

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

Key priorities for youth policies answers on  
**Better Understanding of Youth**



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## **CYPRUS, 2006**

# **1 Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of young people**

## **1.1 Departments in universities dealing with youth issues**

Cyprus College, Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence, Spyros Spyrou, Director  
Intercollege, Center for Leisure, Tourism and Sports Research and Development, Nikos Kartakoullis, Director

## **1.2 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues**

### **1.2.1 National public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues**

The Youth Board of Cyprus is one of the main structures in dealing with youth issues. In its annual budget a special article on research is included, thereafter some research on specific youth issues or target groups have been conducted on its behalf for the last 8 (eight) years. In addition, the Statistical Service, Department of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus, conduct various research studies within which references on the youth population are included. These studies include data on the demographics, development, industry, habitat, education, tourism and immigration and trade, to mention a few.

### **1.2.2 Local public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues**

Cyprus Youth Council Municipal Youth Councils

## **1.3 NGOs dealing with youth issues**

1. Youth Organization of Democratic Rally - NEDHSI 2. United Organization of Democratic Youth # EDON 3. Youth Organization of Democratic Party # NEDHK 4. Social Democrats Youth # NEOS 5. POFEN (University Students and Young Professionals) 6. Protoporia - University Students Organization 7. Proodeftiki - University Students Organization 8. Anagennisi - University Students Organization 9. Agwnas - University Students Organization 10. Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for Pupils (PSEM) 11. Youth Wing of PEO Trade Union 12. Youth Wing of SEK Trade Union 13. Youth Wing of DEOK Trade Union 14. Youth Wing of EKA Farmers Union 15. Youth Wing of PEK Farmers Union 16. Youth Wing of Agrotiki Farmers Union 17. Youth Wing of Panagrotikos Farmers Union 18. Cyprus Scouts Association 19. Girls Guides Movement 20. #Youth for Youth# Cyprus Family Planning Association 21. Junior Chamber of Commerce Cyprus

## **1.4 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth**

The Republic of Cyprus Statistical Service. Nevertheless, the research undertaken is not necessarily youth focused, but information related to young people are included.



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### **1.5 Youth researchers or experts**

Spyros Spyrou, Director, Cyprus College, Center for the Study of Childhood and Adolescence,  
Nikos Kartakoullis, Director, Intercollege, Center for Leisure, Tourism and Sports Research and  
Development

### **1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues**

N/I

### **1.7 Others dealing with youth issues**

Youth Board of Cyprus Cyprus Youth Council General Advisory Body of the Youth Board of  
Cyprus,

### **1.8 New structures and actors that have been set up this year**

N/I

## **2 Legal basis**

### **2.1 Legal basis or guidelines facilitating activities leading to a better understanding of youth**

N/I

### **2.2 New Developments that have taken place this year?**

The Republic of Cyprus and the School of Public Health of the University of Harvard have signed a  
cooperation agreement to set up a regional research institute in Cyprus that will offer training and  
research on public health and environmental issues.

## **3 Funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better understanding of youth**

### **3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge of youth**

N/I

### **3.2 EU funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth**

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### **3.3 National funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth**



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### **3.3.1 Public national funding**

Youth Board of Cyprus # within its budget there is a clause for the conducting of research. The amount allocated for research on behalf of the Youth Board of Cyprus is approximately 45.000 Euros (27.000 CYP)

### **3.3.2 Private national funding**

N/I

### **3.4 Other funding**

N/I

### **3.5 Actor(s)/structure(s) mainly receiving funding**

Youth NGOs Cyprus Youth Council

### **3.6 New developments that have taken place this year**

The research which is being conducted on behalf of the Youth Board of Cyprus for 2006 are: "Young People of Cyprus" - Leisure, Employment, Relationships, Views and Concerns of young people, "Information and Views on issues related to the sexual life of young people"

## **4 Paper publications disseminating knowledge about the youth field**

### **4.1 Figures for paper publications disseminating knowledge about the youth field**

N/I

### **4.2 Regular youth reports**

Youth Board Annual Report of Action, - description of the development of the programs and activities throughout the year.

### **4.3 Journals that publish youth research**

N/I

### **4.4 Reviews on youth research**

N/I

### **4.5 Other publications**

N/I



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#### 4.6 What new support has been developed this year?

