

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

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



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### **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**

- Univ. Mannheim. Research: value & motivation among German pupils, friendship in interethnic networks, norms of development in adolescence, election of schools & school quality in local systems, European identity & young people's participation, learning to live democracy. - Technical Univ. Chemnitz. Research: acculturation processes in second migrant generation in Germany & Israel, migration processes, intimate Relationships & family dynamics - Univ. Bielefeld. Research: integration, interaction, development of prejudices & a propensity for violence in youths; evaluation of initiatives on integration of school objectors, prevention of violence by using peer resources; social recognition deficits & juvenile careers of violence, comparative examination of ethnically divergent social milieus, group conflicts, youth welfare & social services, gender studies. - Univ. Regensburg. Research: episodic forgetting in young children, media worlds of children & young people, moral behaviour of children & young people - Free Univ. of Berlin. Research: kids & internet use, gender roles in adolescence, school development programmes, typological ways of development of young people between transition & moratorium - Univ. Munich. Research: youth & religion - International Univ. Bremen. Research: juvenile political delinquency, adolescent media use, value change & value transmission - Univ. of Applied Sciences Koblenz. Research: international youth work - Univ. Halle-Wittenberg. Research: youth & school - Univ. Dortmund. Research: gender studies, youth cultures & scenes, boys, school development - Univ. Jena. Research: youth & school/youth services. - Technical Univ. Dresden. Research: youth & policy/school. - Univ. Potsdam/Institute for applied family, childhood and youth research (IFK). Research: youth & policy/youth services. - Univ. Siegen, Siegen Centre for childhood, youth and biographical research (SiZe): Research: youth & policy/school/family

#### **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**

- German Youth Institute (DJI, [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)), Research: right-wing extremism/xenophobia, prevention of infantile/juvenile delinquency, youth services & immigration, accompanying research (programmes Entimon - against violence & right-wing extremism; E&C - development and chances for young people in socially deprived area), strategies/concepts of external evaluation in child/youth services, informal learning processes in adolescence, gender mainstreaming in child/youth services, other - Research Group Youth and Europe ([www.fgje.de](http://www.fgje.de)). Research: youth & education work, employment research, intercultural skills & democracy education - Institute for Media Pedagogy in Research and Practice ([www.jff.de](http://www.jff.de)). Research: media and controversial contents (e.g. violence) & significance for children/youth, gender specific handling of media &



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contents, analysis of media offers, structures & developments and meaning for adolescents, youth media protection & education/up-bringing, other

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

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

- Child and Youth Welfare Association (AGJ), amalgamation of central federal youth organisations & regional youth councils, leading voluntary social welfare organisations, central specialist organisations, the main youth authorities of the federal states (ministries) & the youth offices of the federal states which work across regions. [www.agj.de](http://www.agj.de) - German Federal Youth Council (DBJR), umbrella organisation of youth organisations, regional youth councils & affiliated organisations, having different objectives & being of different orientations. [www.dbjr.de](http://www.dbjr.de) - German Union of Federal Associations for Cultural Child and Youth Education (BKJ), amalgamation of nationwide organisations specialising in the cultural education of children & young people. [www.bkj.de](http://www.bkj.de) - Federation of Protestant Youth in the Federal Republic of Germany (aej). Study on #Reality and Outreach of Youth Organisations# Work#, published 2006.  
<http://web.fu-berlin.de/jugendverbandsarbeit/gesamt/hauptergebnisse.htm>

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

- Federal Office for Statistics (destatis, [www.destatis.de](http://www.destatis.de)), statistics on population including youth, age groups 6-15, 15-25, 25-45, migrant youth age groups 6-14, 14-15, 15-18, 18-21, 21-40; regular surveys on population including youth population, employment including youth unemployment - Regional Offices for Statistics, regular surveys on population including youth population, employment including youth unemployment, age groups vary depending on the kind of survey that is conducted. More info: [www.destatis.de/allg/d/link/link981.htm](http://www.destatis.de/allg/d/link/link981.htm) - Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB, [www.bib-demographie.de](http://www.bib-demographie.de)), statistics on population including youth & life attitudes - Office for Children & Youth Services Statistics at the University of Dortmund (akj, [www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de/](http://www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de/)), reviews child & youth service statistics

## **1.5 Youth researchers or experts**

See: - list of researchers who are members of the Federal Advisory Committee on Youth Problems (Bundesjugendkuratorium, [www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de](http://www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de)). - list of staff of German Youth Institute > Dep. Youth and Youth Services (<http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=5&Jump1=mitlist>). - list of project officers of the Research Group Youth and Europe (Forschungsgruppe Jugend und Europa, [www.fgje.de](http://www.fgje.de)). Institutions with German experts in youth research can be found at [www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db](http://www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db) > English version > Key-word or Full-text > youth research.

