

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

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



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## **SLOVENIA, 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**

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Ule, #Up2youth# University of Maribor, Sociology Department, Dr. Flere »Social Profile of Slovenian Youth« Educational Research Institute, dr. Gril »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, dr. Andreja Šternak Meglič; Institute for Health Prevention

##### **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, 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



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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 Andreja Šternak Meglič; social situation of youth and children Albert Mrgole, youth organisations, dropout

### **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**

Slovenian Student Organization

### **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**

UP2YOUTH research project, funded under the 6th Framework Programme for Research of the European Commission Otherwise 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

Estimated national public funding: Ministry for education and sport # Office for Youth, Ministry for labour, social affairs and family, etc.: 270.000,00 EUR

### 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

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## 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 dr. Andreja Šternak Meglič, one paper yearly, same core topics dr. Albert Mrgole, 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, 2005, same core issues

### 4.3 Journals that publish youth research

Social Pedagogics, Bojan Dekleva, 4 issues yearly, different issues Theory and Practice, Igor Luksic, 6 issues yearly, different issues Sociological Journal: Družboslovne razprave, Ivan Bernik, cca. 4 issues yearly, different issues



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#### 4.4 Reviews on youth research

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 2006.

### 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



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	used	frequency	themes
			issues
<b>Comparative studies</b>	Yes	1-2 <i>per year</i>	family life, self-concept
<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>		/ <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>	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

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

Research #Needs of youth organisations in Ljubljana#, 2006, 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 2006.

## 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
Peer reviews	Yes	The reviews are written by other researchers and are published in Slovenian social sciences journals.
Expert analysts	Yes	Different methods of analyses in school field.
Indicators	No	N/A
Training of youth researchers	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)
Other	No	N/A

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

No new developments in 2006.

## 9 Promotion of youth researchers and their generational



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## **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 2006.

## **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
Seminars of the Office	4 <i>per year</i>	different places in	Office of the Republic of



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Title of seminar or group	Frequency	Date & place of next meeting	Contact
of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth		Slovenia	Slovenia for Youth, Zorko #kvor zorko.skvor@gov.si
/	<i>per year</i>	/	/
/	<i>per year</i>	/	/
/	<i>per year</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)

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 2006.

## 11.3 Other networks in the youth field

### 11.3.1 Transnational networks

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

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, the Centre for Social Psychology. University of Maribor,



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#### **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.