

QUESTIONNAIRE
“BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF YOUTH”
GERMANY



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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

Only some universities have specific youth research departments, as e.g.:

University Bielefeld, Centre for Child and Youth Research (<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/zkif/>). Youth-related research published in 2007: work and identity among adolescents; work, politics and religion in youth cultures; global youth and youth cultures; media use, identity and identification; media use and media literacy of young people

General topics: www.uni-bielefeld.de/zkif/forschung.html

University Potsdam, Institute for Applied Family, Childhood and Youth Research (IFK, www.ifk-vehlefan.de). Youth-related research finished in 2007: Development trends of young delinquents. General topics: situation of families, children and youth with special focus on school-, socially and early childhood-related issues as well as accident prevention and traffic safety

University Siegen, Siegen Centre for childhood, youth and biographical research (SiZe, www.uni-siegen.de/fb2/size/ueber_size/): Research: youth & policy/school/family

University Duisburg-Essen, Working Group Pedagogical Youth Research as part of Dept. Educational Sciences (www.uni-essen.de/agpaedagogischejugendforschung). Research: Socio-historical education and pedagogical youth research

At many universities youth research is part of research in education, psychology and sociology, but also political sciences and ethnology. Examples:

University Düsseldorf, Abteilung für Bildungsforschung und Bildungsmanagement (www.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/ew/bf/veroeffentlichungen_barz.html#jugendforschung).

Research: Young and change of values, youth & religion)

University Mannheim, Chair for Educational Sciences II, Focus Pedagogical Psychology (www.ew2.uni-mannheim.de). Research: value & motivation among German pupils, friendship in interethnic networks, norms of development in adolescence, election of schools & school quality in local systems, European identity & young people's participation, learning to live democracy.

Technical University Chemnitz, Philosophical Faculty, Institute for Sociology, General Sociology I (www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/soziologie/nauck/index.php). Research: German Family Panel Analysis (www.pairfam.uni-bremen.de), acculturation processes in second migrant generation in Germany & Israel (2006-2009, www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/soziologie/nauck/bmbf/index.php), migration processes, intimate relationships & family dynamics

Free University of Berlin, Dept. Educational Sciences (www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/einrichtungen/arbeitsbereiche/allg_paedagogik/projekte/index.html). Research: kids &

internet use (2004-2007), gender roles in adolescence, school development programmes, typological ways of development of young people between transition & moratorium

University Munich. Chair for Practical Theology II (www.pt2.evtheol.uni-muenchen.de). Research: youth & religion

University of Applied Sciences Koblenz, Dept. Social Studies (www.fh-koblenz.de/index.php?id=187). Research: international youth work

University Halle-Wittenberg, Philosophical Faculty III, Dept. Educational Sciences (www.philfak3.uni-halle.de). Research: child and youth research, early childhood education, care and education, cultural studies

1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

- **Federal Office for Statistics** (destatis, www.destatis.de), statistics on population including youth, age groups 6-15, 15-25, 25-45, migrant youth age groups 6-14, 14-15, 15-18, 18-21, 21-40; periodical surveys on population including youth population, employment including youth unemployment

- **Regional Offices for Statistics**, periodical surveys on population including youth population, employment including youth unemployment, age groups vary depending on the kind of survey that is conducted. Links to the regional offices for statistics:

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statistisches_Landesamt

- **Federal Institute for Population Research** (BiB, www.bib-demographie.de), statistics on population including youth & life attitudes

- **Office for Children & Youth Services Statistics at the University of Dortmund** (akj, www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de/), reviews child & youth service statistics

- **Institute for Labour Market and Career Research** (IAB, www.iab.de), statistics and surveys on youth (un)employment and transition school to work

