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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

- Youth Parliament of Banska Bystrica City / www.mmpbb.szm.sk

Contact person: David Kapusta

The role is to organise non-profit activities for youth to encourage them to active participation.

Election modalities: the membership begins after accreditation of expression of interest by the City.

Duration of membership is according to interest of the member .

Youth Parliament of Bánovce nad Bebravou

- Youth Parliament of Vrable / www.mpv.sk

Contact person: Dagmar Skačanová

Election modalities: members vote by absolute majority, duration of mandate is 4 years

The role is to represent about 2000 young people from the town Vrable. Chairman is member of the town parliament which is the mean to enforce the interest of youth. Municipality does not finance activities of the youth parliament.

Youth Parliament of Levice

Youth Parliament of Žilina City / www.zilina.sk

- Youth Parliament of Močenok / www.mocenok.sk

Contact person: Tomáš Danko

The parliament works as an advisory body for the magistrate of the village.

Election mandate: 13 members are delegates of NGOs working with children and youth. Duration of mandate is 15 month. They vote by absolute majority of present members. The parliament may take decision if the absolute majority of all members of the parliament are present.

Youth Commission in Piešťany / www.piestany.sk

Youth Parliament of Kolarovo / www.kolarovo.sk

Youth Parliament of Prešov / www.presov.sk

- Children and Youth Parliament in Prievidza / www.PD.mesto.sk

Contact person: there is no chairman; contact person is worker of the "Leisure time Activities Centre" Magda Malichova

The parliament represents youth from local community. Members of parliament, which are children and youth at least 10 years of age, prepare meetings with the mayor and members of municipal bodies, meetings of school pupil councils and school parliaments.

Election modalities: members are volunteers without mandate; everybody can work how long he/she wants. Young people usually work till end of the primary or secondary school. They

represent one of 4 districts. Each district has speaker. Before they start to organise event, they share roles. The role of the children and youth parliament in Prievidza is to encourage youth to be active citizen.

- Youth Parliament of Kežmarok / www.kezmarok.sk

1.1.2 Regional youth parliaments

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1.1.3 National youth parliaments

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1.2 Youth councils

1.2.1 Local youth councils

Students Council of Secondary Schools – represents students towards state administration; this body doesn't work on national level, but regional branches represent students from certain region

Pupil School Councils – represent students towards management of certain school

Student parliament at universities is a mechanism for students to participate in decision making process concerning certain universities. Members of the student parliaments participate at voting for the dean of faculties.

1.2.2 Regional youth councils

Slovakia is split in 8 regions. There are 8 regional youth councils in Slovakia:

Youth Council of Bratislava Region, Youth Council of Banská Bystrica Region, Youth Council of Nitra Region, Youth Council of Trenčín Region, Youth Council of Trnava Region, Youth Council of Prešov Region, Youth council of Košice region

1.2.3 National youth councils

Youth Council of Slovakia / www.mladez.sk

Students Council of Universities / www.srvs.sk – this is an organisation funded by school system law and represents all the University students.

2 Percentage of young people in global population who are members of institutions allowing for participation in representative democracy

2.1 Percentage of young people in global population from 13 to 30 who are members of a political party

No information

2.1.1 Percentage of young people in global population who are members of a political party by gender

No information

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

3,9%

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

3,26%

2.3.1 Identify if this category (percentage of young people who members of a youth organisation) is made up from a youth organisation with varied general activities, a sports organisation, a cultural organisation or others

About 13 500 NGOs exist in Slovakia, but far less are working. Our legislation gives the possibility to found NGO, but does not obligate to counsel it when it is not working. We have got number of children and youth which are members of youth NGOs applying for support for their activities from Ministry of Education. This number is 50 700 young people (40 NGOs). It is 3,26% of all young people aged 13-30.

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

W 1,7%

M 1,56%

2.3.3 Identify if this category (percentage young people who members of a youth organisation) is made up from a youth organisation with varied general activities, a sports organisation, a cultural organisation or others

This number includes only those NGO'S, which status includes activities towards young people.

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

Education activities of IUVENTA (national level), Regional youth councils and local youth parliaments and commissions.

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

Municipalities start to support the actions of young people but very incoherently. New Act on Youth being prepared in the Parliament will state responsibilities of municipalities towards young citizens.