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

- Youth Service of German Shell Company, commissions leading research institutes with youth



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surveys & studies, primarily limits its role in the implementation of these youth surveys to the provision of the required funding & the dissemination of the findings: Survey on Youth in Germany ([www.shell-jugendstudie.de](http://www.shell-jugendstudie.de)) - B.A.T. Leisure Research Institute Ltd. (British American Tobacco B.A.T. Freizeit-Forschungsinstitut GmbH, [www.bat.de](http://www.bat.de)), supports scientific & qualitative research in leisure time activities & tourism. Recent research (persons from the age of 14): educational aims/value orientation, travel habits - Bauer Media KG ([www.bauermedia.com](http://www.bauermedia.com)), market research on youth as a target group for consumer products (BRAVO.de-Trendbarometer), media use of youth - Synovate Kids+Teens ([www.synovate.com](http://www.synovate.com)), market & opinion research on children & youth - Youngcom! Agency for Integrated Youth Communication Ltd. ([www.youngcom.de](http://www.youngcom.de)), research on preferences, habits & attitudes of young people - iconkids & youth ([www.iconkids.com](http://www.iconkids.com)), research on attitudes, behaviour & motivation of young people - ProKids-Institute as part of PROSOZ Herten Ltd. ([www.prokids-institut.de](http://www.prokids-institut.de)), applied research on childhood, youth & education, regional & local studies & surveys (children's barometer) - Tfactory ([www.tfactory.com](http://www.tfactory.com)), youth market research, youth trends - Bundesverband deutscher Banken ([www.bdb.de/pic/artikelpic/082006/BdB\\_Jugendstudie2006.pdf](http://www.bdb.de/pic/artikelpic/082006/BdB_Jugendstudie2006.pdf)), youth understanding of economy and financial culture

### 1.7 Others dealing with youth issues

- German Institute for International Pedagogical research ([www.dipf.de](http://www.dipf.de)). Research: different areas of formal education (quality of education and evaluation, steering and funding of educational sector, education and culture) - Regional Institute on social research ([www.sfs-dortmund.de](http://www.sfs-dortmund.de)). Research: employment and work, youth as cross-sectoral topic, e.g. #Implementation of new work political instruments for the integration of young people into professional education and labour market. Implementation of #Hartz IV# # where do young people stay# - Research Group Elections e.V. ([www.forschungsgruppe.de](http://www.forschungsgruppe.de)): Research: amongst other electoral attitudes of young people - Institut for Child and Youth Services ([www.ikj-mainz.de](http://www.ikj-mainz.de)). Research: youth & policy/youth services

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

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## 2 Legal basis

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

The legal basis for promoting structures & activities leading to a better understanding of youth is the Social Code, Eight Volume (SGB VIII) Child & Youth Services. Chapter 6, § 84 specifies that the Federal Government must submit a report on the situation of young people & the efforts & achievements of youth services to the German Bundestag (Parliament) & the Bundesrat (Federal Council) in every legislative period.

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



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### **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**

- 6th European Framework Programme for Research & Technology Development (2002-2006) as major tool to support the creation of the European Research Area, including civil society, social sciences & youth research; open to researchers of all ages & levels of experience regardless of nationality - Action programme YOUTH of the European Commission - other EU programmes funding research but no specific funding on youth research (see [www.eurodesk.org](http://www.eurodesk.org) > Search for funding > Theme search > Research)

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

##### **3.3.1 Public national funding**

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##### **3.3.2 Private national funding**

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##### **3.4 Other funding**

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

special allocation for German Youth Institute (DJI, [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)) within the Child & Youth Plan of the Federation

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

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



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## youth field

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

There is a great variety of publications in the youth field in Germany. More detailed information can be found at 4.3 Journals that publish youth research and 4.4 Reviews on youth research.

