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1. Implementation of a new field of action: “Youth and the World”

How is the field of action “Youth and the World” of the current EU youth strategy transposed in your country?

Youth in the world is useful instrument for young people from BiH to take part in Youth exchange programs in EU countries but there is a lack of official information on this numbers since there is no Entities or Brcko District BiH or State office for youth that is responsible for gathering those data. This means that program is used by local BiH Youth and it is managed trough local Youth NGOs primarily.

2. Awareness raising on Global issues

2.1. Promotion of Global Education

Is there any national/regional policy document which lays the legal basis for the promotion of Global Education?

How is Global Education promoted?

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a signatory to the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education.

In BiH primary and secondary school system there is mandatory course on "Education for Democracy and Human Rights".

As Global education as a concept is promoting development education, human rights education, education for sustainability, intercultural education etc. there are several program runned by NGO's in order to promote this type of education.

Institute for Youth Development KULT is implementing the project *Recognition of UMID as a training course for active participation of youth*, which is funded by the Olof Palme International Centre from Sweden.

With this Project, they want to ensure greater social inclusion of youth, develop social accountability of youth between 18 and 25, initiate changes in attitudes and overcoming of prejudices, empower and strengthen the partnership and networking between youth from both BiH entities, and enhance their confidence.

Simultaneously, they want to influence the governmental authorities to recognise non-formal education programs as a requirement for democratic participation of youth in the society.

Omladinski klub “Pod istim suncem” from Jablanica actively work on the issue of intercultural education. They have a project where 40 of participants from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina

have the opportunity to go through all the activities of the program and learn about interethnic cooperation, tolerance, human rights, writing and implementing projects, lobbying, fundraising, etc. Last activity of the project is to design a strategy for the Youth Club that will focus on similar themes, which will create the basis for further work in this field.

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights is a regional network of non-governmental organizations with programs on the territories of Serbia, Kosovo, Croatia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Initiative was formed by young people from these countries in order to enhance youth participation in the democratization of the society and empowerment of the rule of law through the process of facing the past and establishing new, progressive connections in the post-conflict region of former Yugoslavia.

What are the most tackled aspects of Global Education?

What are the main stakeholders in the field of Global Education?

Is there any report/survey available on Global education and young people in your country?

[The Voices of Youth Survey - UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2012](#)

2.2. Young people and sustainable development

What are the most relevant initiatives/projects at regional/national level encouraging green patterns of consumption and production with young people?

In the **Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina** exists the Centre for environmentally sustainable development (www.coor.ba)

Some of their goals and objectives include:

- education and training of young people and citizens in order to achieve environmentally sustainable development,
- raising environmental awareness among young people and citizens in general, through the implementation of environmental projects and projects that are in line with the vision of sustainable development and tourism,
- organization of seminars, workshops and training sessions for the exchange of experience and transfer of knowledge related to the objectives of the association.

In the **Republic of Srpska** exists the NGO Centre for Environment (Banja Luka) who is the leading NGO dealing with sustainable development in BiH. They are national coordinators for European Mobility Week and member of New NGO Forum, Danube Environmental Forum, CEEweb for Biodiversity, and European Youth for Action. It is an organisation of activists and professionals dedicated to the protection and improvement of environment, advocating principles of sustainable development and larger public participation in decision-making on environment. Majority of its members are young people and they are implementing projects and initiatives at regional and national level.

In Brcko District BiH are existing:

Project Youth Eco-Leadership Corps <https://www.facebook.com/mladi.eko.lideri>

USAID's program, **Youth Eco-Leadership Corps (YELC)**, is mobilizing 720 young men and women (ages 16-30) representing the ethnic diversity in Northeast BiH to promote environmental stewardship in the region by influencing government policy, private investment, and public awareness. These young people will acquire industry-recognized training and credentials in technologies geared toward preserving natural resources and protecting the environment. They will implement "green" community improvement projects focused on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation in the municipalities of Srebrenica, Tuzla, Brčko, and Bijeljina. Activities include green park and playground construction, reforestation, weatherization, solar lighting, plumbing upgrades, and erosion controls. YELC also helps participants pursue related jobs, internships, and additional training. Eighty program graduates will receive specialized technical training, business development services, and small start-up grants for small and micro enterprises in the green sector. The project implementer is U.S.-based NGO YouthBuild International, which is working in partnership with four local NGOs -- PRONI Center for Youth Development, Center for Sustainable Development, Center for Energy Efficiency, and Youth Information Agency.

Is there any report/survey investigating the awareness of environmental issues among young people in your country? If so what are the main outcomes?

None research available.

Is there any report/survey investigating the civic engagement related to environment issues among young people in your country? What are the main outcomes?

None research available.

2.3. Young people and human rights

Is there any report/survey investigating the civic engagement related to global human rights issues among young people in your country? What are the main outcomes?

None research available.

3. Cooperation with third countries in the field of youth

3.1. Agreements and areas of cooperation

Are there any bilateral or supranational agreements with countries / regions outside Europe in the field of youth?

Not available.

Cooperation in the field of youth policy and /or youth research

Memorandum on cooperation in the field of sport and youth policy between the Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Serbia was signed in December 2012.

Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport of Republic of Srpska and Ministry of Youth and Sports of Republic of Serbia has signed bilateral agreement in the field of sport and youth policy in February 2010.

Youth Council of Republic of Srpska and National Youth Council of Serbia has signed agreement on cooperation in the field of youth.

There are few agreements signed only between the non-governmental organisations. For example, Institute for Youth Development KULT has signed the agreements on cooperation with the organisations from Moldova and Kyrgyzstan related to the improvement of youth position and youth policy.

Also there is agreement between KULT and Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports in field of youth policy. As part of the cooperative agreement between the Institute and Federal Ministry of Culture and Sport contractual parties are willing to contribute to the mutual fulfillment of the Law on Youth Federation, which was adopted in June 2010. Through an agreement partners will work on the preparation of an analysis of government measures on youth, based on research that will be carried out, but also to foster and promote youth policies in FBiH.

Support to the development of youth work on other continents

Not available.

3.2. Support measures for young people

What are the opportunities offered to young people to explore and enhance global understanding by going abroad such as volunteering and youth exchange programmes)?

Youth in Action Programme was supported by the Commission for the Coordination of Youth Issues in BiH.

Through the Youth in Action Programme youth organizations have the opportunity to organize volunteer exchanges within the European voluntary service, and also to give our youth the opportunity to get acquainted with other cultures through youth exchanges and training.

Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport of Republic of Srpska has grant for youth mobility and through this grant supports also youth who are attending youth exchange programs or doing volunteering abroad.

International organizations' student exchange offices works in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Example: AIESEC and AIESTE.

Promotion of youth entrepreneurship and employment opportunities with regions/countries outside of Europe

Not available.

4. Participation of young people and youth organisations in policy making on global issues

Have young people and youth organisations been given political and financial support to be individually or collectively involved in the policy regarding dialogue and cooperation on regional and global issues? How?

Not available.

Is there any report/survey investigating young people's participation in campaigns regarding global climate change/global warming, development aid or human rights? What are the main outcomes?

Not available.

Is there any report/survey investigating young people's participation in non-governmental organisations active in the domains of global climate change/global warming, development aid or human rights? What are the main outcomes?

Not available.