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1 Information services

1.1 Legal framework of the youth information service

The Czech Republic is obliged – as per Section 17 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which is an integral part of the legal system of the Czech Republic – to ensure for children the access to information and materials from various sources and to support the media in propagating information that is socially and culturally useful.

The Czech Republic adopted the Charter on Information for Youth.

Besides, a public discussion on the White Book on Youth published by the European Commission was held; some items concerning information for youth are also included in the “Conception of the State Policy with Respect to the Young Generation in the Czech Republic” adopted by the Czech government in January 1999 and they are also included in the White Book of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic.

(Source: Act No. 104/1991 Coll., communication of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.)

1.2 Youth information points

1.2.1 Number of youth information points at national level

On 1st January 2008, the National Information Centre for Youth (=Informační centrum pro mládež, ICM) operated by Národní institut dětí a mládeže (National Institute of Children and Youth) based on the ratified Conception of the Development of National Information Centres for Youth in the Czech Republic. (Source: ICM, Prague)

1.2.2 Number of youth information points at regional level

36 at present, other 4 pending. (Source: ICM, Prague)

1.3 Areas covered by youth information in the country

Education in the Czech Republic, work in the Czech Republic and abroad, free time, travelling in the Czech Republic and abroad, health, socially pathologic phenomena, ecology, social groups and movements, citizen and state, youth in EU (Source: ICM, Prague)

1.4 Number of information points that facilitate individual career guidance

1 (Source: ICM, Prague)

1.5 Are information services for young people free of charge?

All information services are free of charge.

1.6 Youth portals

Youth portals are youth information systems on the internet.

www.icm.cz, www.eurodesk.cz, www.bambibod.cz, www.infopromladez.cz,
http://europa.eu/youth/portals_for_young_people/index_eu_cs.html

1.6.1 Number of national youth portals

4

1.6.2 Number of regional youth portals

Out of 36 Information Centres for Youth, 8 have their own websites.

1.7 What are the contents of the information delivered (education, employment, health, etc.)?

The information reflects the classification spheres of Information Centres for Youth - see section 1. 3. in part 3.

2 Access for young people

2.1 Number of young people using the information services

Based on the analysis made by the Information Centres for Youth in the Czech Republic, in the year 2006 there were about 230 thousand contacts. (It can also be even several times more, no official statistics are recorded.)

2.2 Number of young people visiting the national and regional youth portals

Based on the analysis made by the Information Centres for Youth in the Czech Republic, in the year 2006 there were about 470 thousand visits of national and regional youth portals, but not all the Information Centres for Youth have quantified this, so it seems that the real numbers are higher than that.

2.3 Is there any mobile information service?

We are preparing an "infobus" (specially modified bus – a mobile Information Centre for Youth).

3 Ensuring quality of information

3.1 Universities that offer courses on the delivery of youth information

There are no institutions offering such courses focused on the delivery of information specifically dedicated for youth.

3.2 Number of training centres specialised in youth information

1

3.3 Number of information points that are following quality standards (e.g. ISO, EIRYCA Charter, national standards

At present, the standardization and certification of the Information Centres for Youth in the Czech Republic is being prepared. There are no standards set forth yet, and therefore their compliance is not monitored.

3.4 What existing monitoring systems are there on quality of information dissemination?

Presently, none – see section 3. 3 above.

4 Participating by young people in information

4.1 Number of publications by young people provided by the information services

N/I

4.2 Existing mechanisms to involve young people in information making

Internships, students practising in the Information Centres for Youth, examples of “good practice“, etc.

4.3 Existing mechanisms to involve young people in dissemination of information

This question focuses on the mechanisms used by the information services mentioned above.