

YOUTH POLICY: REFLECTIONS ON ESSENTIALS

Youth Partnership

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



Youth policy is a strategy implemented by public authorities providing young people with opportunities and experiences that support their successful integration into society and enable them to be active and responsible members of their societies, and agents of change.

Legal basis and definition

Definition of "youth"

Main target for the policy

Drivers of youth policy development

Perception of young people

Conceptual foundations and approaches of working with youth



Equal access of marginalised and socially excluded young people

Adequate financing and resources

Principles

Participation of young people at all stages of decision making

Sustainable and continuous link between evidence and policy

Consistent political will at all levels

Accountability mechanisms

Sustainable and versatile structural funding schemes

Allocated state budget for targeted and general policy responses

Resourcing

Supporting targeted capacity building of actors

Support for youth-led initiatives, programmes and youth organisations

Outreach and coverage (targeted and general responses)

Youth Policy: Self-assessment tools

Council of Europe Self-assessment tool for youth policy



European Youth Forum's 8 Standards for a Quality Youth Policy



11 Indicators of a National Youth Policy



Horizontal and vertical cross-sectoral co-operation and co-ordination

Dedicated structures, actors and responsibilities

Connection between national, regional and local policies and development plans

Governance

Clear roles and remits of municipal and regional authorities

Meaningful participatory mechanisms for dialogue between young people, youth representative bodies and decision makers

Implementation

Translation of principles into needs-based responses

Efficiency and quality of delivery

Responsive and adaptable policy based on research and data

Relevant and adequate resources and support