

The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

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

There are no local youth parliaments.

1.1.2 Regional youth parliaments

There are no regional youth parliaments.

1.1.3 National youth parliament

There are no nacional youth parliaments.

1.2 Youth councils

1.2.1 Local youth councils

There are no local youth councils.

1.2.2 Regional youth councils

Conselho Consultivo Regional/ Regional Advisory Council - Which is responsible for following-up and supervising the activities by the regional services of the Portuguese Youth Institute and composed by a maximum of 15 young people from the district where it operates.

1.2.3 National youth councils

National Youth Council Conselho Nacional de Juventude Address: Rua Forno do Tijolo, 73 - 2º Dtº 1170-134 LISBOA Tel. +351 21 81 60 130 Fax +351 21 816 01 39 E-mail: geral@cnj.pt Internet: www.cnj.pt

1.3 Others structures of participation

Conselho de Administração do Instituto Português da Juventude Governing Board of the Portuguese Youth Institute - responsible for approving the annual budget, plan of activities and the respective report. It also follows-up the activities performed by the IPJ, proposes, suggests or even makes recommendations. Conselho Consultivo de Juventude Youth Advisory Council - is responsible for analysing matters related to youth policies in general; for studying matters related to the civic participation and social and economic integration of young people, and for examining relevant legislation which are in any way related to young people



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2 Percentage of young people who are members of

No answers available

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

Regarding the SNS Jovem Programme took place from June to September 2004. The costs for Portuguese Youth Institute were 1.649,75 Euros. 75 young people participated in this programme of health volunteering. In 2004, the programme " Voluntariado Jovem para as Florestas" was implemented from July 10th to September 30th. 341 young people participated in this programme. The total amount spent was 37.844 Euros, applied in the payment of the participants.

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

There is a large scope of laws and bodies allowing youth participation at local level, namely the Lei do Associativismo, the Conselho Consultivo de Juventude, the Conselho Nacional de Juventude, the Conselhos Consultivos Regionais and the Federações de Associações Juvenis. The SNS Jovem programme (Special Programme on health volunteering) is ruled by the Law (Portaria nº 36/2004, de 22 Janeiro, Lei nº71/98, de 3 de Novembro, Decreto regulamentar nº389/99, de 30 de Setembro). It encompasses three different bodies in a joint order: Secretaria de Estado da Juventude (Youth Secretary of State), Ministério da Saúde (Health Ministry), Ministério da Ciência e Tecnologia e Ensino Superior (Science, Technology and Higher Education Ministry). The Programme "Voluntariado Jovem para as Florestas" (Youth Volunteering in the forests), was ruled by the law Dec.-Lei 63 of March 14th 2005, supported by 2004 project it involved in a partnership of IPJ (Portuguese Youth Institute), ICN (Nature preserving Institute) and Direcção-Geral dos Recursos Florestais (DG Forest Resources).

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

N/A

3.3 Other initiatives planned in the short term

There are no other initiatives planned in the short term.

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

yes no



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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

The portuguese citizens from 18th years old have the right to vote (Constituição da República Portuguesa art.º 49º n.º 1). There are some other situations, depending of the kind of elections, but in general the rule applied is "country citizens under 18".

5.4 Age of eligibility to be a candidate

From 18 years old

5.5 Eligibility to be a candidate

The citizens are eligible as candidates since the 18 years old. The only exception concerns the case of Presidential elections to which the candidates must be aged under 35.(Constituição da República Portuguesa art.º 122º).In the case of the President election, the eligible candidates must be citizens originally portuguese, which means that not all the citizens with portuguese nationality can be eligible to that position. Other elections have it's own specific rules.

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/A *persons*

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/A *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/A %

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/A %	N/A %	N/A %

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/A %	N/A %

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/A %	N/A %

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

N/A %

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/A %

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/A %	N/A %	N/A %

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/A %	N/A %

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/A %	N/A %

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

N/A %

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/A %

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/A %	N/A %	N/A %

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/A %	N/A %

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/A %	N/A %

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

N/A %

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

N/A *persons*

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

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

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 <i>persons</i>	N/A <i>persons</i>

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

N/A *persons*

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

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

The most representative action of national scope that aims to promote the participation of young people in the system of representative democracy is the game "Hemiciclo, Jogo da Cidadania".

The #Hemiciclo, Jogo da Cidadania# is a game that aims to develop in Portuguese young people (15-22 years old) the sense of democracy and participation, giving them the possibility of being the actors of a political decision process influencing their social life, promoting citizenship and making young people understand the importance of democratic participation, and aloud young people to have a better vision on democratic institutions and its work, namely the National Parliament. It is directed to all secondary school communities, namely students, and has a national scope. An evaluation questionnaire is distributed to students, and there are evaluation meetings with teachers in the regions as well as technical evaluation sessions with the local partners.(please view continuation in 7.1).

7.1 Actions that have been undertaken this year

The Follow up is made up a month after the final session of the Game. It consists of a national evaluation made by all the youth workers from Portuguese Youth Institute involved in the Game. They bring the regional evaluations made by teachers and students. The final evaluation is the result of all these partial evaluations. The improvements decided for the following edition of the Game come out of this document. The final evaluation document is disclosed at the Awards Ceremony.(continuation of 7)

7.2 Other initiatives planned in the short term

#Hemiciclo, Jogo da Cidadania# is renewed every year. Next edition, the 8th, will start in September 2005 and will go on until May/June 2006.

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/A

9 Learning to participate

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

The #Hemiciclo, Jogo da Cidadania# is financially supported by Portuguese Youth Institute, in terms of activity; the awards are offered by sponsors, being 4 of the first offered by the European Parliament.

9.1.1 Mechanisms of participation at school

There are 432 student associations that according to the law have the right to participate in the education policies and management of schools premises. This year 198 of these organisations applied for financial support.



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9.1.2 Learning of citizenship

The civic training is part of the school curricula allowing students to learn about citizenship.

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

No data is available.

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

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9.2.1 Nature of this support

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

9.2.4 Other initiatives planned in the short term

N/A

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

yes no

The specific target groups

N/A