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Key priorities for youth policies answers on
Participation



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1 Structures of participation at the local, regional or national level

1.1 Youth parliaments

1.1.1 Local youth parliaments

N/A

1.1.2 Regional youth parliaments

N/A

1.1.3 National youth parliament

N/A

1.2 Youth councils

1.2.1 Local youth councils

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1.2.2 Regional youth councils

N/A

1.2.3 National youth councils

The Council of Lithuanian Youth Organizations (LiJOT) is a self-dependent, voluntary union of non-governmental youth organizations and regional unions of youth organizations. Main aims: # Promote youth initiative, # Promote youth mutual understanding and co-operation, # Promote activities useful and constructive for the state and society, # Represent youth interests for Lithuanian governmental institutions. Activities: # Representation of youth interests; # Realization of Lithuanian State Youth Policy Concept; # Training of youth leaders; # Development of international relations; # Providing youth with information. There are also regional youth council in municipalities. The councils are usually named #Round Table# and they are associations of youth organisations at municipal level. At the moment those organizations are established in 18 municipalities (out of 60). 10 of councils are members of LiJOT. Main activities: # involve young people into the organisation and its work; # work with the members and volunteers, # train youth leaders, youth workers and volunteers; # provide information and consultation for the youth organisations and the organisations working with the youth, and also for the young people; # develop cooperation among youth organisations and the organisations working with young people, # foster exchange of information and experience, and involvement into the activities of the regional councils of youth organisations.

1.3 Others structures of participation

The Municipality councils for youth affairs (hereinafter as SJRT) operate according to the Law on youth policy framework, and are formed on the principle of parity for the members of municipality council, administration servants, and youth (organisations) representatives. Local youth councils are open for young people who do not necessarily need to be active in local youth organisation. SJRT is an agency with an advisory vote; its long-term goal is to ensure youth participation in topical decision making processes. Youth representatives in the councils have an opportunity to recognise youth demands and possibilities, youth interests with the interests of the entire community, better understand democratic decision-making and implementation procedures. Municipality council should be in every Lithuanian municipality.

2 Percentage of young people who are members of

2.1 Percentage of young people in global population n(100%)who are members of a political party

N/I %



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2.1.1 Percentage of young people in global population who are members of a political party (by age groups)

13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %

2.1.2 Percentage of young people in global population who are members of a political party (by gender)

female	male
N/I %	N/I %

2.1.3 Percentage of young people who are members of a political party in global population by rural-urban

rural	urban
N/I %	N/I %

2.2 Percentage of young people who are members of a trade union from the ages of 13 and 30 in global population

N/I %

2.2.1 Percentage of young people who are members of a trade union in global population by age groups

13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %

2.2.2 Percentage of young people in global population who are members of a trade union (by gender)

female	male
N/I %	N/I %

2.2.3 Percentage of young people who are members of a trade union in global population by rural-urban.

rural	urban
N/I %	N/I %



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rural	urban
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2.3 Percentage of young people who are members of a youth organisation from the ages of 13 and 30 in global population

16 %

2.3.1 Percentage of young people who are members of a youth organisation in global population by age group

13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %	N/I %

2.3.2 Percentage of young people who are members of a youth organisation in global population by gender

female	male
N/I %	N/I %

2.3.3 Percentage of young people who are members of a youth organisation in global population (by rural-urban)

rural	urban
N/I %	N/I %

2.3.4 What type of youth organisations are people involved in

N/I

3 Existing actions/support, of national or regional scope, to promote the participation of young people in local life and follow-up mechanisms

The dialogue between the structures on the national, regional and local levels is developed according to one of the principles of implementation of the Law on youth policy framework # inter-institutional coordination which binds over the state and municipality institutions and agencies discuss and cooperate with young people in considering youth related issues.

3.1 Legal actions to support the structures for participation of young people in local life

In 2003 a Law on youth policy framework was approved by Seimas (a parliament of the Republic of

Lithuania). This law defines the principles to ensure participation of young people.

3.2 Financial actions to support the various structures for youth political and NGO participation

N/I

3.3 Other initiatives planned in the short term

N/I

4 Do some of the existing or planned actions aim at certain specific groups of young people?

yes no

If yes, what groups?

N/A

5 The vote

5.1 Obligatory?

yes ~~no~~

5.2 Age of the right to vote

From 18 years old

5.3 The right to vote

Every citizen from 18 y.o.

