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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

University	Department	Person in charge	Researches
Mykolas Romeris University	Faculty of Social Policy	Dean Prof. Leta Dromaitiene	Expression of violence and it's prevention in schools; prevention of sexual compulsion in schools; research on the prevention of destructive habits; emotions of the children that have occurred social exclusion; evolution of political socialisation from teens to youth and etc.
Siauliai University	Scientific Centre of Faculty of Social Welfare and Disability Studies	Dean – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ingrida Baranauskiene	Students with disabilities; social skills training for children from orphanages in schools; the attitudes of people with disabilities to disabled people and to disability and etc.
	Faculty of Education Psychology department	Dean - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ausra Kazlauskiene	Attitudes of teens to narcotics and factors of the use of them; Teens strategies of ways of coping with stress and learning motivation
Vytautas Magnus University	School of Social Work	Director - Prof. Dr. Jonas Ruškus	Non formal learning: situation, quality; juvenile prevention of crimes.
	Faculty of Social Sciences Psychological Clinic	Head Dr. Loreta Zajančkauskaitė	Researches on the creativeness of schoolchildren; the selection of professions.
	Department of General Psychology	Head Dr. Aukse Endriulaitiene	Psychological and social differences between the people who are emigrants, who are thinking to emigrate and those, who are staying in Lithuania.
	Department of Theoretic Psychology	Head Prof. Dr. Antanas Gostautas	The ways of coping with worry, bad mood and stress evaluation.

1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

The Department of Statistics under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania,

www.stat.gov.lt

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

Institution	Department/division	Person in charge	Research
Drug control department under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania	Drug Control Policy Analysis and Strategy Division	Chief specialist Renata Zibaityte	Prevalence of the use of psychotropic substances between the students in universities.
	Information Analysis Division	Chief specialist Vytautas Gaspersas	Prevalence of the use of narcotic and psychotropic substances between the clients of night clubs in Lithuania.
		Chief specialist Vytautas Gaspersas	Prevalence of the use of psychotropic substances in general population.
The Ministry of Social Security and Labour	Labour Department	Natalija Ziminiene	Youth entrenchment in the labour market in Lithuania
		Ausra Stankiuviene	Preparation of methodical recommendation in risk estimation in schools.
	Strategic Planning and Social Inclusion Department	Boguslavas Gruzevskis	Reduction of opportunities and tools of children poverty and social exclusion.
Ministry of Health	State Mental Health Center	Lina Ignataviciute	Boost of alcohol and people's attitude to it; peculiarity of the use of alcohol and it's influence to society's health.
Information Society Development Committee under the Government of Republic of Lithuania	Planning and Monitoring Division	Renata Rociene	Research on the use of internet; use of electronical services.
Lithuanian Labour Exchange under the Ministry of		Asta Vinskaite	Seniors, that are registered to Labours exchange, motivation and their employment chances.

Social Security and Labour			
Ministry of National Defence	Public Relations Department	Jonas Kukulskis	Professional troop.
Institute of Law	Criminological Research Department	Vaidas Kalpokas	The Delinquent Activities of Juveniles.
		Dr. Svetlana Justickaja	Proliferation of Trafficking in Children in Lithuania
		Dr. Gintautas Sakalauskas	Evaluation of legal acts on Juvenile justice.
		Dr. Gintautas Sakalauskas	Juvenile justice system in Lithuania.
Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania	Physical Education Strategy Division	Milda Laurutenaite	Attitude to physical education, sports and it's habits.

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

The National Union of Student Representations of Lithuania (further – LSAS) is the only NGO in Lithuania, that is dealing with research on young people. Mostly it deals with such questions as: students' welfare, practice in universities, cribs in high schools and etc.

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

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1.6 Private companies dealing with youth research

RAIT, Naugarduko str. 68B, Vilnius, Lithuania – researches in social field;
Human Study Centre, Traku 8 korp. 2a, Vilnius LT-2001 – researches in social field;
Factus Dominus, Gedimino str. 13, Kaunas LT-44318 – researches in youth field;
Spinter Research, Tilto str. 35/4-5, Vilnius – researches in youth field.

1.7 Other actors (if any)

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

Research on the youth situation in Lithuania is held periodically under the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour. Also many universities and state institutions are making different types of researches related to youth.

