

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

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



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## **SLOVENIA, 2005**

# **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 Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Social Psychology, Dr. Mirjana Ule, #Thematic Study on Policy Measures Concerning Disadvantaged Youth# University of Maribor, Pedagogical Faculty, Sociology Department, Dr. Sergej Flere »Social Profile of Slovenian Youth 2005« University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Sports, Dr. Matej Tu#ak, »Facilitating voluntary work of youth«

## **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**

Educational Research Institute, Dr. Alenka Gril, »Facilitating voluntary work of youth« Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Social Security, "Situation analysis of the position of children and youth in Slovenia" Institute for Health Prevention, currently no research, connected with youth

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

Municipality of Ljubljana, Youth Office Centre of Interest Activities Ptuj

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

MISSS Institute, Youth Information and Counselling Centre of Slovenia Youth Culture Centre Novo mesto

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

Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia # they do not have any specific youth statistic tools. Statistics covering young people and their living conditions can be extracted from their ordinary research results, e.g. yearly research results # Population of Slovenia; Statistical information # Education; monthly reviews. The population is divided into 4-year age brackets, e.g. 0-4 years, 5-9 years, etc.

## **1.5 Youth researchers or experts**

Mirjana Ule, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Social Psychology; characteristics and changes in the process of growing up, changes in value orientations and life styles of young people, youth everyday practices, transition patterns, drop-out Metka Kuhar, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Social Psychology; characteristics and changes in the process of growing up, changes in value orientations and life styles of young people, youth everyday practices, body images; participation, transition patterns Tanja Renner,



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University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Social Psychology; family, women, life course Metka Mencin, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Social Psychology; school, drop-out, minorities, stereotyping and marginalization Alenka Gril, Educational Research Institute; education, volunteering Sergej Flere, University of Maribor, Pedagogical Faculty, Sociology Department; social characteristics Andrej Fištravec; University of Maribor, Pedagogical Faculty, Sociology Department; social characteristics

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

There are no specific private companies dealing with youth issues.

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

Currently not known.

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

No new structures and actors have been set up this year.

## **2 Legal basis**

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

Slovenia does not have a specific legal basis covering activities or structures leading to a better understanding of youth.

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

No new developments in 2005.

## **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 institution monitors this data.

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

No institution monitors this data.

### **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**

Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth, cca 37.000 EURO

### **3.3.2 Private national funding**

No data on private national funding.

### **3.4 Other funding**

No data on other sources of funding.

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

Actor(s)/structure(s) mainly receiving funding by the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth are selected by a public tender.

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

No new developments in 2005.

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

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

Mirjana Ule, min. three papers yearly, different issues Metka Kuhar, min. two papers yearly, different issues Tanja Renner, min. one paper yearly, same core topics Metka Mencin, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Social Psychology; min. one paper yearly, different issues Alenka Gril, Educational Research Institute, min. two papers yearly, different issues Sergej Flere, min. one paper yearly, same core topics Andrej Fištravec, min. one paper yearly, same core topics

### **4.2 Regular youth reports**

#Situation analysis of the position of children and youth in Slovenia#, Publisher: Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth; 1995, 1996, 2005, different issues #Social profiles on Youth#, Publisher: Student Organisation Maribor, 2002, 2003, 2004, same core issues

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

Social Pedagogics, Bojan Dekleva, 4 issues yearly, different issues Theory and Practice, Igor Lukšič, 6 issues yearly, different issues Sociological Journal: Društvene razprave, Anton Kramberger, cca. 4 issues yearly, different issues

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



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No reviews on youth research are published regularly.

#### 4.5 Other publications

Mladje, MOVIT Institute, 4 issues yearly, different issues Euro 26!, MOVIT Institute, 4 issues yearly, different issues Nefi, The Youth Guild, 4 issues yearly, different issues

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

No new supports in 2005.

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

#### 5.1 Databases

There are no such databases.

#### 5.2 Portals

<http://mladina.movit.si/> different youth information but especially information about youth exchanges, volunteering etc. on the European level; updated at least monthly  
<http://www2.arnes.si/~ljmisss1/linki/uppov1.htm> different youth information - further links for different areas of interest; mostly regularly updated.

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

Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia, [www.stat.si](http://www.stat.si)

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

No new developments in 2005.

