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1. Please explain the context of youth participation in your country (legislation, structures)

- Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth
- CNVOS. Centre for information service, co-operation and NGO-s development, Internet: www.cnvos.si

2. Structures of participation at the local regional or national level

2.1 Youth councils

2.1.1 National youth councils

- Mladinski svet Slovenije ("National Youth Council of Slovenia") is the umbrella youth organisation, with 14 member organizations - youth organizations of national significance and political youth organizations. info@mss.si
- Student organisation of Slovenia (Študentska organizacija Slovenije)
- Students councils of University of Ljubljana/Maribor/Primorska

2.1.2. Regional youth councils

No regional youth councils exists in Slovenia.

2.1.3. Local youth councils

Local Youth Councils (210 local communities, local youth councils does not exists in everyone) are registered at the Office of Youth. They connect local youth organizations and represent basic structure for participation of young people in the public affairs on the local level. Contact person: Kamal Izidor Shaker (Mladinski svet Slovenije), Tel.: +386 (0)1 430 12 09, E-mail: info@mss.si

2.2 Youth parliaments: Please list youth parliaments on national, regional and local level (if applicable)

Childrens Parliament for the elementary school pupils, aged between 7 and 14 years, co-ordinated by The Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth (Majda Struc, general secretary, 01-239-6720, zpm.slovenije@zveza-pms.si). – Children parliament has no formal role in decision making. Other Youth parliaments does not exist.

3. Participation in representative democracy

3.1 Number and percentage of young people who are members of a political party or political youth organisations, if possible by gender

NA

3.2 Number and percentage of young people who are members of a trade union

NA

3.3 Percentage of young people (in total and by gender) who are members of a youth non-governmental organisation, which are not trade unions, political parties or political youth organisations. If possible give information about the type of organisations.

NA

4. Explain the existing support measures, of national, regional or local scope, to promote the participation of young people in local life and follow-up mechanisms

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

Youth Council Act enables financial support for Local Youth Councils. Yearly officially published tender for NGO-s for support of programmes and projects in the field 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. More information available on: <http://www.mss.si/index.php?lang=en>

4.2 Which financial actions on national level aimed at certain specific groups of young people exist?

Yearly officially published tender determines some of the above mentioned groups.

5. The vote

5.1 Is voting obligatory?

No

5.2 Age of the right to vote

18 years

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

On national parliament elections all citizens are entitled to vote; on local elections all people with a permanent residence permit are entitled for voting in the same municipalities.

5.4 Requirements for being entitled as a candidate in national, regional or local elections (age, nationality, etc.)

18 years

6. The elections

6.1 Indicators of participation related to the election of the European Parliament

6.1.1. In the election of the European Parliament, the number and percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people who have the right to vote (in total and by gender)

No information

6.1.2. In European elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the total population voting

No information

6.1.3. In national elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people who have the right to vote (in total, by gender and by age groups)

No information

6.1.4. Regional and local indicators of participation in the polls

No information

6.1.5. In national elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the total population who has voted.

No information

6.1.6. Regional and local indicators of participation in the polls

No information

6.1.7 In regional and local elections, the percentage of young voters in relation to the number of young people who have the right to vote

No information

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

No information

6.2 Number of young people elected at the national, regional and local level: overall and by gender (please specify the age range)

- National parliament: two, male
- Local level – NA

7. 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?

NA

8. Learning to participate

8.1 Please list existing actions and mechanisms within the systems of formal education aiming at developing and deepening learning to participate (citizens' education). Please also list related guidelines and teacher training programmes aiming at integrating citizens' education into the curriculum.

8.2 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? Give examples of good practise.

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.

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

- Examples of specific groups: young leaders or socially disadvantaged young people
- Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth will continue its activities in the future

9. Describe other, informal ways young people choose to participate in your country.

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