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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

In Greece there are a lot of youth departments in universities. More specifically:

In **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.Th.)**:

- **Career Services Office(CSO)** offers career information and career counselling services on studies, work and career of students and graduates – Person in Charge: Ms Kyriakidou Eleni
- **Social Policy Committee** (Epitropi Koinonikis Politikis) supports students with special needs, informs foreign students, promotes voluntary work of students - Person in charge: professor Fachantidou Anna.
- **Student Counseling Service (KESYPSY)** offers counselling and psychological support to students on an individual or group basis, which is free of charge on issues pertaining to their emotional, social and academic life, family problems or problems in their relations with other people, sexuality, psychosomatic symptoms, and adjustment difficulties, so that students can better participate in academic life– Person in charge: professor Fachantidou Anna.
- **Department of studies** is the coordinator of the A.U.Th. scholarships programme for foreign students. Other responsibilities of the Department of Studies include the following: Collecting, organizing, and disseminating information pertaining to laws, decisions and circulars concerning studies, statistics from A.U.Th. Schools and Departments, statistics concerning transfers of students from other universities (Greek and foreign) and placement exams for University graduates who wish to continue their studies in another discipline, as well as to Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, its Schools, services and programmes of study for Greek and foreign students. Also, it is responsible for finding accommodation for first-year students, collecting offers from flat and room owners which makes them available to those interested, together with a list of the real-estate agents in Thessaloniki, guiding first-year students through the registration process, organizing their reception by the Schools and providing them with a folder with useful information so that they are smoothly integrated in the university community and the city, as well as for collecting and circulating printed material concerning A.U.Th. (brochures, maps, journals, information on Schools and services), the city of Thessaloniki and Greek culture, finally for organizing study visits for highschool students and informing them about their studies

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at A.U.Th. in the framework of School Career Guidance. Person in Charge: Mrs Chrysobelidou Eleni

Youth research is a cross-disciplinary area and that is why numerous universities deal with research related to youth. In Greece the following departments focus on youth research:

- **University of Athens**, Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology(www.uoa.gr)
- **Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**, Faculty of Sociology (www.panteion.gr)
- **Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**, Faculty of Social Policy (www.panteion.gr)
- **Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**, Faculty of Social Anthropology (www.panteion.gr)
- **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, Faculty of Education (www.auth.gr)
- **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, Faculty of Philosophy, School of Philosophy and Pedagogy (www.auth.gr)
- **University of Macedonia**, Greece, Department of Educational and Social Policy (www.uom.gr)
- **University of Peloponnese**, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Social and Educational Policy (www.uop.gr)
- **University of Ioannina**, School of Education (www.uoi.gr)
- **Democritus University of Thrace**, Greece, Department of Physical Education and Sports Science (www.duth.gr)
- **Democritus University of Thrace**, Greece, Faculty of Educational Sciences (www.duth.gr)
- **University of the Aegean**, School of Social Sciences (www.aegean.gr)
- **University of the Aegean**, School of Humanities (www.aegean.gr)
- **University of Thessaly**, School of Humanities (www.uth.gr)
- **University of Thessaly**, Department of Physical Education and Sport Science (www.uth.gr)

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1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

In Greece there are quite a few statistic offices that collect statistics on youth. More specifically:

◆ The **Hellenic Centre for Infectious Diseases Control** (www.keel.org.gr) in collaboration with NGOs and international organisations has issued the National UNGASS HIV/AIDS progress report 2008 for UNAIDS. Part of this report refers to young people's knowledge and behaviour regarding HIV/AIDS. The report can be assessed through the HCDCP site as well as through the UNAIDS site.

http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2008/greece_2008_country_progress_report_en.pdf

The network created to collect the data will be collecting them continuously every two years. This Centre conducts other reports as well having to do with health issues.

◆ In Greece the authorised institution for the statistical information of the country is the **General Secretariat of National Statistical Service of Greece** (E.S.Y.E). It collects statistical data on population, employment and unemployment, health and social insurance, education, justice, finance, prices, the national income, etc. It also publishes a series of research publications on the socio-economic conditions of Greece. As far as the unemployment and the employment of the population that are above 15 years old, are concerned, containing of course the young people, E.S.Y.E conducts every trimester a sampling, named << Research of Workforce >>. This research is in line with the Regulation of the European Committee and the European Parliament and is conducted to all the member-states of the European Union. Elementary indicators that are derived by this research, is the percentage of employment, the percentage of unemployment and the percentage of participation in the workforce. Also, a classification is made, which contains the age group between 15 and 24 years old and is used to european level mentioning young people, while data concerning employment and unemployment can be derived for any age group.

In addition E.S.Y.E is the authorised institution for the conduction of the annual <<Research of Income and Living Conditions >> (European Union – Statistics on Income and Living Conditions <<EU-SILC >>) which is part of a community statistical program, where all the member-states of the European Union participate. Basic target of the research is the study, in European and national level, of the household's living condition concerning mostly their income. This research is the source of reference of the comparative statistics for the income allocation and the social exclusion in the European Union level. The research concerns the Questionnaire on Better Understanding of Youth – Greece

whole population, including young people while a basic indicator that is estimated by this research is the percentage of the people that are in the edge of poverty.

