

# 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**

STATE UNIVERSITIES Abant Izzet Baysal University Adnan Menderes University Afyon Kocatepe University Akdeniz University Anadolu University Ankara University Ataturk University Balikesir University Bogazici University Canakkale 18 Mart University Celal Bayar University Cumhuriyet University Cukurova University Dicle University Dokuz Eylul University Dumlupinar University Erciyes University Firat University Gazi University Gaziantep University Inonu University Istanbul University Karadeniz Technical University Kirikkale University Kocaeli University Malatya University Marmara University Mersin University Middle East Technical University Mimar Sinan University Mustafa Kemal University Nigde University Ondokuz Mayis University Osmangazi University Pamukkale University Sakarya University Selcuk University Suleyman Demirel University Trakya University Uludag University Van 100. Yil University Yildiz Technical University Zonguldak Karaelmas University PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES Baskent University Bilkent University Maltepe University Ufuk University Yeditepe University

#### **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**

The Ministry of National Education conducts research nationwide under the Department of Education, Development and Research. The Directorate of Youth Research, Guidance and Counseling under The General Directorate of Youth and Sports (GSGM) is cooperating with the universities, research centers, police departments, NGOs and public and private bodies. GSGM also conducts research under the Department of Research, Planning and Coordinating.

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

N/A

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

There are various NGOs dealing with youth issues such as Human Research Development Foundation, Education Reform Initiative, Umut Foundation, Open Society Institute, History Foundation of Turkey, Fisek Institute, Community Volunteers Foundation, Educational Volunteers Foundation, Ari Movement, as well as research centers in universities such as Hacettepe University Youth Research Center, Istanbul Bilgi University Social, Economic and Political Research Center, Ankara University Center for Research on Child Culture, Koc University, etc.

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



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Prime Ministry, Turkish Statistical Institution The Hacettepe Institute of Population Studies The Ministry of Internal Affairs, The Directorate of Population and Citizenship

### **1.5 Youth researchers or experts**

Among many others; Figen Cok, Ankara University, Developmental Psychology, adolescence, sexual development and psychosocial development Nermin Celen, Maltepe University, identity issues, psychosocial development Nebi Sumer, Middle East Technical University, Attachment and identity Hilal Ozcebe, Hacettepe University, Health issues Veli Duyan, Hacettepe University, Social Services for Youth Muge Artar, Ankara University, Developmental Psychology, cognitive development, Gulden Kazgan, Istanbul Bilgi University, Sociological issues Ferhat Kentel, Istanbul Bilgi University, Youth Sociology Tulin Sener, Ankara University, Developmental Psychology, cultural development, participation and civic engagement

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

Some of them are AC Nielsen, PIAR, GFK Group, TNS, Objektif Research and Information Services EDAM Education, Research and Counseling LTD, etc.

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

N/A

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

N/A

## **2 Legal basis**

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

N/A

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

N/I

## **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**

UN, WHO, JICA, World Bank



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

EU Youth Programs

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

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

Prime Ministry General Directorate of Youth and Sports The Ministry of National Education Prime Ministry State Planning Organization Prime Ministry The Directorate of Social Services and Child Protection

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

N/A

#### **3.4 Other funding**

N/A

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

NGOs Universities, academics Research Centers, researchers Youth Centers and Clubs, practioners

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

N/A

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

No answers available

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

No answers available

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

### **6.1 Quantative Methods**



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

## 6.2 Qualitative methods

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

## 6.3 The use of combining methods/ Triangulation

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

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

N/A

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



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N/A

## 6.6 New methods that have been developed this year

N/A

## 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	Yes	N/A
Expert analysts	Yes	N/A
Indicators	Yes	N/A
Training of youth researchers	Yes	N/A
Other	Yes	N/A

### 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

National and international conferences, congresses, workshops, meetings, roundtables, joint projects are held by universities, research centers/research groups, NGOs, and youth organisations/associations.

### 9.2 Supporting their mobility

-The Council of Higher Education and the Ministry of National Education supports young researchers and academics for international mobility -The Scientific and Technological Research



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Council of Turkey supports youngsters, researchers, academics and students for their national and international mobility -EU programmes YOUTH, LEONARDO and SOCRATES, CORDIS -Other international organizations such as DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), Fullbright, etc.

### **9.3 Improving their skills**

-ICEP International Cultural Exchange Programme ([www.icep.org.tr](http://www.icep.org.tr)) -Council for Higher Education ([www.yok.gov.tr](http://www.yok.gov.tr)) -Ministry of National Education ([www.meb.gov.tr](http://www.meb.gov.tr)) -DAAD ([www.daad.org.tr](http://www.daad.org.tr)) British Council ([www.britishcouncil.org/turkey](http://www.britishcouncil.org/turkey)) -EU Programs -some other private organizations and initiatives

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

-The Council of Higher Education and the Ministry of National Education -The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey - Private Organizations, associations - NGOs

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

N/A

## **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 exact way to compare results of activities; researchers and practioners usually have their own methods and cooperate with eachother.

### **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**

No answers available