1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues

- **German Youth Institute** (DJI, www.dji.de). Research 2007: Strategies and Concepts of External Evaluation in Child and Youth Services; Center for the Prevention of Right-Wing Extremism and Xenophobia; Centre for the Prevention of Youth Crime; German Youth Welfare and Social Change—Services and Structures; Gender Mainstreaming in Child and Youth Welfare Services; Scientific supervision of the pilot programme ‘We take care by ourselves’; Study on the Development of All-Day Schools; Local Educational Landscapes in Collaboration between All-Day Schools and Youth-Welfare Services; Children and the Internet; Digital Divide - Digital Competence in Childhood; The social construction of the homework situation; School-to-Work Transition Longitudinal Study (“DJI Transition Panel”); Longitudinal Studies on School-to-Work Transitions for Local Transition Management;

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Transitions to Work among Young People with an Immigrant Background; An Equal-Rights Policy Also Requires a Youth Welfare Policy Based on Equal Rights; Supporting School-to-Work Transition of Young Immigrants from the CIS States.

- **Research Group Youth and Europe** (www.fgje.de). Research 2007: Attitudes of young people towards the EU before and after the German Presidency of the European Council (http://www.cap.lmu.de/download/2007/2007_einstellungen.pdf), Study on realities and innovation in European encounters (2006-2007, <http://www.toepfer-fvs.de/europa-integration.html>)
- **Institute for Media Pedagogy in Research and Practice** (www.jff.de). Research 2007: evaluation and scientific attendance of the youth portal netzcheckers.de (2006-2008, http://www.jff.de/?RUB_ID=5&NAV_ID=52), scientific attendance of the web-based media-pedagogical training opportunity BIBER (2007-2010), expertise on youth with migrant background and their media use (http://www.jff.de/dateien/integrationspotenziale_neue_medien_migration.pdf), Partial study on the acceptance of regulations of youth media protection (http://www.jff.de/?BEITRAG_ID=4937), Manners of obtaining media knowledge of lower educated adolescents (2007-2008, http://www.jff.de/?RUB_ID=5&NAV_ID=30)
- **German Institute of International Educational Research** (www.dipf.de). Research 2007: Persönlichkeits- und Lernentwicklung in sächsischen Grundschulen (2005-2009, http://www.dipf.de/bildungsforschung/qualitaetssicherung_grundschule.htm),
- **Regional Institute on Social Research** (www.sfs-dortmund.de). Research 2007 (employment and work, youth as cross-sectoral topic): Evaluation of the competition “Local initiatives for the integration of young german resettlers from Eastern and Southern Europe (Spätaussiedler) into training and work – LISA”
- **Research Group Elections e.V.** (www.forschungsgruppe.de). Research 2007: Structural dates with regard to use of Internet, Policy barometer December 2007, Policy barometer Extra Hesse, Policy barometer Extra Lower Saxony, Rhein-Neckar-Bus II 2007
- **Institute for Child and Youth Services** (www.ikj-mainz.de). Present research: scientific attendance of the project „Kindergarden as Family Centre“ (2007-2010), Computer-based Case Management in Child and Youth Services – Project CM4JU” (2005-2008), Evaluation of efficiency of support in upbringing/education (Hilfen zur Erziehung), e.g. in the field of residential care and other forms of assisted living, Evaluation of the Socio-pedagogical diagnostic tables – Project EST! (2003-2008)

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

(major youth NGOs undertaking research on Young people or having extensive practical Knowledge on needs and expectations of Young people)

- Child and Youth Welfare Association (AGJ), amalgamation of central federal youth organisations & regional youth councils, leading voluntary social welfare organisations, central specialist organisations, the main youth authorities of the federal states (ministries) & the youth offices of the federal states which work across regions. www.agj.de
- German Federal Youth Council (DBJR), umbrella organisation of youth organisations, regional youth councils & affiliated organisations, having different objectives & being of different orientations. www.dbjr.de
- German Federation of Associations for Cultural Child and Youth Education (BKJ), amalgamation of nationwide organisations specialising in the cultural education of children & young people. www.bkj.de
- Federation of Protestant Youth in the Federal Republic of Germany (aej). www.aej.de

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

See:

