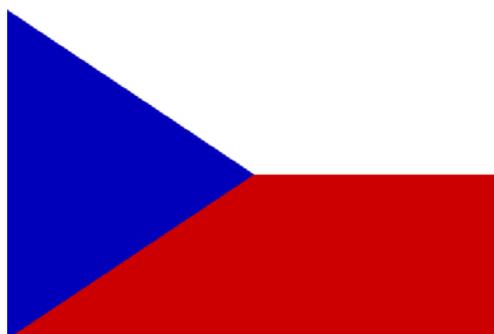




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1 Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of young people

Main actors include in particular the organizations under direct control by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: Národní institut dětí a mládeže (National Institute of Children and Youth), Ústav pro informace ve vzdělávání (Institute for Information on Education), Institut pedagogicko-psychologického poradenství ČR (Institute for Counselling in Education Psychology of the Czech Republic), Národní ústav odborného vzdělávání (National Institute of Vocational Education), Výzkumný ústav pedagogický (Pedagogical Research Institute), Národní institut pro další vzdělávání (National Institute for Further Education), Centrum pro zjišťování výsledků vzdělávání (Centre for Evaluation of Educational Achievements), Centrum pro studium vysokého školství (Centre for Higher Education Studies).

Among other actors it is worth mentioning e.g.: Centrum výzkumů veřejného mínění (Public Opinion Research Centre), Česká rada dětí a mládeže (Czech Council of Children and Youth).

1.1 Specific youth departments in universities dealing with youth issues

There are no specific youth departments at universities in the Czech Republic. Research into the sphere of children and youth is done by individual universities or their faculties depending on their particular objectives and financial possibilities. Funding is mostly raised from grants.

Masaryk University in Brno has an associated body entitled “Institut výzkumu dětí, mládeže a rodiny” (Institute for research in the sphere of children, youth and family). The head of the institute is prof. PhDr. Petr Macek, CSc. (Mr.) macek@fss.muni.cz; for information about the project undertaken please visit: <http://ivdmr.fss.muni.cz/english/index.php>

1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

Český statistický úřad (Czech Statistical Office) www.czso.cz,

Národní institut dětí a mládeže (National Institute of Children and Youth) www.nidm.cz

Ústav pro informace ve vzdělávání (Institute for Information on Education) www.uiv.cz.

1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues (included public companies)

Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues in the Czech Republic are Regional offices (see section 2 in the Country sheet http://www.youth-partnership.net/export/sites/default/youth-partnership/documents/Questionnaires/Country/2007/Czech_republic.pdf), and the organizations listed in section 1 of part 2.

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

Junák, svaz skautů a skautek ČR – research project entitled “Postavení dobrovolných pracovníků s mládeží” (Statute of volunteers working with youth)

Pionýr – research project entitled “Financování v oblasti dětí a mládeže” (Financing in the sphere of children and youth)

For more information please see section 2.3. in the Country sheet.

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

Organizations doing research or studies in the sphere of children, youth and family:

Národní institut dětí a mládeže (National Institute of Children and Youth) www.nidm.cz – organization under direct control of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports;

Výzkumný ústav práce a sociálních věcí (Labour and Social Affairs Research Institute) www.vupsv.cz – organization under direct control of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs;

Institut výzkumu dětí, mládeže a rodiny (Institute for Research in the Sphere of Children, Youth and Family) <http://ivdmr.fss.muni.cz/info/index.php> – associated facility of the Faculty of Social Studies at Masaryk University in Brno.

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues

Insoma www.insoma.cz, – private company doing research and studies in the sphere of youth;

Centrum výzkumů veřejného mínění www.cvvm.cz, Median s.r.o. www.median.cz, GfK www.gfk.cz,

Millward Brown – private companies doing market research, public opinion polls, surveys of political preferences, and surveys focused on the sphere of children and youth.

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

Act No. 101/2000 Sb., on protection of private data and on amending of certain acts, as subsequently amended. For complete wording of laws on science and research please visit www.mvcr.cz/sbirka.

Other standards are determined by international associations “Esomar” (www.esomar.org) and the Czech association “Simar” (www.simar.cz).

3 Funding for research on youth

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at youth research

N/I

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

N/I

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

N/I

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

N/I

4 Paper publications on the youth field

4.1 Statistics of books on the youth field

It is not possible to provide a list of publications because they are too numerous. Among publishing houses focusing on the youth field, it is worth mentioning e.g. Portál (www.portal.cz) and Grada (www.grada.cz) but there are many others.

4.2 Regular Youth reports

N/I

4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research

There is no journal focused solely on youth research. Information on youth is regularly published e.g. by the web-based monthly called “Inspiromat” (To Inspire), published by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic in cooperation with Národní institut dětí a mládeže (National Institute of Children and Youth) – see www.inspiromat.nidm.cz.