3.2 Financial actions to support the various structures for youth political and NGO participation – Among these actions, actions that have been undertaken this year

National programme of the Ministry of Education – ADAM, where projects with participation topics have priority. There was specialised financial programme called “Participation” aimed at financial support for groups of young people.

3.3 What other initiatives are planned in the short term to support youth participation on the local level?

Please report any activities to support youth participation planned either for this or next year.

Long-term co-operation between state (represented by IUVENTA) and municipalities on enhancing their work towards children and youth.

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

Participation is a new topic therefore it is aimed at young people in general. Some special attention is paid towards Roma youth population.

4 The vote

4.1 Is voting obligatory?

NO

4.2 Age of the right to vote

18 for all elections

4.3 Please describe, who is entitled to vote in local, regional and national elections.

People with the Slovak nationality are entitled to vote in all types of elections. EU citizens with permanent residence in Slovakia are entitled to vote according to EU rules – at the local, regional and European level. Citizens with Czech nationality, who have double citizenship, are entitled to vote also in national election.

4.4 Age of eligibility to be a candidate

Candidate must be at least 21 on the day of election.

4.5 Describe as exact as possible, who is entitled to be a candidate in local, regional or national elections.

He/she must be citizen of the Slovak Republic, nationality is not important. EU citizens are entitled to candidate according to EU rules.

5 The elections

5.1 Number of young people that have voted recently between the ages of 18 (or the age of right to vote) and 30

525.581

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

1.169.806

5.3 Indicators of participation related to European polls

5.3.1 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 and 30.

9,7%

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

Statistics by age group do not exist

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

Gender and age statistics are not available.

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

No information

5.3.5 In European elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the total population to vote

22,5%

5.4 National indicators of participation in the polls

5.4.1 In national elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote who are registered

44,9%

5.4.2 In national elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote who are registered, by age groups

Not existing

5.4.3 In national elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote who are registered, by gender

Not existing

5.4.4 In national elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote who are registered, by rural-urban

Not existing

5.4.5 In national elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the total population to vote

22,5%

5.5 Regional and local indicators of participation in the polls

Indicators of young voters not exist.

5.5.1 In regional and local elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people in age to vote who are registered

Indicators of young voters do not exist.

5.5.2 In regional and local elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the total population to vote

Indicators of young voters do not exist.

5.6 Number of young people elected (under the age of 30) at the national level: overall and by gender

Three men under 30 years of age (25-30) are members of the national parliament.

5.7 Number of young people elected (under the age of 30) at the regional level: overall and by gender

One woman 28 years of age and 9 man (27-30) are members of regional parliaments.

No statistics at municipality level.

5.8 Number of young people elected (under the age of 30) at the local level: overall and by gender

No statistics at municipality level.

6 List actions, programmes, and financial or social support that promote the participation in the system of representative democracy, in particular to young people under the age of 30.

This is up to political parties only. There is not support for independent candidates.

6.1 Are there any instruments used to monitor the results of this support.

N/A

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

N/A

7 Learning to participate

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

Citizen's education begins in the third school year of primary school in subject "Homeland study" and follows as a subject at primary schools during the 5.-9th years under name "Citizen's education". On secondary schools is subject "Education on society" during last two years.

7.1.1 What are the mechanisms of citizens' education in formal education?

See answer above

7.1.2 Please list guidelines, teacher training programmes, etc. that are related to citizens' education but are not directly affecting the formal curriculum.

Some methodological material, which can be used during the formal programme but is not obligatory, as f.e. "All different – all equal – methodological material for teachers in promoting participation, diversity and human rights".

7.2 In which fields, other than formal education, do actions and/or support - of national or regional scope- exist, which aim at promoting learning to participate amongst young people? What is the nature of these actions/this support?

Each year the European Commission funds project realised by Centre for European Policy (www.cep.sk) for students at Slovak universities. The aim of the project is to deepen interest for European themes and encourage young people to participate on elections. Centre for European Policy realizes this project called "Debates on EU" since 1999. The nature is to communicate European themes by non-formal way with a lot of discussion and through "young people language". Each year 600-800 students took part on the project.

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

Especially Roma youth population. Number of NGO's gets support for projects aimed at Roma youngsters.