- list of researchers who are members of the Federal Advisory Committee on Youth Problems (*Bundesjugendkuratorium*, www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de)
- list of staff of German Youth Institute > Dep. Youth and Youth Services (<http://www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=5&Jump1=mitlist>)
- list of project officers of the Research Group Youth and Europe (Forschungsgruppe Jugend und Europa, www.fqje.de)
- Institutions with German experts in youth research can be found at www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db > English version > Key-word or Full-text > youth research

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues

- Youth Service of German Shell Company, commissions leading research institutes with youth surveys & studies, primarily limits its role in the implementation of these youth surveys to the provision of the required funding & the dissemination of the findings: Survey on Youth in Germany (www.shell-jugendstudie.de)
- B.A.T. Leisure Research Institute Ltd. (*British American Tobacco B.A.T. Freizeit-Forschungsinstitut GmbH*, www.bat.de), supports scientific & qualitative research in leisure time activities & tourism. Recent research (persons from the age of 14): educational aims/value orientation, travel habits
- Bauer Media KG (www.bauermedia.com), market research on youth as a target group for consumer products (BRAVO.de-Trendbarometer), media use of youth. 2007: BRAVO Factor Youth – Youth & Media friends, www.bauermedia.com/fileadmin/user_upload/pdf/studien/zielgruppe/jugend/Bravo_Faktor_Jugend_Brosch_re.pdf

- Synovate Kids+Teens (www.synovate.com/germany/expertise/kids_teens.php), market & opinion research on children & youth
- Youngcom! Agency for Integrated Youth Communication Ltd. (www.youngcom.de), research on preferences, habits & attitudes of young people
- iconkids & youth (www.iconkids.com), research on attitudes, behaviour & motivation of young people
- ProKids-Institute as part of PROSOZ Herten Ltd. (www.prokids-institut.de), applied research on childhood, youth & education, regional & local studies & surveys (children's barometer: 2007 LBS-Kinderbarometer Deutschland, <http://www.prosoz.de/fileadmin/redaktion/prokids/pdf/KinderbarometerDeutschland2007.pdf>)
- Tfactory (www.tfactory.com), youth market research, youth trends
- Bundesverband deutscher Banken (www.bdb.de), youth understanding of economy and financial culture (not regularly)

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

The legal basis for promoting structures & activities leading to a better understanding of youth is the Social Code, Eight Volume (SGB VIII) Child & Youth Services. Chapter 6, § 84 specifies that the Federal Government must submit a report on the situation of young people & the efforts & achievements of youth services to the German Bundestag (Parliament) & the Bundesrat (Federal Council) in every legislative period.

3 Funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better Knowledge and understanding of youth

Programmes funding research but no specific funding on youth research (see www.eurodesk.org > Search for funding > Theme search > Research) <http://www.forschungsfoerderung.uni-frankfurt.de/fit/index.php> - information service for research

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

- 7th European Framework Programme for Research & Technology Development (2007-2013) as major tool to support the creation of the European Research Area, including civil society, social

sciences & youth research; open to researchers of all ages & levels of experience regardless of nationality

- Action programme YOUTH IN ACTION of the European Commission
- other EU programmes funding research but no specific funding on youth research (see www.eurodesk.org > Search for funding > Theme search > Research)
- <http://www.forschungsfoerderung.uni-frankfurt.de/fit/index.php> - information service for research

3.3 National funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better Knowledge and understanding of youth (public and private)

Public funds provided by:

- Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth through the Federal Child and Youth Plan (see: www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/bundeshaushalt2007/pdf/epl17/s1702101.pdf)
- Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF, www.bmbf.de)
- German Research Foundation (DFG, www.dfg.de)

Other sources:

- funds from the federal states (regional child & youth plans) & municipalities
- German Youth Stamp Foundation e.V. (Stiftung Deutsche Jugendmarke e.V., www.jugendmarke.de), supports activities for the welfare of the young, can act in all fields of youth services

Private funds provided by:

- Stiftung Sozialpädagogisches Institut "Walter May" (www.stiftung-spi.de)
- Hertie Foundation (www.ghst.de), core themes include European Integration & Learning Democracy
- Volkswagen Foundation (www.volkswagen-stiftung.de), furtherance of the humanities & social sciences as well as science & technology in higher education & research, support for aspiring young academics, promotes international exchange & enhances structural conditions for research & higher education
- Foundation „Aktion Mensch“ (www.aktion-mensch.de)
- Bertelsmann Foundation (www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de), focus on participation of young people, migration, education
- companies & churches

<http://www.forschungsfoerderung.uni-frankfurt.de/fit/index.php> - information service for research

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

Special allocation for German Youth Institute (DJI, www.dji.de) within the Child & Youth Plan of the Federation

4 Paper dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

4.1 Statistics of paper dissemination (books) of Knowledge in the youth field

Year book Youth Research (*Jahrbuch Jugendforschung*, www.jahrbuch-jugendforschung.de), Ed.: Hans Merkens, Jürgen Zinnecker. Once a year. Core topic: Recent research within the field. Issue

2007: Qualitative School Research, Body and Sexuality in adolescence, Transmission of Problematic Attitudes within the Family

There is a great variety of publications in the youth field in Germany. More detailed information can be found at 4.3.

4.2 Regular Youth reports

- Child & Youth Report (www.bmfsfj.de/doku/kjb/), by Federal Government in every legislative period. Specific form of social reporting, positioned at the point of intersection between scientific research, politics & the grassroots level. Next report expected in 2008/2009, topic: Child and Youth Services and Health (working title)
- Child & youth reports, published by the federal states (Länder) & the municipalities, on irregular basis
- Report on Education (www.bildungsbericht.de), by Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education of the Federal States of Germany & Ministry for Education and Research. Next report expected in 2008, topic: At the Crossroads: School – Vocational Education – University – Labour Market
- Study on Youth Sexuality (<http://forschung.sexualaufklaerung.de>), by Federal Centre for Health Education, on irregular basis (mainly every 3 to 4 years, last one in 2006)
- Saxonian Longitudinal Study (Young East Germans on their way from former GDR citizens to citizens of the FRG), 21st wave in 2007 (www.wiedervereinigung.de/sls/), by

4.3 Other publications that publish youth research

Journals

a) results of youth research/experts discussion

- Blätter der Wohlfahrtspflege, Ed.: Nomos-Verlag, 6 times/year
- deutsche jugend, Ed.: Juventa-Verlag, monthly
- Forum Jugendhilfe. Ed.: Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Jugendhilfe e.V., 4 times/year
- Jugendhilfe. Ed.: Luchterhand-Verlag, 6 times/year
- neue praxis - Zeitschrift für Sozialarbeit, Sozialpädagogik und Sozialpolitik. Ed.: Luchterhand-Verlag, 6 times/year
- Soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Deutsches Zentralinstitut für soziale Fragen, monthly

- Unsere Jugend. Ed.: Ernst Reinhardt Verlag, 10 times a year
- Zeitschrift für Sozialpädagogik. Ed.: Juventa Verlag GmbH, 4 times/year
- proJugend. Ed. Aktion Jugendschutz Bayern, 4 times/year

b) youth policy/youth organisations, discussion about youth services:

- BDkJ-Journal. Ed.: Bund der Deutschen Katholischen Jugend, monthly
- Betreff. Ed.: Deutsche Beamtenbund-Jugend, 6 times/year
- Hessische Jugend. Ed.: Hessischer Jugendring, 4 times/year
- IJAB-Journal. Ed.: IJAB - International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany, 4-6 times/year
- Jugend Nachrichten - Zeitschrift des Bayerischen Jugendrings. Ed.: Bayerischer Jugendring, monthly
- Jugend-Beruf-Gesellschaft. Ed.: BAG Jugendsozialarbeit, 4 times/year
- Jugendpolitik. Ed.: Deutscher Bundesjugendring, 4 times/year
- jugendpolitischer dienst-jpd. Ed.: Marion Moesta Verlag Politische Dienste, weekly
- Sozialmagazin - Zeitschrift für soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Juventa-Verlag, monthly