N/I

### 5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

#### 5.1 Databases

N/I

#### 5.2 Portals

N/I

#### 5.3 Statistics, reports, journals, reviews or other publications available on the internet

The national report of the Cyprus Youth Policy is on [www.youthboard.org.cy](http://www.youthboard.org.cy)

#### 5.4 What new tools have been developed this year?

None

### 6 Methods and approaches for gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of youth

#### 6.1 Quantative Methods

	used	frequency	themes
European tools (Eurostat, Eurobarometer)	Yes	3 <i>per year</i>	N/I
Youth Opinion polls	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
Comparative studies	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
Longitudinal studies	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
Questionnaires	Yes	1 <i>per year</i>	N/I
Evaluation research	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I

#### 6.2 Qualitative methods

	used	frequency	themes
Ethnography	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
Participant	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I



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	used	frequency	themes
<b>observation</b>			
<b>Interviews</b>	Yes	1 <i>per year</i>	social discrimination
<b>Discourse analysis</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Grounded theory</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Evaluation research</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Action research</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Questionnaires</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Comparative studies</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I

### 6.3 The use of combining methods/ Triangulation

	used	frequency	themes
<b>Action research</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Evaluation research</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Questionnaires</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Comparative studies</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>	No	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/I

### 6.4 Questioning youth organisations and NGOs (especially to collect practical knowledge)

Through non-formal discussions and/ or evaluation of programs/ activities

### 6.5 Innovative methods used in the collection of youth knowledge

N/I

### 6.6 New methods that have been developed this year

N/I

## 7 Methods developed for keeping knowledge updated and coherent

N/I

## 8 Methods for ensuring and assessing quality of knowledge in the youth field

### 8.1 Existing Methods



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	used	How it is implemented
Peer reviews	Yes	N/I
Expert analysts	Yes	N/I
Indicators	Yes	N/I
Training of youth researchers	No	N/I
Other	No	N/I

## 8.2 This year's developments of quality assessment in the youth research field.

N/I

# 9 Promotion of youth researchers and their generational renewal and other actors who work towards a better knowledge of youth

## 9.1 Facilitating the exchange of experience and practice

N/I

## 9.2 Supporting their mobility

N/I

## 9.3 Improving their skills

N/I

## 9.4 Funding for PhDs and support of students in this field

N/I

## 9.5 New schemes that have been developed this year

N/I

# 10 Comparing results

## 10.1 Methods to exploit and compare results of activities carried out for a better knowledge and understanding of youth

N/I

## 10.2 Methods that have been developed this year?



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N/I

## 11 Methods to ensure exchanges and dialogue between all actors in the youth field

### 11.1 Seminars, working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Title of seminar or group	Frequency	Date & place of next meeting	Contact
YOUTH Program Meetings with beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries	4 times <i>per year</i>	not available	Yiannis Yiannaki Tel. +357 22 402614info@youth.org.cy
EQUAL Meetings with partners	10 <i>per year</i>	not available	Victoras Kountouris Tel. + 357 22 402618 kvictoras@youthboard.org.cy
Toy Libraries	10 <i>per year</i>	not available	Maria Kazamia Tel. + 357 22 402619 kmaria@youthboard.org.cy
General Advisory Body	2 <i>per year</i>	not available	Maria Miltiadou Tel. + 357 24 822581 mmaria@youthboard.org.cy

### 11.2 Permanent national networks for developing a greater knowledge of youth that link all actors in the field (policy makers, researchers, young people and their organisations, NGOs)

Youth Board of Cyprus info@youthboard.org.cy Tel. +357 22 402600/02

#### 11.2.1 Functioning and support of permanent national network

Advisory bodies of the Youth Board of Cyprus Inter-departmental Advisory Committee of the Youth Board of Cyprus

#### 11.2.2 The strategy for creating a permanent national network if one does not exist (i.e. setting up a working group on the issue, organising exchange of good practice on the issue, developing the network taking as starting point national correspondents for knowledge centre, creating a virtual national community linking actors, #)

N/A



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### **11.2.3 The plans for this year**

N/I

## **11.3 Other networks in the youth field**

### **11.3.1 Transnational networks**

N/I

### **11.3.2 Local and regional networks**

N/I

### **11.3.3 Networks specific to certain actors**

N/I

### **11.3.4 New developments planned this year**

N/I

## **12 Transsectoral dialogue**

### **12.1 Organisation and promotion of transsectoral dialogue for example between university departments and governmental departments (e.g. seminars, working groups, common advisory structures#)**

N/I

### **12.2 New developments planned this year.**

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