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Databases

Eurodesk database - freely accessible database provided by Eurodesk, in English and other languages (some programmes are also translated to Czech, the database contains at least 30 programmes translated to Czech).

The database contains over 200 educational programmes for children and youth and for people working with them.

Database link: <http://www.eurodesk.eu/edesk/Infocentre.do?go=4>, for the Czech version see: <http://www.eurodesk.cz/> – section “Programy”.

The database is regularly updated and new programmes are added immediately after being launched.

Other databases (regularly updated, in Czech and/or English):

www.vyzkum-mladez.cz – Národní registr výzkumů o dětech a mládeži (National register of research papers focused on children and youth);

www.uiv.cz, www.nuov.cz, www.csvs.cz, - databases of schools;

www.bambibod.cz – database of free-time activities.

5.2 Web-Portals

www.eurodesk.eu;

www.msmt.cz - website of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports;

www.mpsv.cz – website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs;

www.mzcr.cz – website of the Ministry of Health;

www.mvcr.cz – website of the Ministry of Interior;

www.nidm.cz, www.youth.cz, www.uiv.cz, www.nuov.cz, www.nidv.cz, www.csvs.cz – websites of organizations directly managed by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports;

www.crdm.cz – website of a non-government non-profit organization associating other organizations working with youth.

All the websites listed above are available both in Czech and English and are freely accessible.

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

<http://www.eurodesk.cz/?pid=50> – News for young people: information on European mobility and European possibilities.

www.inspiomat.nidm.cz – Monthly publication on youth.

6. Methods and approaches for gaining a better understanding and knowledge of youth

- Sociologic research – using both qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Specialized conferences of people working with children and youth, focused mainly on exchanging experience and information on youth.
- Organizing of competitions and festivals in the sphere of free-time education,
- e.g.: mathematic olympics, biologic olympics, etc.

7 Methods and tools developed for keeping knowledge updated and coherent

- Management of web-based registry of research papers focused on the youth in the Czech Republic (www.vyzkum-mladez.cz)
- Carrying out of ad hoc research and surveys among youth, dedicated to various topics
- Carrying out of continuous research, where some topics are repeated; continuous research is done every 3 or 4 years.
- Specialized conferences of people working with children and youth, focused mainly on exchanging experience and information on youth.

8 Methods and tools for ensuring and assessing quality of knowledge in the youth field

Financial resources for research projects funded from the state budget are allocated only to specialized institutions with qualified teams, based on selection procedures. Most of these research projects are subsequently subject to opposition proceedings, in which independent expert commission assesses their quality.

9 Promotion of youth researchers and their generational renewal and their actors who work towards a better knowledge of youth

9.1 Facilitating the exchange of experience and practice

Národní registr výzkumů o dětech a mládeži (National register of research papers focused on children and youth): www.vyzkum-mladez.cz. It contains the results of research work carried out by state, non-state and university research institutes provided by them on request.

Asociace vzdělavatelů pedagogů volného času, občanské sdružení, or ASVPVČ (Association of coaches of free-time education workers with children and youth). Its objective is the development of methodology of free-time education as a scientific and study field. The association strives to meet its objective especially by expert services, consultancy and publishing activities, by organizing specialized workshops and conferences, by coordinating the curricula for studying free-time education and by supporting and exchanging information. See: www.avapv.zde.cz.

Stálá konference asociací ve vzdělávání, občanské sdružení, SKAV (Permanent conference of associations in education). It organizes conferences and meetings aimed at exchanging information on education and it also analyses and provides comments to various documents drafted by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, etc. See: www.skav.cz.

Socialia – internationa conference under the auspices of the Pedagogical Faculty of the Hradec Králové University. See: www.uhk.cz.

9.2 Supporting their mobility

- European programmes
- Socrates, Erasmus
- Leonardo
- Mládež v akci (Youth in Action)

9.3 Improving their skills (language, cultural ...)

N/I

9.4 Funding for PhDs and support of students in this field

Visegrádský stipendijní program - International Visegrad Fund scholarships programme

<http://www.visegradfund.org>

10 Methods and tools to ensure exchanges and dialogue between all actors in the youth field

10.1 Seminars, working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth

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10.2 Names and contacts for permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field

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There is no national network.

10.3 If a national youth knowledge network in the youth field exists, explain its structure and the way it works. Also describe your role in the national network.

N/A

10.4 If no permanent youth knowledge network exists on the national level, please report if there are there any attempts to set up such a network..

11 Other networks in the youth field

11.1 Transnational networks

Network of EKCYP-correspondents (http://www.youth-partnership.net/youth-partnership/ekcyp/EKCYP_Correspondants) , EunYK, etc.

11.2 Networks specific to certain actors

NA

11.3 Organisation and promotion of interdisciplinary dialogue for example between university departments and governmental departments (e.g. seminars, working groups, common advisory structures ...)

See section 10.1.