Reviews

a) results of youth research & experts discussion

- Diskurs Kindheits- und Jugendforschung, Ed.: Group of authors, Budrich Publ., 4 times/year
- DJI-Bulletin (online). Ed.: Dt. Jugendinstitut e.V., 4 times/year
- Forum Erziehungshilfen. Ed.: Intern. Gesellschaft für erzieherische Hilfen, 5 times/year
- Kind Jugend Gesellschaft. Ed.: BAG Kinder- und Jugendschutz/Luchterhand-Verlag, 4 times/year
- Migration und Soziale Arbeit. Ed.: Institut für Sozialarbeit und Sozialpädagogik e.V., 4 times/year
- Praxis Politische Bildung. Ed.: Juventa-Verlag, 4 times/year
- Recht der Jugend und des Bildungswesens. Ed.: Luchterhand-Verlag, 4 times/year
- Kinder- und Jugendschutz in Wissenschaft und Praxis, Ed.: Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Kinder- und Jugendschutz e.V., 4 times/year

b) youth policy & youth organisations, discussion about youth services:

- Überblick. Ed.: Informations- und Dokumentationsstelle gegen Gewalt, Rechtsextremismus, twice a year
- Zukunftsforum Jugend 2000. Ed.: Evangelische Akademien in Deutschland e.V., twice a year
- Forum Jugendarbeit International, Ed.: IJAB, since 1996, once a year/two years. 2006/2007 Focus on Quality standards & management

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Databases

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Child & Youth Services in Germany: structured explanations (in German; partly in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Turkish, Japanese, Chinese); permanently updated; freely accessible; run by IJAB (www.ijab.de); www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info; including short description & addresses (with links) of all nationwide working institutions & organisations in the field of child/youth policy & child/youth services via link - www.kinder-jugendhilfe.info/db (in German & English)

Promix-Online: a search engine for addresses of projects & of bodies & organisations of non-statutory child/youth services in the eastern part of Germany (six federal states); in German; permanently updated; freely accessible; run by Stiftung Demokratische Jugend; www.promix-online.de

5.2 Web Portals

- www.bmfsfj.de/Politikbereiche/kinder-und-jugend.html: portal of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth; section with all relevant information on child & youth policy, child & youth services in Germany; permanent update; freely accessible
- www.akjstat.uni-dortmund.de: statistics on child and youth service; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Office of Child & Youth Service Statistics
- www.destatis.de: statistics on population including youth; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Federal Office for Statistics (destatis)
- www.bib-demographie.de: statistics on population including youth & life attitudes; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB)
- www.dji.de, portal of the German Youth Institute covering information on child, youth, family and gender research; permanent update; freely accessible
- www.jugendhilfeportal.de: portal for professionals in the field of child & youth services in Germany; permanently updated; freely accessible; run by IJAB & AGJ
- www.dija.de: Database on International Youth Work: complex database on youth policy & work in approx. 40 countries; in German, information on Germany available in Dutch, Czech, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Turkish; permanent update ; freely accessible; run by IJAB
- www.jugendschutz.net: information on child/youth protection; main focus: new media/internet; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Friedemann Schindler
- www.familienhandbuch.de: professional information on family, child-upbringing, adolescence, youth, growing up process in modern society; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Prof. Dr. Dr. Dr. Wassilios E. Fthenakis & Dr. Martin R. Textor
- www.jugendforschung.de: database with information on youth research institutes/organisations/sources; permanent update; freely accessible; run by Dr. Heinz Reinders

- www.jugendszenen.com: research in youth scenes; permanent update; freely accessible; run by University Dortmund, Dept. 12, General Sociology

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

Newsletter "Monitor Familienforschung" (family research) by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, 4 times/year online. Includes recent developments and new research results within the field. Link:

www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/generator/Kategorien/Forschungsnetz/newsletter.html