### 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	apr. twice <i>per year</i>	youth transitions, family orientation
Youth Opinion polls	Yes	many times <i>per year</i>	commercial and public issues
Comparative studies	Yes	1-2 <i>per year</i>	family life, self-concept

	used	frequency	themes
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>	Yes	apr. twice <i>per year</i>	social profiles on youth, media usage
<b>Questionnaires</b>	Yes	apr. 4-5 <i>per year</i>	social profiles, values, interests, free time, information needs, life styles, health etc.
<b>Evaluation research</b>	Yes	apr. twice <i>per year</i>	school field

## 6.2 Qualitative methods

	used	frequency	themes
<b>Ethnography</b>	Yes	1 or less <i>per year</i>	youth subcultures
<b>Participant observation</b>	No	0 <i>per year</i>	N/A
<b>Interviews</b>	Yes	apr. twice <i>per year</i>	attitudes towards different issues, e.g. politics, family, free time, media usage etc.
<b>Discourse analysis</b>	Yes	1 or less <i>per year</i>	attitudes toward advertisements
<b>Grounded theory</b>	No	0 <i>per year</i>	N/A
<b>Evaluation research</b>	Yes	1 or less <i>per year</i>	school field
<b>Action research</b>	No	0 <i>per year</i>	N/A
<b>Questionnaires</b>	Yes	apr. 2-3 <i>per year</i>	attitudes towards different issues, e.g. politics, family, transitions, free time, media usage etc.
<b>Comparative studies</b>	Yes	apr. 1 <i>per year</i>	family, outdrops
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>	Yes	apr. 1 <i>per year</i>	media usage

## 6.3 The use of combining methods/ Triangulation

	used	frequency	themes
<b>Action research</b>	No	0 <i>per year</i>	N/A
<b>Evaluation research</b>	Yes	apr. 1 <i>per year</i>	school field
<b>Questionnaires</b>	Yes	apr. 2-3 <i>per year</i>	very different themes
<b>Comparative studies</b>	Yes	1 or less <i>per year</i>	family
<b>Longitudinal studies</b>	Yes	apr. 1 <i>per year</i>	media usage

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

Research #Needs of youth organisations in Ljubljana# in progress, Youth Office (Municipality of Ljubljana)

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

No special methods known so far.

## 6.6 New methods that have been developed this year

No new developments in 2005.

## 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

### 8.1 Existing Methods

	used	How it is implemented
<b>Peer reviews</b>	Yes	The reviews are written by other researchers and are published in Slovenian social sciences journals.
<b>Expert analysts</b>	Yes	Different methods of analyses in school field.
<b>Indicators</b>	No	N/A
<b>Training of youth researchers</b>	Yes	A special scientific policy instrument of the Agency for Research Activities # financing of postgraduate study and research training of young researchers # who can do youth research (e.g. at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana)
<b>Other</b>	No	N/A

used	How it is implemented
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## **8.2 This year's developments of quality assessment in the youth research field.**

No new developments in 2005.

# **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**

No such practices exist in the Slovenian framework.

## **9.2 Supporting their mobility**

Facilitating the exchange of experience and practice depends on the youth researchers themselves. Some of them use the existing EU programmes.

## **9.3 Improving their skills**

No such practices.

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

No special funding, no special studies yet in this field. Postgraduate programmes are currently under renovation (due to adjustment to Bologna process standards).

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

No new schemes have been developed this year.

# **10 Comparing results**

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

No such methods exist in Slovenia.

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

No new methods have been developed in 2005.

# **11 Methods to ensure exchanges and dialogue between all**



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## 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
1st Conference on the future of youth politics	not known <i>per year</i>	not known yet (in 2004: Catez, Nov. 19-21)	Sanja Vraber, Head of the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth, e-mail: Sanja.Vraber@gov.si
N/A	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A <i>per year</i>	N/A	N/A

### 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)

There is no permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field.

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

There is no permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field.

#### 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, #)

At the moment there are no strategies in this direction.

#### 11.2.3 The plans for this year

Currently no special plans for 2005.

### 11.3 Other networks in the youth field

#### 11.3.1 Transnational networks



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It depends on the youth researchers themselves. Some of them use the existing EU programmes.

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

There are neither local nor regional networks for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth.

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

Youth research is carried out on a permanent basis at the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Institute of Social Sciences, the Centre for Social Psychology. The Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth provides funding for youth research activities and also participates in publishing of research studies.

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

There are no new developments planned this year.

## **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#)**

There is no such organisation or promotion in Slovenia.

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

There are no new developments planned this year.



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