

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

Key priorities for youth policies answers on  
**Participation**



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## **SLOVENIA, 2005**

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

#### **1.1 Youth parliaments**

##### **1.1.1 Local youth parliaments**

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##### **1.1.2 Regional youth parliaments**

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##### **1.1.3 National youth parliament**

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#### **1.2 Youth councils**

##### **1.2.1 Local youth councils**

After the adoption of the Youth Council Act in 2000, Youth Councils are being registered on the local and national level. The Office of the Republic of Slovenia for youth supports YC on all levels financially, and provides them information and knowledge.



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### 1.2.2 Regional youth councils

32 Local Youth Councils (in 193 local communities) are registered in Slovenia at this time. They connect local youth organizations and represent basic structure for participation of young people in the public affairs on the local level.

### 1.2.3 National youth councils

There are no Regional Youth Councils in Slovenia

### 1.3 Others structures of participation

CNVOS # Centre for information service, co-operation and NGO-s development ([www.cnvos.si](http://www.cnvos.si))  
Svet vlade RS za študentska vpra#anja # Governmental Council for Student Matters Negotiation group for a resolution formation on agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and NGOs

## 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/A %

#### 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/A %	N/A %	N/A %	N/A %	N/A %	N/A %

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

female	male
N/A %	N/A %

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

rural	urban
N/A %	N/A %

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

6,04 %

### 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
0 %	0,04 %	0,03 %	0,37 %	1,48 %	4,12 %

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

female	male
2,76 %	3,28 %

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

rural	urban
N/A %	N/A %

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

N/A %

### 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/A %	N/A %	N/A %	N/A %	N/A %	N/A %

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

female	male
N/A %	N/A %

### 2.3.3 Percentage of young people who are members of a youth organisation in

## global population (by rural-urban)

rural	urban
N/A %	N/A %

### 2.3.4 What type of youth organisations are people involved in

N/A

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

Youth Council Act Financial support for Local Youth Councils. Yearly officially published tender for NGO-s for support of programmes and projects in the filed of youth participation. Follow-up mechanisms: All-national Consultation with Local Youth Councils, Meetings with Majors of Local Communities, other activities of Slovenian National Youth Council, related to encouraging participation on local level.

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

Implementation of the Youth Council Act

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

Financial support for Local Youth Councils. Yearly officially published tender for NGO-s for support of programmes and projects in the filed of youth participation. Action #Mlad.si# (co-managed with National Youth Council of Slovenia) for encouraging young people for active participation in European and National Elections.

### 3.3 Other initiatives planned in the short term

All-national Consultation with Local Youth Councils, Meetings with Majors of Local Communities, other activities of Slovenian National Youth Council, related to encouraging participation on local level.

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

yes no

If yes, what groups?

No groups



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## 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

In accordance with the principle of universal suffrage all citizens of the Republic of Slovenia who have completed 18 years of age by the election day and have not been declared legally incompetent have the right to vote.

### 5.4 Age of eligibility to be a candidate

*From 18 years old*

### 5.5 Eligibility to be a candidate

All citizens of the Republic of Slovenia who have completed 18 years of age by the election day and have not been declared legally incompetent have the right to vote (in national and European elections). In local elections the status of the citizen of the Republic of Slovenia is needed, too.

## 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

371178 *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 %

female	male
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#### 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 %



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

194 *persons*

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

female	male
59 <i>persons</i>	135 <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

Promoting the participation of young people in elections. Promoting learning to participate (e.g. children's parliaments). In short term there are no follow-up mechanisms envisaged.

### 7.1 Actions that have been undertaken this year

In May 2004 National Youth Council of Slovenia launched the campaign to promote the

participation of young people in EU elections. In cooperation with the Slovenian Office of European parliament it hosted 3 employees of EP administration, who attended 5 round tables all over Slovenia - to discuss EU matters with young people. Different postcards were published encouraging the participation in the elections and distributed to youth organizations in Slovenia. At the same time a special web site that promoted the complete campaign was established. In September 2004 the campaign promoting participation at the National Parliament Elections started. A video clip was launched under the name Let it be your way!. It was frequently played on the national and some local televisions and in movie theaters.

### 7.2 Other initiatives planned in the short term

In short term there are no initiatives planned.

## 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

No specific groups

## 9 Learning to participate

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

The Children's Parliament for the elementary school pupils, aged between 7 and 14 years, co-ordinated by Zveza prijateljev mladine / The Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth. The children's Parliament is organised on the school, municipal, regional and national level. Its main role is to educate children in democracy, learning democratic dialogue and preparing for active citizenship. Yearly elections of the class president / president of the class is elected every year by the scholars in each class.

#### 9.1.1 Mechanisms of participation at school

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#### 9.1.2 Learning of citizenship

The "Council of pupils" in primary schools "Dijaška skupnost" (the Community of secondary school pupils)



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

The obligatory subject Civic education and ethics in primary schools

## **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**

The Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth financially supports programmes and projects, proposed and organised by NGO-s. Basic structures for promoting, teaching and implementing participation among young people are Slovenian National and Local Youth Councils.

### **9.2.1 Nature of this support**

This support is: Legislative # Implementing Youth Council Act; Financial # Supporting NGO-s, Political Youth Organizations, financing campaigns to promote participation; Actions # Consultation with NGO-s, the Joint Committee on Youth Issues

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

Key players are associations and NGO-s, supported by media

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

Consultation with NGO-s, the Joint Committee on Youth Issues

### **9.2.4 Other initiatives planned in the short term**

Nothing specific, the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth will continue its activities in the future.

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

**yes** no

The specific target groups

No specific groups