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

- **European tools (Eurostat, Eurobarometer):** used, since 1974. Topics: youth, population, political participation of youth, attitudes towards EU
- **Youth Opinion polls:** used irregularly . Topics: voting behaviour, consumer behaviour, youth participation
- **Comparative studies:** used irregularly. Topics: East & West Germany covering several themes, health care
- **Longitudinal studies:** used. Topics: children and youth, family, unemployment and health. Regular study: Saxon longitudinal study since 1987: www.wiedervereinigung.de/sls/
- **Questionnaires:** used, different topics
- **Interviewing:** e.g. CATI (Computer-Assisted-Telephone-Interviewing)
- **Evaluation research:** used
- NEW in 2007: Development of an integrated survey on child, youth, and family issues by the German Youth Institute, Department Social Monitoring (Zentrum für Dauerbeobachtung und Methoden, www.dji.de/cgi-bin/projekte/output.php?projekt=8)

The Bundesjugendkuratorium and the German Youth Institute are platforms to exchange knowledge on youth issues (see also 10).

Furthermore, there are many unofficial permanent contacts between institutions in the field of youth research.

7 Methods and tools for ensuring and assessing quality of knowledge in the youth field (quality assurance strategies in youth research)

- Centre for Survey Research and Methodology (ZUMA, www.gesis.org/en/zuma/index.htm), Mannheim. Advises on setting up, conducting and analyzing social science studies
- German Youth Institute: Scientific Advisory Boards ensure quality of knowledge in projects in the youth field by offering independent expertise
- Project „Strategies and Concepts of External Evaluation in Child and Youth Services“ at the German Youth Institute ensures quality of knowledge by re-examining, systematising and developing approaches for external evaluation in the field of child and youth services and policies

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

8.1 Facilitating the exchange of experience and practice

- Researcher-Practitioner-Dialogue on International Youth Work (Forscher-Praktiker-Dialog Internationale Jugendarbeit, www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de): periodical meetings, conferences, expert hearings, co-operation projects between youth organisations/associations & researchers/research groups
- German Youth Institute (DJI, www.dji.de): periodical conferences by for educational & social administration experts as well as for politicians, journalists, scientists; DJI carries out international research projects, participates in international conferences, maintains contact to national as well as to foreign researchers & politicians
- Section Youth Sociology of the German Society of Sociology (www.jugendsoziologie.de): periodical meetings/Conferences,

8.2 Supporting their mobility

- mobility funding within the framework of EU programmes YOUTH IN ACTION, LEONARDO & SOCRATES
- 7th Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development by the EU (2007-2013) “People Programme” (www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de)
- international funding provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, www.daad.de), no specific funding for youth researchers

8.3 Improving their skills

international funding provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, www.daad.de), no specific funding for youth researchers

8.4 Funding for PhDs and support of students in this field

- funding of PhDs by funds from German Research Foundation (DFG, www.dfg.de)
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (www.humboldt-foundation.de/de/programme/programmueberblick.htm#forschungsaus)
- international funding for students provided by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, www.daad.de)

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

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

Researcher-Practitioner-Dialogue International Youth Work (through panel meetings, expert hearings, co-operation projects), several times a year, see: www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de, contact: transfer e.V., Grethenstr. 30, 50739 Köln, Fon: + 49 221 9592190, Fax: +49 221 9592193, E-Mail: service@transfer-ev.de

Spring & autumn meetings of the Departm. Youth Sociology of the German Society for Sociology (DGS), once/twice a year, next: 28-29 February 2008 at the Pedagogical College Ludwigsburg, contact: Alexander Schober, M.A., Gemeinde Schwalbach, Fachbereich 3 - Jugend und Senioren, Hauptstraße 92, 66773 Schwalbach, Fon: +49 6834 571-167, E-Mail: a.schober@schwalbach-saar.de, www.jugendsoziologie.de

Deutscher Kinder- und Jugendhilfetag, every four years, next: 18-20 June 2008 in Essen, contact: AGJ, Mühlendamm 3, 10178 Berlin, www.jugendhilfetag.de