For more information, please visit: www.statistics.gr

◆ Demographic characteristics for the registered unemployed (including young people) in the Public Workforce Employment Organization and data of individualised approach of the registered unemployed are given by the **Employment Observatory Research- Informatics S. A.** The Employment Observatory Research- Informatics S.A is under the auspices of the Ministry of Employment and Social Protection and publishes per month demographic data of the registered unemployed (number of unemployed people, by gender, age, educational level, duration of unemployment and professional category for all over the country and by nomarchy) and data that concern their individualised approach by a professional Counsellor of the Public Workforce Employment Organization.

For more information, please visit: www.paep.org.gr

◆ The **Greek Social Data Bank** and the **National Documentation Centre**. The Greek Social Data Bank is the main data archive for the social sciences in Greece while the National Documentation Centre (EKT) is the backbone organisation of the national infrastructure for scientific documentation, online information and support services on science, research and technology. Both of them provide researchers with useful data regarding the socio-economic characteristics of Greek society.

For more information, please visit: www.gsdb.gr/databank_role_en.html/ , <http://www.eie.gr/ekt-en.html>.

1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth research, public companies included

In Greece, the main actors in youth research are:

- General Secretariat For Youth (www.neagenia.gr)
- Institute for Youth (www.ify.gr)
- Local Youth Councils
- National Council for Education(www.ypepth.gr)

- Greek National Centre for Social Research (www.ekke.gr)
- National Hellenic Research Foundation (www.eie.gr)
- University of Macedonia, Thessalonica, Greece, Master's degree programme in Greece on European Youth Policies (www.uom.gr)

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

The National Youth Council was established in July 1998, as a “platform” of NGYOs and is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit federation of Greek youth organisations. Today, 47 NGYOs constitute the National Youth Council, representing the vast majority of young people organised in youth organisations.

The National Youth Council is the official representative of Greek youth abroad and the main interlocutor of the Hellenic Government on youth issues at the national level. It participates in the Organisational committee for the Youth Parliament, while it is a member of the European Youth Forum, the Mediterranean Youth Forum, the UNESCO Youth Council, the relevant U.N. Youth Bodies, etc.

KETHEA's Research Department (main research structure) in cooperation with 15 decentralised Research Departments of KETHEA's therapeutic programmes all over Greece, plan and carry out researches aiming at charting the characteristics and the needs of the people that reach its services. It also coordinates or participates in conducting specific research programmes, in the E.U. framework or in cooperation with national or foreign bodies, which may have to do with the drug use and addiction phenomenon to young people as well.

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

N/A

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth research

Public opinion research organizations conduct both quantitative and qualitative surveys on youth, at local, regional and national level. Public opinion organizations include: V-PRC (www.vprc.gr), Metron Analysis (www.metronanalysis.gr), Kappa Research (www.kappa-research.com), ALCO, Legein kai Prattein (www.legeinandprattein.gr), etc.

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

N/A

3 Funding for research on youth (name funding possibilities and approximate amount in euros)

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at youth research

- World Bank
- International Finance Corporation
- United Nations

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

Council of Europe:

- Directorate General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport
- Directorate of Youth and Sport
- European Commission:
- Directorate General for Education and Culture
- Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- Information Society and Media Directorate General
- Research Directorate General (7th Framework Programme)

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

- Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs
- General Secretariat for Youth
- Institute for Youth
- Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity

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- Ministry of Employment and Social Protection
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Justice

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

- National Youth Council (ESYN)
- Local Youth Councils
- Non Governmental Organizations
- Universities
- Research Centers
- Youth Networks
- Private Corporations
- Non Profit Organisations

4 Paper publications on the youth field

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

- “Politics, Society, Citizens – Data analysis of the European Social Survey (ESS), published by the Greek National Centre for Social Research (in greek Language), 2007
- “Youth- the sleazy factor”, published by the Greek National Centre for Social Research (in greek Language), 2008

4.2 Regular youth reports

The General Secretariat for Youth fills in annually the Country fiche of the European Centre on Youth Policy and the E.U. Questionnaires – National Report on Youth.

KETHEA issues annually its review (KETHEA annual review), which includes data for how the service network works all over Greece and the number of people using them. Research studies are also published regularly which have to do with socio-demographic characteristics

and the use conditions of the people that went to KETHEA's Consultative Centres during a year or during successive years (diachronic studies). Studies regarding the profile of the people using the services are published from time to time by different KETHEA's therapeutic programmes.

For more information, please visit: www.kethea.gr

4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research

There are no publications that focus on youth research. However, we could refer to some social sciences journals which publish articles related to youth. Mention can be made of the following journals: - Synchrona Themata (Current Affairs). - The Journal of the Hellenic Political Science Association. - Epistimi kai Koinonia (Science and Society). - Koinonia Politon (Civil Society). – To Vima ton Koinonikon Epistimon (Social Sciences Tribune). - O Politis (The Citizen). – Epitheorisi Oikonomikon Epistimon (Journal of Economics). - Nea Estia.

