure 1.1** Developed system of professional development of youth workers;
- Measure 1.2** Established system of quality assurance of youth work programmes and non-formal education of young people;
- Measure 1.3** Youth work programmes are implemented continuously in cooperation with local partners;
- Measure 1.4** Youth work is recognised in the system of formal and non-formal education and among young people;
- Measure 1.5** Research and knowledge management in the field of youth work and non-formal education of young people are continuously conducted;
- Measure 1.6** Harmonisation of youth work with international standards.

KEY CHALLENGES IN YOUTH WORK DEVELOPMENT

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Key challenges:



- Number of youth workers and needs
- Formal education of youth workers and recognition of prior learning
- Understanding of the importance of youth work by various stakeholders
- Continuous financing
- Monitoring the impact of youth work

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