

POLICY CLOCK DYNAMICS

Different elements of youth policy evolve at different paces and could accelerate or slow down at any time.

Momentum must be maintained in youth policy evolution or the policy can stall, needing to be wound up.

Changes in the political climate, the public administration or the professional environment can stop or boost the pace of development of youth policy in its tracks.

Youth policy aspirations following political ratification should have mechanisms to turn them into action.

Political championship is critical to secure support for a youth policy project or initiative.

Youth Partnership

Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth



DIRECTION

DECISION

Political championship, decision of political support for the laws, resolutions, projects or initiatives need to be in place to drive a policy idea forward. They do not guarantee change, but policies might flounder without them.

DECENTRALISATION

DELIVERY

It is essential to have mechanisms to put laws into practice. Engaging regional and local governmental and non-governmental structures helps decentralisation and delivery. The delivery of youth policy can be operationalised by a variety of means: well-constructed and reflected "targets" or policy objectives.

DEVELOPMENT

Dissent and differences of opinion have to be overcome to secure the further development of youth policy. Some consensus is necessary to agree on new directions and advocated with the expectation of renewed sustainable political support.

DEBATE

Difficulties encountered when delivering youth policy initiatives, unintended or unforeseen consequences, require further debate to address and resolve them. Well established cross-sectoral dialogue and collaboration is always desirable. Youth policy evaluation is crucial for professional discussion. It is important to invest in evaluation and publicly debate the results with relevant stakeholders to ensure more transparency and understanding of policy and practice.

DIFFICULTIES

DISSENT

It can start or stall at any point.