

All the policy decisions in in all areas of young people's lives are made **in close consultation with young people**, providing their **meaningful and full participation at all stages and phases of the policy**, with formally established mechanisms to ensure this.

Co-operation

Potentials and strengths of different actors, relevant sectors, policy levels and spheres are **consolidated** for the development, resourcing and implementation of youth policies.

They ensure **co-ordinated and co-operative mechanisms for both horizontal and vertical co-operation within governmental bodies and between sectors**. Sustainable platforms for co-operation exist.

Accountability

Mechanisms, processes and structures are in place for **evaluating and monitoring** policies in all their phases, to **measure their effectiveness** and ensure they are **meeting the set goals, to the level of quality through adequate means**.

Transparency

The importance of **clear and open communication** about policy actors, objectives, decision-making processes, and funding sources is recognised and supported by relevant measures. All interested parties have **access to this knowledge and mechanisms**, ensuring that their capacity to contribute is strengthened.

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Participation



Inclusion



Policy measures are in place to provide an **open, non-discriminatory, equal access and opportunities for all young people**, especially those **facing marginalisation and social exclusion, being in difficult life situations**. Policy initiatives and structures for delivery are in place to reach the young people they are designed for.

Knowledge base

Policies are made **relevant, up-to-date, efficient, and needs-based** through a clear understanding of young people's current situation. Decisions have **clear objectives and justification**.

Links between the evidence and policy are **sustainable, continuous and impactful**.

Commitment

Strong political will is sustained and supported for young people as a **specific policy target group regardless political, economic, social changes**; youth is seen unequivocally as a **specific, often vulnerable, policy target**. The sector is **financed and resourced**.

Equality



Care



Understanding



Appreciation of each individual

Respect

Integrity

Solidarity

EFFICIENT AND MEANINGFUL YOUTH POLICY CORE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES



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