### 4.2 Regular youth reports

- Child & Youth Report ([www.bmfsfj.de/doku/kjb/](http://www.bmfsfj.de/doku/kjb/)), by Federal Government in every legislative period. Specific form of social reporting, positioned at the point of intersection between scientific research, politics & the grassroots level. Next report expected in 2008/2009 - Child & youth reports, published by the federal states (Laender) & the municipalities, on irregular basis - Report on Education 2006 ([www.bildungsbericht.de/daten/gesamtbericht.pdf](http://www.bildungsbericht.de/daten/gesamtbericht.pdf)), by Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education of the Federal States of Germany & Ministry for Education and Research - Youth Survey, by German Youth Institute (<http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=66>). Target group 16-29 yrs. old, 1st January 1989 - 30 September 2006 - Family Survey ([www.dji.de/2\\_familiensurvey/](http://www.dji.de/2_familiensurvey/)), by German Youth Institute. Target group 18-55 yrs. old, 1st August until 31 March 2006. 3rd wave contained survey on young people (age 16 to 17) and their family situation - Survey on youth councils #Jugendringe im Visier - Befragung zu Strukturen, Funktionen und Handlungsmöglichkeiten# ([www.dji.de/bibs/64\\_5609\\_JugendringeimVisier.pdf](http://www.dji.de/bibs/64_5609_JugendringeimVisier.pdf)), by German Youth Institute, 2006 - Study on Youth Sexuality ([www.sexualaufklaerung.de/cgi-sub/fetch.php?id=473](http://www.sexualaufklaerung.de/cgi-sub/fetch.php?id=473)), by Federal Centre for Health Education, on irregular basis. Topic 2006: Attitudes & behaviour of young people & parents in Germany towards issues of sexuality & contraception

### 4.3 Journals that publish youth research

a) results of youth research/experts discussion - Blaetter der Wohlfahrtspflege, Ed.: Nomos-Verlag, 6 times/year - deutsche jugend, Ed.: Juventa-Verlag, monthly - Forum Jugendhilfe. Ed.: Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer Jugendhilfe e.V., 4 times/year - Jugendhilfe. Ed.: Luchterhand-Verlag, 6 times/year - neue praxis - Zeitschrift fuer Sozialarbeit, Sozialpaedagogik und Sozialpolitik. Ed.: Luchterhand-Verlag, 6 times/year - Soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Deutsches Zentralinstitut fuer soziale Fragen, monthly - Unsere Jugend. Ed.: Ernst Reinhardt Verlag, monthly - Zeitschrift fuer Sozialpaedagogik. Ed.: Juventa Verlag GmbH, 4 times/year - proJugend. Ed. Aktion Jugendschutz Bayern, 4 times/year b) youth policy/youth organisations, discussion about youth services: - BDKJ-Journal. Ed.: Bund der Deutschen Katholischen Jugend, monthly - Betreff. Ed.: Deutsche Beamtenbund-Jugend, 6 times/year - Hessische Jugend. Ed.: Hessischer Jugendring, 4 times/year - IJAB-Informationen. Ed.: Internationaler Jugendaustausch- und Besucherdienst der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (IJAB) e.V., 4-6 times/year - Jugend Nachrichten - Zeitschrift des Bayerischen Jugendrings. Ed.: Bayerischer Jugendring, monthly - Jugend-Beruf-Gesellschaft. Ed.: BAG Jugendsozialarbeit, 4 times/year - Jugendpolitik. Ed.: Deutscher Bundesjugendring, 4 times/year - jugendpolitischer dienst#jpd. Ed.: Marion Moesta Verlag Politische Dienste, weekly -



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Sozialmagazin - Zeitschrift fuer soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Juventa-Verlag, monthly

#### 4.4 Reviews on youth research

a) results of youth research & experts discussion - Diskurs Kindheits- und Jugendforschung, Ed.: Group of authors, Budrich Publ., 4 times/year - DJI-Bulletin (online). Ed.: Dt. Jugendinstitut e.V., 4 times/year - Forum Erziehungshilfen. Ed.: Intern. Gesellschaft fuer erzieherische Hilfen, 5 times/year - Kind Jugend Gesellschaft. Ed.: BAG Kinder- und Jugendschutz/Luchterhand-Verlag, 4 times/year - Migration und Soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Institut fuer Sozialarbeit und Sozialpaedagogik e.V., 4 times/year - Praxis Politische Bildung. Ed.: Juventa-Verlag, 4 times/year - Recht der Jugend und des Bildungswesens. Ed.: Luchterhand-Verlag, 4 times/year b) youth policy & youth organisations, discussion about youth services: - Ueberblick. Ed.: Informations- und Dokumentationsstelle gegen Gewalt, Rechtsextremismus, twice a year - Zukunftsforum Jugend 2000. Ed.: Evang. Akademien in Deutschland e.V., twice a year - Forum Jugendarbeit International, Ed.: IJAB, since 1996, once a year/two years

#### 4.5 Other publications

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

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

#### 5.1 Databases

- [www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db](http://www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db), short description & addresses (with links) of all nationwide working institutions & organisations in the field of child/youth policy & child/youth services, in German/English language, permanently updated, run by IJAB - [www.promix-online.de](http://www.promix-online.de), (only) addresses of projects & of bodies & organisations of non-statutory child/youth services in the eastern part of Germany (six federal states), in German language, permanently updated, run by Stiftung Demokratische Jugend - [www.dija.de](http://www.dija.de), complex database on youth policy & work in approx. 39 countries, in German language, information on Germany available in 9 other languages (Dutch, English, French, Japanese, Spanish, Czech, Polish, Russian, Turkish), permanently updated, run by IJAB

#### 5.2 Portals

- [www.jugendhilfeportal.de](http://www.jugendhilfeportal.de), portal for professionals in the field of child & youth services in Germany, permanently updated, run by IJAB & AGJ - [www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info](http://www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info), child/youth policy/services, relevant laws, presentation sheets, in German/English (some sheets in French/Spanish), regular update, run by IJAB - [www.jugendschutz.net](http://www.jugendschutz.net), information on child/youth protection, main focus: new media/internet, regular update, run by Friedemann Schindler - [www.familienhandbuch.de](http://www.familienhandbuch.de), professional information on family, adolescence, youth, growing up



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process in modern society, regular update, run by Prof. Dr. Dr. Dr. Wassilios E. Fthenakis & Dr. Martin R. Textor - [www.jugendforschung.de](http://www.jugendforschung.de), information on youth research institutes/organisations/sources, database, regular update, run by Dr. Heinz Reinders - [www.jugendszenen.com](http://www.jugendszenen.com), research in youth scenes, regular update, run by Uni Dortmund, Dept. 12, General Sociology

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

- [www.bmfsfj.de/Politikbereiche/kinder-und-jugend.html](http://www.bmfsfj.de/Politikbereiche/kinder-und-jugend.html) - Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Section with all relevant information on child & youth policy, child & youth services in Germany - [www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de](http://www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de) - Office of Child & Youth Service Statistics - [www.destatis.de](http://www.destatis.de) - Federal Office for Statistics (destatis), statistics on population including youth - [www.bib-demographie.de](http://www.bib-demographie.de) - Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), statistics on population including youth & life attitudes

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

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

### 6.1 Quantative Methods

	used	frequency	themes
<b>European tools (Eurostat, Eurobarometer)</b>	Yes	since 1974 <i>per year</i>	youth, population, political participation of youth, attitudes towards EU
<b>Youth Opinion polls</b>	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	voting behaviour, consumer behaviour, youth participation
<b>Comparative studies</b>	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	East & West Germany covering several themes, health care
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	children and youth, family
<b>Questionnaires</b>	Yes	N/I <i>per year</i>	children and youth, family, unemployment and health
<b>Evaluation research</b>	Yes	N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I



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	used	frequency	themes
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## 6.2 Qualitative methods

	used	frequency	themes
<b>Ethnography</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Participant observation</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Interviews</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Discourse analysis</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Grounded theory</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Evaluation research</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Action research</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Questionnaires</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Comparative studies</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-

## 6.3 The use of combining methods/ Triangulation

	used	frequency	themes
<b>Action research</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Evaluation research</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Questionnaires</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Comparative studies</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>		- <i>per year</i>	-

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

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

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## 6.6 New methods that have been developed this year

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## 7 Methods developed for keeping knowledge updated and coherent



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N/I

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

### 8.1 Existing Methods

	used	How it is implemented
Peer reviews		N/I
Expert analysts	Yes	Child & Youth Survey of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, written by independent experts in youth research & appears in every parliamentary legislative period with a specific main topic concerning child & youth services in Germany
Indicators	Yes	By statistical offices of the Federal States, Statistical Office of the Federal Republic of Germany
Training of youth researchers	Yes	Only at universities & in scientific associations
Other	No	none

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

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## 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

- regular meetings, conferences, expert hearings, co-operation projects between youth organisations/associations & researchers/research groups, organised by Researcher-Practitioner-Dialogue on International Youth Encounters (Forscher-Praktiker-Dialog)



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Internationale Jugendbegegnung, [www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de](http://www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de)) - regular conferences by Germany Youth Institute (DJI) for educational & social administration experts as well as for politicians, journalists, scientists; DJI carries out international research projects, participates in international conferences, maintains contact to national as well as to foreign researchers & politicians.

## **9.2 Supporting their mobility**

- mobility funding within the framework of EU programmes YOUTH, LEONARDO & SOCRATES - 6th European Framework Programme for Research & Technology Development (2002-2006) #Human Resources & Mobility# - international funding provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)), no specific funding for youth researchers

## **9.3 Improving their skills**

international funding provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)), no specific funding for youth researchers

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

- funding of PhDs by funds from German Research Foundation (DFG, [www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de)) - international funding for students provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de))

## **9.5 New schemes that have been developed this year**

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# **10 Comparing results**

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

There is no general institutional platform for comparing results, but there are many unofficial permanent contacts between institutions in the field of youth research.

## **10.2 Methods that have been developed this year?**

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# **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**



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Title of seminar or group	Frequency	Date & place of next meeting	Contact
Forscher-Praktiker-Dialog Internationale Jugendbegegnung (through panel meetings, expert hearings, cooperation projects)	sev. times <b>per year</b>	See: <a href="http://www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de">www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de</a>	Sozialwissenschaftlicher Salonkreis fuer Internationale Probleme e.V., Pfarrstr. 134, D-10317 Berlin
Spring meeting 2007 #Socio-demographic change # social and cultural consequences for young people#	once/twice <b>per year</b>	1-2 March 2007, Univ. of Potsdam	Sektion Jugendsoziologie der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS) c/o Geschäftsstelle der DGS, Technische Universität Dresden, Institut für Soziologie, Chemnitzer Straße 46a, D-01187 Dresden
Deutscher Jugendhilfetag	ev. 4 yrs. <b>per year</b>	18-20 June 2008, Essen	c/o AGJ, Mühlendamm 3, D-10178 Berlin
Arbeitsgruppe Fachtagungen Jugendhilfe des Vereins für Kommunalwissenschaften e.V.	sev. times <b>per year</b>	See: <a href="http://www.vfk.de/agfj/veranstaltungen.htm">www.vfk.de/agfj/veranstaltungen.htm</a>	Verein fuer Kommunalwissenschaften e.V. (VfK) Ernst-Reuter-Haus, Straße des 17. Juni 112, D-10623 Berlin

## 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)

- inter-ministerial co-ordination of research activities - Federal Advisory Committee on Youth matters (Bundesjugendkuratorium, [info.bjk@t-online.de](mailto:info.bjk@t-online.de), [www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de](http://www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de)) - biannual information exchange system between national & regional (Laender) levels on youth subjects, including youth research - German Youth Institute (Deutsches Jugendinstitut, DJI, [info@dji.de](mailto:info@dji.de), [www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)) - Child and Youth Welfare Association (Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer Jugendhilfe, AGJ, [agj@agj.de](mailto:agj@agj.de), [www.agj.de](http://www.agj.de)) - German Federal Youth Council (Deutscher Bundesjugendring, DBJR, [info@dbjr.de](mailto:info@dbjr.de), [www.dbjr.de](http://www.dbjr.de))

### 11.2.1 Functioning and support of permanent national network

- Inter-ministerial co-ordination of research activities - Federal Advisory Committee on Youth



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matters, organises dialogue between practitioners, policy makers, researchers - Child and Youth Welfare Association, co-ordinates network of youth field actors (policy makers, administration, researchers) - German Youth Institute, acts in the triangle of science, policy and practice, provides information, services, counselling - German Federal Youth Council, works in commissions/working groups, comments on law/related youth reports, discusses latest questions concerning youth work/policy

### **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, #)**

There are different national networks linking policy makers, researchers, young people & their organisations, NGOs.

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

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

### **11.3.1 Transnational networks**

- German National Committee for International Youth Work (Deutsches Nationalkomitee fuer internationale Jugendarbeit, DNK, [dnk@dbjr.de](mailto:dnk@dbjr.de), c/o German Federal Youth Council, responsible for making agreements on the joint international activities in order to ensure that German youth organisations are represented on a multi-national level. - Youth Exchange and Visitors' Service of the Federal Republic of Germany (IJAB, [www.ijab.de](http://www.ijab.de)). Central specialist agency for international youth policy, youth work & youth information, promotes international youth work/cooperation in the field of youth policy

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

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

- Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Soziologie: university network - Deutscher Jugendhilfetag, Arbeitsgruppe Fachtagungen: networks of experts & professionals in the field of youth services. - Forscher-Praktiker-Dialog Internationale Begegnung: network of experts and professionals in the field of international youth work

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

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## 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#)**

The German Youth Institute ([www.dji.de](http://www.dji.de)) cooperates as a counselling agency with the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. The Federal Advisory Committee on Youth matters (Bundesjugendkuratorium, [www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de](http://www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de)) organises a well developed dialogue between practitioners, policy makers & researchers. It advises the Federal government in basic questions of youth services & in cross-sectional tasks of child & youth policy. 15 youth service experts are called into the Committee for one parliamentary session. In its activity the Committee takes position with & gives recommendations with regard to present priorities in the child & youth policy of the Federal government.

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

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