5.4 Age of eligibility to be a candidate

From 20 years old

5.5 Eligibility to be a candidate

Every citizen from 20 y.o. can be candidate to municipality council and from 25 y.o. to national parliament.

6 The elections

6.1 Number of young people voting between the ages of 18 (or the age of the right to vote) and 30

N/I *persons*



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6.2 Number of young people between the ages of 18 (or the age of the right to vote) and 30 registered on the lists of voters

N/I persons

6.3 Indicators of participation related to European polls

6.3.1 In European elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote who are registered from the ages of 13 to 30.

N/I %

6.3.2 In European elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by age groups

18-21	22-25	26-30
N/I %	N/I %	N/I %

6.3.3 In European elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by gender

female	male
N/I %	N/I %

6.3.4 In European elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by rural-urban

rural	urban
N/I %	N/I %

6.3.5 In European elections, the percentage of young people's participation in relation to the total population to vote

N/I %

6.4 National indicators of participation in the polls

6.4.1 National elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered

N/I %

6.4.2 National elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by age groups

18-21	22-25	26-30
N/I %	N/I %	N/I %

6.4.3 National elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by gender

female	male
N/I %	N/I %

6.4.4 National elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by rural-urban

rural	urban
N/I %	N/I %

6.4.5 National elections, young people as a percentage of participation in the total population to vote

N/I %

6.5 Regional and local indicators of participation in the polls

6.5.1 Regional and local elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered

N/I %

6.5.2 Regional and local elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by age groups

18-21	22-25	26-30
N/I %	N/I %	N/I %

6.5.3 Regional and local elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by gender

female	male
N/I %	N/I %

female	male
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6.5.4 Regional and local elections, percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote registered, by rural-urban

rural	urban
N/I %	N/I %

6.5.5 In regional and local elections the percentage of young people participation in relation to the total population to vote

N/I %

6.6 Number of young people (under the age of 30) who are member of the national parliament.

0 persons

6.6.1 Number of young people elected (under the age of 30) at the national level, by gender

female	male
0 persons	0 persons

6.7 Enter the number of young people (under the age of 30) who are member of regional parliaments or are hold the position of a regional minister.

N/A persons

6.7.1 Number of young people elected (under the age of 30) at the regional, level by gender

female	male
N/A persons	N/A persons

6.8 Number of young people elected (under the age of 30) at the local level

N/I persons

6.8.1 Number of young people elected (under the age of 30) at the local level, by gender



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female	male
N/I <i>persons</i>	N/I <i>persons</i>

7 Existing actions/support, of national or regional scope, to promote the participation in the system of representative democracy and follow-up mechanisms

N/I

7.1 Actions that have been undertaken this year

N/I

7.2 Other initiatives planned in the short term

N/I

8 Do some of the existing or planned actions aim at specific groups of young people?

yes no

Specific target groups of young people aimed at by existing or planned actions

N/I

9 Learning to participate

9.1 Existing actions within the systems of formal education aiming at developing and deepening learning to participate

N/A

9.1.1 Mechanisms of participation at school

Young people of school age have a possibility to take part in students# self-government bodies. According to the law, each school should make facilities for students to have their self-government organ. School council or university self-government organ should involve an equal number of students/students# representatives, their parents and educators. The school council activities can also be attended by a representative of the local authorities. Each school should have these students# self-government organs operating: students# conference (which is summoned once a year and delegates representatives to the school and students# councils) and the students# council. The students# council is a continuously operating students# self-government organ of 5-15 members; its structure and work rules are defines by the students# conference.

9.1.2 Learning of citizenship



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N/I

9.1.3 Other actions within the systems of formal education aiming at developing and deepening learning to participate

N/I

9.2 Fields of actions and/or support # (national or regional scope, outside the formal education context) which aim at promoting learning to participate amongst young people

N/I

9.2.1 Nature of this support

N/I

9.2.2 Concerned sector of activities: company, associations and NGOs, training bodies, municipalities, medias

N/I

9.2.3 Among these actions (question 9.2.1 and 9.2.2), actions that have been undertaken this year

N/I

9.2.4 Other initiatives planned in the short term

N/I

9.3 Are there specific target groups of young people aimed at by existing or planned actions?

yes no

The specific target groups

N/I



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