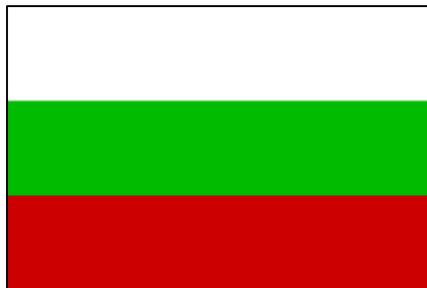




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1 Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a better understanding and knowledge of young people

1.1 Specific youth departments in universities dealing with youth issues

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The sociological studies and higher education problems are among the Department's main scientific areas of the work.

1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

National Statistical Institute <http://www.nsi.bg/>

1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth research, public companies included (give name, mandate and themes of research this year)

National Center for Public Opinion Research

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues (major youth NGO's undertaking research on young people or having practical knowledge on needs and expectations of young people)

- Temp Art Public Profit Association – town of Vratsa

Purpose of the organisation – youth mobility and creativity, social and cultural exchange of groups and creators; development and promotion, through art, of aspiration to beauty and harmony among young people

Activities – organisation of activities and specific events for realization of the purposes of the Association, artistic activities within the country and abroad, etc.

President: Georgi Vrabchev

Contacts: tdtemp_q@mail.ru

Town of Vratsa, 5 Sofroniy Vrachanski St, floor 2, tel./fax: 00359 92 627120

- MAYDAY Public Profit Foundation – town of Varna

Purpose of the organisation – active assistance, support and encouragement of all natural persons and legal entities dealing with the mission of the foundation, trying to attract activeness of the broadest public groups and especially of youth using modern communication technologies and the media's support

Person in charge: Doychin Karshovski

Contacts: mayday@f2f.cx, town of Varna, 68 Bratya Miladinovi St., V, 52, tel./ fax: 00359 52 306423

- **Public Coalition for Health Public Profit Association – town of Dobritch**

Purpose of organisation – development and support of public policy for health; encouragement of intrasectoral cooperation and public control of structures and activities in relation to healthcare

Contacts: Dimitrina Kamenova, town of Dobritch, 15 G. Kirkov St, entrance B, apt. 8

- **Youth Christian Company Non-Profit Association – town of Gabrovo**

Purpose of organisation – involved in providing mental, physical and spiritual development of young people in Gabrovo and the region, and preparing them to live in democratic society open to Europe and the world

President: Georgi Mitev

Contacts: <http://ymcaedasa.com>, ymca@mbox.eda.bg, town of Gabrovo, 2 Timok St., P.O. Box 5300, tel.: 00359 66 80 90 32, fax: 00359 66 80 52 70

- **Youth Activities and Initiatives Youth Home – town of Veliko Tarnovo**

Purpose of the organisation – development of youth club activities, youth amateur artistic creativity and clubs of interests; support of youth initiative groups and non-political association, organization of youth cultural, entertainment, information and educational events and leisure time activities, etc.

President: Rumen Petrov

Contacts: rppdir@abv.bg, town of Veliko Tarnovo, 15A Hristo Bitev St, P.O. Box 5000, tel.: 00359 62 625 943, fax: 00359 62 622 696

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

No information

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth research

- Sociological Research Agency MEDIANA
- Sociological Research Agency Gallup

1.7 Other actors

Scientific Research Department of Sofia University

"Ivan Hadjiyski" Institute for Social Values & Structures <http://www.ihi-institute.org/frameset.html>

Center for Population Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

(<http://cps.bas.bg/english/index-en.html>)

Plovdiv University (<http://www.uni-plovdiv.bg/?ln=20>)

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2 Legal basis or guidelines for activities leading to a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Draft Law for Development of Youth

Article 84 (1) *The money of “Development of Youth in Bulgaria” Fund shall be spent in compliance with the National Strategy for Youth and the National Plan for Youth for: item 10. researches of youth and studies for ensuring planning, observation and assessment of policies for development of youth – not less than 2%, but not more than 5% of the annual budget of the fund;*

Article 108(1) The State Agency for Youth and Sports shall organise and support:

1. *research of needs and development of young people in Bulgaria;*

3 Funding for research on youth

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at youth research

No information

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

No information

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

None

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

None

4 Paper publications on the youth field

4.1 Statistics of books published on the youth field for the current year

No information

4.2 Regular youth reports

2007 Annual Report on Youth

The Annual Report on Youth is drafted by the State Agency for Youth and Sports and is approved by the Parliament. The annual report on youth is drafted on annual basis.

