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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

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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

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information, consulting and orientation of pupils in schools#. #Pupils# self-government influence on socialization processes#. #Expenditures and access ability of non-formal children education#. #Factors, which influence studies in higher schools of persons with special needs#. The Ministry of Culture, J. Basanaviciaus str. 5, LT-0118 Vilnius, Lithuania Elena Vilkiene, tel. (+3705)2623817, e-mail: e.vilkiene@lrkm.lt Information Society Development Committee under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Gedimino ave. 56, Vilnius Arminas Rakauskas, tel.: (+3705)2665174, e-mail: a.rakauskas@ivpk.lt Lithuanian Labour Exchange, Gelezinio Vilko str. 3a, LT - 2600 Vilnius, Lithuania Gilija Asmontaite, tel. (+3705)2360785, e-mail: gilija.asmontaite@ldb.lt #Research of motivation and possibilities to be employed of higher school graduates, who are registered in Labour exchange offices#.

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

There are 60 municipal authorities in Lithuania. Each of them provides research on territorial youth related topics in order to prepare a municipal Youth programs, funded from municipal budgets. There are 46 territorial Labour exchanges offices. They provide youth researches on youth labour related topics.

1.3 NGOs dealing with youth issues

Lithuanian Council of Youth Organisations, Didzioji str. 8-5, 01128 Vilnius Sarunas Frolenko, tel.: (+3705)2791014, e-mail: sarunas@lijot.lt

1.4 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

Department of Statistics under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Statistics Lithuania), Gedimino ave. 29, LT-01500 Vilnius, Lithuania

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

N/I

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues

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1.7 Others dealing with youth issues

N/I

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

N/I

2 Legal basis



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

Law on Youth policy framework, (4 December 2003 No IX-1871 (As last amended on 22 November 2005 # No X-413)) Law on fundamentals of protection of the rights of the child (14 March 1996 No I-1234 (As last amended on 8 April 2006 No X-672)) Law on education (25 June 1991 No. I-1489 (new edition by 17 June 2003 No. IX-1630)) Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Approval of voluntary work conditions and methods (13 December No 1511 (As last amended on 11 February 2003 - No 207)) Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Approval of children and youth socialization program (23 February 2004 No 209 (As last amended on 3 April 2006 - No 322)) Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Approval of national program on children and adolescents criminality prevention (6 March 1997 No 197 (As last amended on 21 April 1998 - No 487))

2.2 New Developments that have taken place this year?

Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Approval of strategy of youth opportunities (will be approved until the end of 2006)

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

EU program YOUTH (in Lithuania administrated by Agency of international youth co-operation). Calls for applications are made several times a year. Funding is made upon successful applications. Total amount in 2006 is 2 165 073 euros.

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

3.3.1 Public national funding

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour call for applications once a year. Funding is made upon successful applications. Total amount in 2006 is 477 873 euros.



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3.3.2 Private national funding

N/I

3.4 Other funding

Each Lithuanian municipality has a fund for funding Youth activities. Usually funding is made upon successful applications.

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

Youth NGOs and unions of Youth NGOs.

3.6 New developments that have taken place this year

N/I

4 Paper publications disseminating knowledge about the youth field

4.1 Figures for paper publications disseminating knowledge about the youth field

Jaunimo lyga (League of youth) (edited once in three months by the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour). Purpose of the magazine is to be most useful source of information for youth. Here is provided information on possibilities to be involved in activities of youth organisations and non-formal youth groups; advises for starting business; stories of peer success; as far as information about meaningful free time spending. Every volume is indicated for particular topic e. g. emigration, involvement in youth NGOs, entrepreneurship, etc. Po skėciu (Under an umbrella) (edited by Lithuanian Youth Council). Free topical expertise journal about youth policy appears once in three months. Different topics are analysed by experts, politicians, businessmen, youth leaders, members of youth organisations. Publication provides theoretical fundamental of topic and practice (good/bad examples, experience, and expertise evaluation).

4.2 Regular youth reports

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour publishes reports on Youth policy in Lithuania. Such reports are not considered as regular.

4.3 Journals that publish youth research

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour announces results of Youth situation researches once in two years. Results are divided according to different regulated fields of youth policy. Department of Statistics under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Statistics Lithuania) annually publishes yearbook of Lithuanian statistics, which also contents data on youth situation.



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4.4 Reviews on youth research

Youth policy in transformation (Lithuanian youth policy review) published by the State Council of Youth Affairs (currently The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour) in November 2002. Review prepared by Vaida Jasiukaityte and Herwig Reiter. The review aimed to present the variety of policy issues at the core of the Lithuanian youth policy.

4.5 Other publications

N/I

4.6 What new support has been developed this year?

N/I

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Databases

High quality information and advises for young people and those, who work for them about Europe provided on <http://www.eurodesk.lt> Updated everyday.

5.2 Portals

Website of the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour <http://www.jrd.lt/> provides information on Lithuanian youth policy (legal basis, youth organisations, youth structures, youth policy implementing governmental bodies, funding possibilities, youth events, etc.). Information updated at least once a week. Website of Lithuanian Youth Council <http://www.lijot.lt/> provides information about member organisations, spread information for youth organisations. Information updated at least once a week.

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

Website of the Department of Statistics under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Statistics Lithuania) <http://www.std.lt/en/>

5.4 What new tools have been developed this year?

N/I

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

6.1 Quantative Methods



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	used	frequency	themes
European tools (Eurostat, Eurobarometer)		N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I
Youth Opinion polls		N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I
Comparative studies		N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I
Longitudinal studies		N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I
Questionnaires		N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I
Evaluation research		N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I

6.2 Qualitative methods

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

6.3 The use of combining methods/ Triangulation

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

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



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N/I

6.6 New methods that have been developed this year

N/I

7 Methods developed for keeping knowledge updated and coherent

N/A

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	Through qualitative research
Indicators		N/I
Training of youth researchers		N/I
Other		N/I

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

N/A

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



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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?

N/A

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
Trainings for municipal co-ordinators of youth affairs	4 <i>per year</i>	December, 2006, Kaunas	Giedrius Vaidelis, e-mail: g.vaidelis@jrd.lt
N/I	N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I	N/I
N/I	N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I	N/I
N/I	N/I <i>per year</i>	N/I	N/I

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)

National Association of Co-ordinators for Youth Matters

11.2.1 Functioning and support of permanent national network

National Association of Co-ordinators for Youth Matters consists of municipal co-ordinators for youth matters. They are responsible for local youth policy formation and implementation in each



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Lithuanian municipality. So all together they can solve local youth policy problems or represent local youth policy needs on national level as far as to improve their competencies through trainings, seminars and other events.

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, #)

No steps taken.

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

Councils of regional youth organisations in most Lithuanian municipalities. Councils unify youth organisations and those working for youth in municipality area. Council of Lithuanian youth organisations (National Youth Council).

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#)

Council of Youth Affairs formed on the principle of parity: 6 representatives from government institutions (ministries and Government Office) and 6 representatives from youth organisations (delegated by National Youth Council). The Council composition is approved by Prime minister. The Council is advisory body for the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry



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of Social Security and Labour.

12.2 New developments planned this year.

N/A