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Web-Portals and online databases on a better understanding of youth (for portals on youth information see the questionnaire on Information 1.6)

- General Secretariat for Youth www.neagenia.gr
- Data base on Postgraduate studies opportunities in all Greek Universities. This data base is in Greek, updated daily and with free access to anyone
<http://www.cso.auth.gr/Greek/Baseis/Met/Metaptuxiaka.gr.htm>
- Data base on scholarships and funding opportunities offered. This data base is in Greek, updated daily and freely accessible to anyone)
<http://www.cso.auth.gr/Greek/Baseis/Ypo/Ypotrofies.gr.htm>
- Data base in Greek with career information of Aristotle University's graduates with free access only to companies that search employees and are members of CSO
<http://www.cso.auth.gr/Greek/Basis/CV/CVSearch.gr.asp>
- Neolaia.gr (www.neolaia.gr)
- European Youth Portal (www.europa.eu/youth)

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- Foititakos.gr (www.foititakos.gr)
- Niata.net (www.niata.net)
- Greek National Centre for Social Research (www.ekke.gr)
- National Hellenic Research Foundation (www.eie.gr)
- The Greek Social Data Bank. www.gsdb.gr
- The National Documentation Centre. www.ekt.gr
- The National Statistical Service of Greece. www.statistics.gr

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

N/A

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

The General Secretariat for Youth, through its programmes, organises events and training seminars in order to promote a better understanding and knowledge of youth. At the same time, it publishes newsletters and updates constantly its portal in order to improve the quality of information on youth issues.

Two structured questionnaires are dispensed to the Consultative Centres and the Therapeutic Communities of the adolescent programmes of KETHEA respectively, thus FTDI (First Treatment Demand Inventory) and ADAD (Adolescent Drug Abuse Diagnosis). The former is used for taking the case record, while the latter for the evaluation of the adolescent condition in specific areas of their life, like the professional, the educational, the medical, the family, the social, the drug use, the psychological and legal one.

All institutions active in the field of youth, such as universities, research centers, NGOs, municipalities, ministries, in order to constantly improve access and quality of information regarding the youth follow certain methods. For example:

- Organization of events and training seminars

- Update of informative portals
- Publications in journals
- Publication of reports and reviews

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

N/A

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

Youth researchers and other actors active in this field are supported by the State through various means. Indicatively:

- Scholarships
- Working experience in foreign countries
- Funding through European projects.
- Funding from the State
- Training seminars

OEEK (with its status as the National Center of Europass and the National Point of Reference for the Vocational Qualification in Greece), and especially the Department of European Programs, in the framework of promoting exchanges and mobility in the field of the vocational education and training, checks and administrates the allocation of the Leonardo da Vinci european training programs, which contribute to the mobility of trainers and trainees all over Europe and to the improvement of their vocational qualifications. In addition, when these programs are completed, the National Center of Europass edits and provides to all the participants the document of <<Europass Mobility>> which confirms the participation of the trainers and the trainees to an organised learning experience of mobility to a european country and describes the knowledge, capabilities and qualifications obtained.

9. Networking and support of networking

9.1 Seminars and working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth – please, list them and give information on who is participating, how often they take place and what is the follow-up?

During 2008, the General Secretariat for Youth jointly with the National Agency for “Youth in Action” Programme have arranged for a series of two-day seminars all over Greece in order to give the chance to young people in every Greek region to be trained on how the Local Youth Councils are supposed to work, what skills young people have to develop, what they can do to help their community and how.

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)?

The Greek Focal Point (EKTEPN) is a research programme which operates at national level, is funded by national resources and aims at evaluating and improving the treatment interventions. KETHEA has a permanent cooperation with EKTEPN, giving data for estimating the epidemiologic indicators and composing the annual report for the drug problem in Greece.

9.3 Networks on youth issues specific to certain actors (university networks, researchers’ networks, policy makers’/governmental networks, NGO’s networks, other networks in the youth field)

- **Greek University Career Services Offices Network** <http://www.odgd-univ.gr/>
- A network on health education regarding HIV/AIDS & STDs is already working in the Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (HCDCP), consisting of: HCDCP, Ministry of education and religious affairs, The Institute of Child Health and the Pedagogical Institute.

9.4 What transnational networks with relevance for national networks are there (if any)?

N/A

9.5 Describe the organisation and the ways of promoting interdisciplinary dialogue on youth issues (e.g. seminars, working groups, common advisory structures ...)

As issues related to youth are always important there is a continuous dialogue between all actors related (universities, ministries, public bodies, NGOs etc). Through this dialogue actions regarding the following are promoted:

- Education and training
- Employment
- Health
- Information
- Research

To this aim and in order to further develop the cross-sectoral cooperation, the General Secretariat for Youth signs Memoranda of Cooperation with various governmental and non-governmental bodies and organisations.