The 2007 Annual Report on Youth has the following contents:

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- Introduction
- What is done in 2007
- Changes in the life of youth in 2007
- Policies for action
- Conclusions

4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research (name of journal/review, publishers, how regularly published, contents)

General Directorate “Policy for Youth” issues on annual basis about 2000 copies of BG Youth Newsletter on paper. The newsletter provides information about the opportunities supported by the State Agency for Youth and Sports in relation to young people to make them able to implement their youth ideas. Different initiatives, good practices and materials provided by the young people for the young people may be found in the newsletter. In 2007 General Directorate “Policy for Youth” issued 2000 copies of 2008 Youth Compass travel guide containing current information useful to the young people countrywide. The district towns in the country and the practical opportunities for the use of young people’s leisure time are presented in the travel guide.

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Web-Portals and online databases on a better understanding of youth

There are lots of youth portals in Bulgaria where young people find useful information. Some of them are:

1. <http://www.youthsport.bg> – official site of the State Agency for Youth and Sports (ENG and BG version, free, updated on daily basis)
2. <http://www.youthdep.bg/register> - official site of the National Information System for youth
3. <http://www.mikc.bg> – Youth Portal “Youth Information Consultancy Centres”
4. <http://www.youthbg.info> – National Centre “European Youth Programmes and Initiatives”
5. <http://www.europa.bg> - Europe portal providing information and analysis of European policies and the Bulgarian involvement in them
6. <http://www.euro.26.org> – information for young people in particular for youth card
7. <http://www.eurodesk.org>
9. <http://www.hrdc.bg> – Human Resources Development Centre – organises, consults, coordinates and implements projects and researches in the field of education, vocational training and education, labour market and human resources in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and with other institutions, legal entities and natural persons

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

On the official website of the State Agency for Youth and Sports <http://www.youthsport.bg> the following documents can be found:

1. 2002 Annual Report on Youth
2. 2003 Annual Report on Youth
3. 2004 Annual Report on Youth
4. 2005 Annual Report on Youth
5. 2006 Annual Report on Youth

The following legal documents can also be found on the site:

1. Law for Physical Education and Sports.
2. Draft Law for Development of Youth
3. 2003 – 2007 Strategy for Youth

6. Methods and approaches for gaining a better understanding and knowledge of youth and for keeping it up to date

1. 2004 – 2005 Youth Activities Program, 2006 – 2007 Youth Activities Program, and the current 2008 – 2010 Youth Activities Program
2. Another method is the National Program “Youth Information and Consultancy Centres”
3. Organisation of national youth meetings

The largest national youth meeting that is organised in Bulgaria on annual basis is the National Forum “BG YOUTH”. The forum is a partnership meeting among representatives of non-governmental sector and the institutions involved in the field of youth activities and young people’s problems. Each year, representatives of more than 150 NGOs take part in the Forum. The main purpose of this large youth event during the year is to provide opportunity for direct dialogue between the state authorities and the civil sector for the implementation of effective youth policy at national, regional and local level

7. Quality assurance strategies and tools regarding knowledge in the field of youth used in the country.

2008 – 2013 Strategy for Youth is in process of preparation.

8. Promotion and support to youth researchers and other actors, who work towards a better knowledge of youth, and their generational renewal

No information

9. Networking and support of networking

9.1 Seminars and working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth

During the year the General Directorate “Policy for Youth” organises many trainings and educational seminars during which issues related to the better knowledge and understanding of youth are discussed, as well as issues related to the implementation of youth ideas through the youth activities programs. The seminars and trainings are attended both by employees of the State Agency for Youth and Sport and by representatives of youth NGOs.

9.2 Is there a permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field (policy makers, researchers, young people and their organisations, NGOs)?

A constant national internet youth network is the network www.mikc.bg.

Its is established on the basis of National Program “Youth Information and Consultancy Centres” and at present 32 websites are connected among each other and exchange youth information for searching of partnerships, work on projects, organising of seminars, conferences, public debates, etc. in the field of youth policy and actions.

9.3 Networks on youth issues specific to certain actors

No information

9.4 What transnational networks with relevance for national networks are there?

No information

9.5 Describe the organisation and the ways of promoting interdisciplinary dialogue on youth issues

There is communication between the State Agency for Youth and Sports and other ministries. Employees of the State Agency for Youth and Sports take part in working groups organised by other ministries.

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