Working Group on Expert Conferences on Youth Services of the Scientific Association for Urban Studies (AGJF), several times a year, see: www.vfk.de/agfi/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungen.phtml, contact: Verein für Kommunalwissenschaften e.V. (VfK), Ernst-Reuter-Haus, Straße des 17. Juni 112, D-10623 Berlin, Fon: +49 30 39001-135/136, Fax: +49 30 39001-146, E-Mail: landua@vfk.de

9.2 Names and contacts for permanent national networks for developing a greater Knowledge of youth that link all actors in the field

Federal Advisory Committee on Youth matters (*Bundesjugendkuratorium*, bundesjugendkuratorium@dji.de, www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de)

Advisory Council of the Working Group on Expert Conferences on Youth Services of the Scientific Association for Urban Studies (AGJF, www.vfk.de/agfi/): networks of experts & professionals in the field of youth services.

9.2.1 Details on how this network works

The Federal Advisory Committee on Youth matters advises the Federal Government in basic questions of child and youth services (§ 83 paragr. 2 of Social Code, Volume Eight (SGB VIII) and in cross-sectoral questions of child and youth policy (§ 1 sentence 1 General administrative fiat). The Federal Advisory Committee can also decide to transfer further recommendations to the Federal Government on other topics. It involves young people in an adequate way into its counselling processes. The Committee consist of 15 experts from different areas: politics, administration, associations, science. Its members are appointed by the Federal Minister for Youth for a fixed period, according of the present legislative period, maximum until the next quarter after parliamentary elections (for the Bundestag).

Since 1995 the Scientific Association for Urban Studies has carried out expert conferences on current issues in the field of child and youth services, funded by the Federal Ministry for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ). Counselling is provided by an advisory council with representatives from *Deutscher Städtetag* (German Association of Cities and Towns), *Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe* (Child and Youth Welfare Association), *Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Freien Wohlfahrtspflege* (Association of Voluntary Social Welfare Services), *Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Obersten Landesjugend- und Familienbehörden* (Working Party of the Highest Youth and Family Authorities of the Federal States), BMFSFJ and youth workers from the regional and local levels.

9.2.2 Strategy to set up a permanent national network linking all actors if not already existing

Question 11.2 answered with yes.

10 Other networks in the youth field

10.1 Transnational networks

- German National Committee for International Youth Work (*Deutsches Nationalkomitee für internationale Jugendarbeit*, DNK, dnk@dbjr.de, c/o German Federal Youth Council, responsible for making agreements on the joint international activities in order to ensure that German youth organisations are represented on a multi-national level.
- International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany (IJAB, www.ijab.de). Central specialist agency for international youth policy, international youth work & youth information, promotes international youth work/co-operation in the field of international youth policy
- Child and Youth Welfare Association (AGJ, www.agj.de), co-ordinates network of youth field actors (policy makers, administration, researchers)

- German Youth Institute (DJI, www.dji.de), acts in the triangle of science, policy and practice, provides information, services, counselling
- German Federal Youth Council (DBJR, www.dbjr.de), works in commissions/working groups, comments on law/related youth reports, discusses latest questions concerning youth work/policy

10.2 Networks specific to certain actors

- Youth Sociology of the German Society for Sociology (www.jugendsoziologie.de): university network
- Researcher-Practitioner-Dialogue International Youth Work (www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de): network of experts and professionals in the field of international youth work

11 Organisation and promotion of transsectoral dialogue for example between university departments and governmental departments

(e.g. seminars, working groups, common advisory structures...)

- The German Youth Institute (www.dji.de) cooperates as a counselling agency with the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.
- The Federal Advisory Committee on Youth matters (*Bundesjugendkuratorium*, www.bundesjugendkuratorium.de) organises a well developed dialogue between practitioners, policy makers & researchers. It advises the Federal government in basic questions of youth services & in cross-sectional tasks of child & youth policy. 15 youth service experts are called into the Committee for one parliamentary session. In its activity the Committee takes position with & gives recommendations with regard to present priorities in the child & youth policy of the Federal government.