3. Funding for research on youth

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at youth research

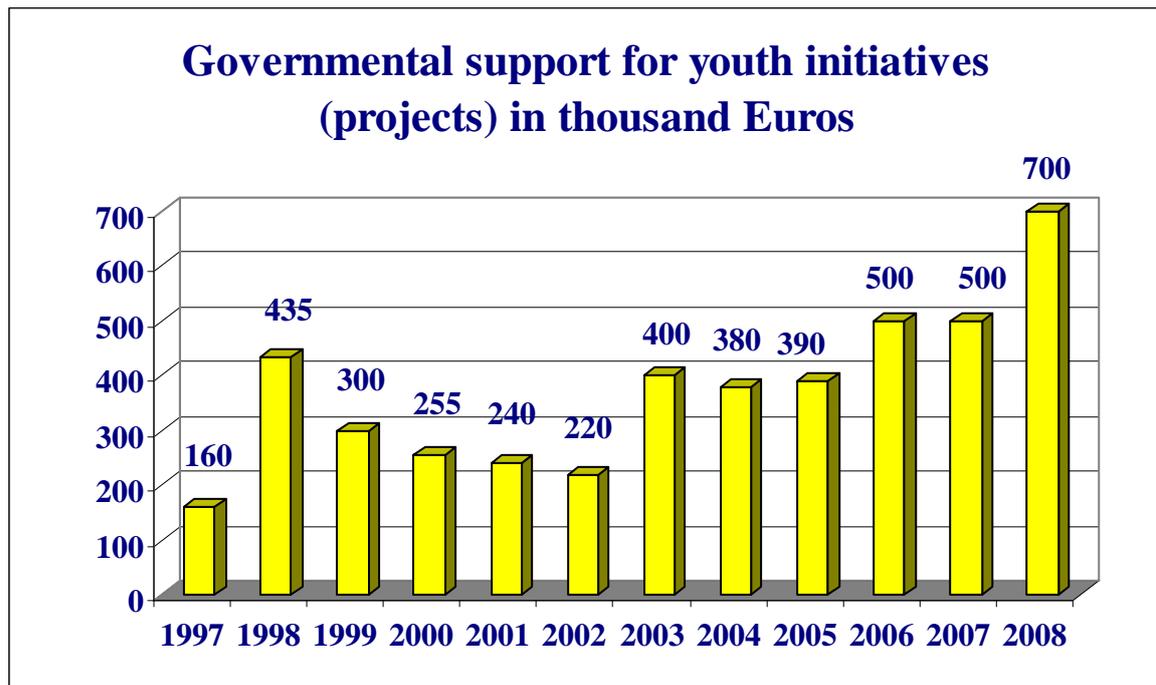
Programmes funding research but no specific funding youth research (see www.eurodesk.org > Search for funding > Theme search > Research). A complete list of international funding used for youth research in Lithuania is not available.

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

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

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour calls for applications once a year. Funding is made upon successful applications. Total amount in 2008 was 695 088 euros.



Each Lithuanian municipality has a fund for funding Youth activities. Usually funding is made upon successful applications.

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

Youth NGOs and unions of Youth NGOs.

4. Paper publications on the youth field

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

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour in 2008 has published: methodical publication "Open Youth Centres"; translated to Lithuanian and published series of youth training handbooks T-kit which were prepared by European Council and European Commission.

4.2 Regular youth reports

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour publishes reports on Youth policy in Lithuania. Such reports are not considered as regular.

4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour announces results of Youth situation researches periodically. Results are divided according to different regulated fields of youth policy. Department of Statistics under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Statistics Lithuania) annually publishes yearbook of Lithuanian statistics, which also contains data on youth situation.

5. IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

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

- Website of the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour <https://www.jrd.lt/> provides information on Lithuanian youth policy (legal basis, youth organisations, youth structures, youth policy implementing governmental bodies, funding possibilities, youth events, etc.). Information updated at least once a week.
- Website of Lithuanian Youth Council <https://www.lijot.lt/> provides information about member organisations, spread information for youth organisations. Information updated at least once a week.
- Website of the Agency of International Youth Cooperation <https://www.itba.lt/> provides information about EU programs. Information updated at least once a week.

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

Website of the Department of Statistics under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Statistics Lithuania) <http://www.stat.gov.lt/en/>.

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

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

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

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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?

The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour starts running the working group, that concentrates on the questions of youth information and researches, in which one of the target groups would be young people. This working group consists of the delegates of the state institutions. Also there would be another working, which will deal with such questions, but the members of this group will be the delegates from Universities. There is planned, that these two groups are going to outgrow into the network of experts, who will deal with information related to youth.

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)?

Lithuanian Youth Council (LiJOT), www.lijot.lt. LiJOT is the biggest non-governmental, non-profit umbrella structure for Lithuanian national youth organizations and regional unions of youth organizations. LiJOT is the organisation, that represents youth interests for Lithuanian governmental institutions, promotes youth initiative, youth mutual understanding and etc.

National association of Youth Coordinators (NJRK), www.njrk.lt. This is the association that unites municipal co-ordinators for youth matters. They are responsible for local youth policy formation and implementation in Lithuanian municipality.

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)

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

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

Council of Youth Affairs formed on the principle of parity: 6 representatives from government institutions (ministries and Government Office) and 6 representatives from youth organisations (delegated by National Youth Council). The Council composition is approved by Prime Minister. The Council is advisory body for the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour.