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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

- University of the Aegean. Department of Cultural Technology and Communication: Youth and Media Laboratory. P. Bantimaroudis, Assistant Professor. Subject: Youth and Media. <http://www.aegean.gr> - Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. Department of Political Science and History. Title of relevant course: #The University and the Student Movement#, organized by A. Rigos, Associate Professor. <http://www.panteion.gr> - Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. Department of Sociology. Subjects: #Juvenile Delinquency# and #Social Control of Juveniles#. <http://www.panteion.gr> - Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. Department of Psychology. Subjects: #Psychopathology of the child and the adolescent#, #Aspects of criminality in delinquency of minors#, #Television and Child.# <http://www.panteion.gr> - University of Athens. Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Title of relevant course: #Political Culture and political socialization#, organized by M.Pantelidou-Malouta, Professor. <http://www.pspa.uoa.gr> - University of Athens, Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology. Experimental Pedagogy Laboratory. Dr C. Nova-Kaltsouni. Subject: Pedagogy. <http://www.ergastirio.ppp.uoa.gr> - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Department of Journalism and Mass Media. Title of course: #The Child and the Mass Media#, organized by A. Doulkeri, Associate Professor. <http://www.jour.auth.gr> - University of Crete. Department of Political Science. Titles of relevant courses: #Educational Policy# and #University Policy#, both organized by N. Papadakis, Adjunct Lecturer. <http://www.uoc.gr> - University of Macedonia. Department of Educational and Social Policy. Subjects: Pedagogy, Educational Policy, Continuing Education, Education of people with special needs, etc. Also, the course #Socialization of the Younger Generation: Theory and Research#, organized by D. Goudiras, Associate Professor

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

- National Centre for Social Research. Current relevant project: #The well-being of children: The impact of changing family forms, working conditions of parents, social policy and legislative measures#. - National Hellenic Research Foundation-The Institute of Neohellenic Research. Current relevant project: #Historical Archives of the Greek Youth#. - National Statistical Service of Greece. Current relevant project: EUROSTAT statistical programme. - Employment Observatory. Current relevant project: #The Labour Market for Young People#. - Organisation Against Drugs (OKANA) with the University Mental Health Research Institute. Current relevant project: #Nationwide general population drug survey#. - National Observatory for Children's Rights. - Youth Entrepreneurship Units and Youth Entrepreneurship Observatory. - Pedagogical Institute.



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

The existing 60 Youth Information Centres all over Greece often make efforts to collect information on youth. However, they do not conduct any type of research.

1.3 NGOs dealing with youth issues

The National Youth Council (ESYN) is a platform of NGYOs and is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit federation of Greek youth organizations. Today, 42 NGYOs constitute the National Youth Council (4 political party NGYOs, and a large number of non political ones), representing the vast majority of organized young people. <http://www.esyn.gr>

1.4 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

- The Greek Social Data Bank and the National Documentation Centre. The Greek Social Data Bank is the main data archive for the social sciences in Greece while the National Documentation Centre (EKT) is the backbone organisation of the national infrastructure for scientific documentation, online information and support services on science, research and technology. Both the Greek Social Data Bank and the National Documentation Centre provide researchers with useful data regarding the socio-economic characteristics of Greek society. http://www.gsdb.gr/databank_role_en.html/, <http://www.eie.gr/ekt-en.html>. - National Statistical Service of Greece. It collects statistical data on population, employment and unemployment, health and social insurance, education, justice, finance, prices, the national income, etc. It also publishes a series of research publications on the socio-economic conditions of Greece.

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

This is an indicative list only. - Philemon Bantimaroudis, Assistant Professor, University of the Aegean. Department of Cultural Technology and Communication. Field of competence: Youth and Media. - Yannis Stavrakakis, Research Fellow. University of Essex. Department of Government. Field of Competence: Discourse Analysis. - Nikos Bubaris, Lecturer, University of the Aegean. Department of Cultural Technology and Communication. Field of Competence: Youth Studies, Youth Culture. - Thalia Dragonas, Professor. University of Athens. Department of Early Childhood Education. Field of Competence: Social Psychology. - Dimitris Goudiras, Associate Professor. University of Macedonia. Department of Educational and Social Policy. Field of competence: Socialization of the younger generation and educational policy. - Christina Koulouri, Professor, University of Peloponnese. Department of Social Sciences. Field of Competence: History of Greek Education and Society. - Bettina Davou, University of Athens. Department of Mass Media and Communication. Field of Competence: Cognitive Psychology. - Nicos Demertzis, Professor. University of Athens. Department of Mass Media and Communication. Field of Competence: Political Communication. - Eliza-Anna Delveroudi, Associate Professor. University of Crete. Department of Philology. Field of Competence: Theatre-Cinema Studies.

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues



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Public opinion research organizations conduct both quantitative and qualitative surveys on youth, at local, regional and national level. Public opinion organizations include: V-PRC, Metron Analysis, Kappa Research , ALCO, Legein kai Prattein, etc.

1.7 Others dealing with youth issues

N/A

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

The General Secretariat for Youth has already set up a new structure to deal with youth issues named #Institute for Youth#. Among the responsibilities of the Institute is to organize and support youth research projects.

2 Legal basis

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

None so far.

2.2 New Developments that have taken place this year?

None.

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

No international funding on youth research.

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

N/I

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

3.3.1 Public national funding

N/I

3.3.2 Private national funding



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N/I

3.4 Other funding

N/I

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

- Public Universities. - Research Centres/Foundations/Institutes. - NGO#s.

3.6 New developments that have taken place this year

There are no new developments in 2006.

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

N/A

4.3 Journals that publish youth research

There are no publications that focus on youth research. However, we could refer to some social sciences journals which publish articles related to youth. Mention can be made of the following journals: - Synchrona Themata (Current Affairs). - The Journal of the Hellenic Political Science Association. - Epistimi kai Koinonia (Science and Society). - Koinonia Politon (Civil Society). - To Vima ton Koinonikon Epistimon (Social Sciences Tribune). - O Politis (The Citizen). - Epitheorisi Oikonomikon Epistimon (Journal of Economics). - Nea Estia.

4.4 Reviews on youth research

N/A

4.5 Other publications

N/A

4.6 What new support has been developed this year?

None so far.

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field



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5.1 Databases

- The Greek Social Data Bank, <http://www.gsdb.gr/> - The National Documentation Centre, <http://www.ekt.gr> - The National Statistical Service of Greece, <http://www.statistics.gr>

5.2 Portals

- General Secretariat for Youth. Subject: National Youth Policy. <http://www.neagenia.gr>. The portal is updated on a daily basis. - Youth Entrepreneurship Units and Youth Entrepreneurship Observatory. Subject: Youth Entrepreneurship. <http://www.thirides.gr>. The portal is updated rarely.

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

General Secretariat for Youth, <http://www.neagenia.gr> Historical Archives of the Greek Youth, <http://www.istoria-neolaias.gr> The National Statistical Service, <http://www.statistics.gr> The National Centre for Social Research, <http://www.ekke.gr> The National Hellenic Research Foundation, <http://www.eie.gr> The Employment Observatory, <http://www.paep.org.gr>

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	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Youth Opinion polls	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Comparative studies	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Longitudinal studies	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Questionnaires	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Evaluation research	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A

6.2 Qualitative methods

	used	frequency	themes
Ethnography	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A



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	used	frequency	themes
Participant observation	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Interviews	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Discourse analysis	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Grounded theory	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Evaluation research	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Action research	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Questionnaires	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Comparative studies	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Longitudinal studies	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A

6.3 The use of combining methods/ Triangulation

	used	frequency	themes
Action research	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Evaluation research	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Questionnaires	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Comparative studies	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A
Longitudinal studies	Yes	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A

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

N/I

6.5 Innovative methods used in the collection of youth knowledge

N/I

6.6 New methods that have been developed this year

None.

7 Methods developed for keeping knowledge updated and coherent

There are no such methods.

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



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8.1 Existing Methods

	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

Up to now, no youth research Network has been established at national level. No special seminars/conferences for youth researchers have been implemented.

9.2 Supporting their mobility

N/A

9.3 Improving their skills

N/A

9.4 Funding for PhDs and support of students in this field

The main public organisation which grants scholarships for postgraduate (MAs and PhDs) or postdoctoral studies in the youth field, in Greece or abroad, is the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY). There are also some private organisations which support academic studies in the youth field, such as the Public Benefit Foundation #Alexander S. Onassis#, the Lilian Voudouri Foundation, the Bodossakis Foundation, etc.

9.5 New schemes that have been developed this year

None.

10 Comparing results



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

N/A

10.2 Methods that have been developed this year?

N/A

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

No answers available

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/A

12.2 New developments planned this year.

N/A