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1. Promotion and support of youth research

Is there a government strategy or programme for promoting and supporting research in the field of youth?

Federal ministry for education and science has a research grant called „Support to research with significance for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina“. (www.fmon.gov.ba)

Adoption of the FBiH Youth Law in 2010 has created conditions for the adoption of Youth Policy in FBiH, which is planned to be done next year.

Ministry of Science and Technology of Republic of Srpska has grant for young researchers in various research fields. Researcher may apply for funds each year via open call.

2. Legal basis for an evidence-based approach to youth policy

Is there a reference to better knowledge on youth ensuring an evidence-based approach to youth policy in national legislation or policy strategies?

In the Federal Law on Youth there is a reference to an evidence-based approach to youth policy. To be more precise, article 25. says that the youth strategy should be defined, adopted and implemented based on research of needs and problems of youth.

Youth Policy of Republic of Srpska (2010-1015) has been created based on individual researches.

3. Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a better knowledge of young people

3.1. Departments in universities gathering knowledge on youth

At University of Banja Luka (Republic of Srpska) at faculty of Psychology there are professors Mr. Vladimir Turjacin and Mr. Srdjan Dusanic who are making researches related to youth perception on several themes.

3.2. Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with [youth research](#), public companies included

Not available.

3.3. NGOs gathering knowledge on youth

Institute for Youth Development KULT
Youth information agency Bosnia and Herzegovina
Omladinski komunikativni centar (OKC)
Perpetuum Mobile
PRONI Center for youth development

3.4. Private companies dealing with youth research

PRISM RESEARCH, Sarajevo
Agencija Spektar undertakes studies related to youth and the labour market.

3.5. Statistical offices that collect statistics on youth

Agency for statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the level of the state, ([BHAS](#)), the Federal Office of Statistics for the Entity of Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina ([FZS](#)) and the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics for the Entity of Republika Srpska ([RZSRS](#)).

3.6. Directory of national youth researchers

Not available.

3.7. National research networks on youth

Not available.

3.8. Transnational networks on youth with relevance for national networks

Not available.

3.9. Knowledge networks supporting youth policy

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

If yes, give names and contacts and explain it's structure and your role within this network.

If no such network exists, please explain why and if there have been any attempts to set up such a network.

The process of establishment of the local and cantonal Youth Councils has started in FBiH and will result with the establishment of the Youth Council of FBiH in 2013.

The Youth Council of the Republic of Srpska (OSRS) is an umbrella youth organization in the Republic of Srpska, whose position and roles are defined by the Law on youth organizing, which was adopted in 2004th year. OSRS brings together local and national youth organizations, in order to present their interests in RS, international cooperation, etc.

4. Promotion and support to youth researchers and other actors who work towards a better knowledge of youth

Is there any measure undertaken for the:

- facilitation of exchanges between researchers, policy makers and practitioners in the field of youth
- support of mobility and skills improvement of youth researchers

Federal ministry for education and science has several grants in this field:

- "Cofinancing reaserch, scientific development and study visits in B&H and abroad with the aim of gaining scientific degree",
- "Support to participation of students in international student manifestations",
- "Participation in B&H and international science conferences",
- "Support to postgrad students B&H citizens for education in Federation of B&H"

Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport of Republic of Srpska has grant for youth mobility and through this grant supports also youth who are attending international conferences or trainings or doing internships.

5. Publications and accessible data in the youth field/on youth

5.1. Data collections which provide updated statistics on youth (public and private)

Analysis of the position of young people and youth sector in BiH - Commission for Coordination of Youth Issues B&H, 2008

[The Voices of Youth Survey - UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2012.](#)

5.2. Regular youth reports

On national level

Not available.

On regional level

Not available.

5.3. National journals and reviews on youth research

Not available.

5.4. According to publications and recent data collections: what are priority themes in the field of youth research in your country

Not available.

6. IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

Is there a dissemination of knowledge on youth via dedicated internet portals or online publications?

Institute for Youth Development KULT (www.mladi.org). Institute also has magazine on youth work IUVENTA, which is accessible here (www.iuventa.mladi.org). IUVENTA was supported by the European Youth Foundation.

Youth Information Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (www.ojabih.info)

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

www.mladi.gov.ba

Commission for the Coordination of Youth Issues in BiH

www.direktorij.mladi.org is database of youth organizations in B&H.

6.2. Other

Not available.

7. Good practice related to fostering a better knowledge of youth

Please describe methods and approaches for gaining a better understanding and knowledge of youth and for keeping it up to date.

EUNYP project (“EU support to the coordination and implementation of Bi H National Youth Policy”) Supported by the European Union through the Instrument from Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA 2008) the EUNYP project aims at to **improve the position of youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)**, through the creation of the appropriate conditions for better and more efficient dialogue and more functional coordination among the stakeholders responsible for youth issues in BiH.

Component II-Monitoring and Evaluation

Component II will aim at developing an M&E system that will serve as a management and policy tool to the Commission for the Coordination of Youth Issues in BiH (CCYI BiH) and the Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH that has a role to assist in the careful, consistent and meaningful development and tracking of interventions in the youth sector. As such, Monitoring and evaluation system for the CCYI BiH should be a continuing function that provides the Commission and main stakeholders with early indications of progress, or any concerns or issues related to achievement of results.

This Component will be organised in **3 activities**, which are: A brief baseline study, Development of an M&E Platform, Pilot a soft component for monitoring

The Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports has jurisdiction over youth related to the Article 21 of the FBiH Youth Law, which implies coordination related to the definition, adoption and implementation of FBiH Youth Strategy. In order to start activities related to this matter, Ministry has provided funds to conduct the research on youth needs and problems, to develop the analysis of the existing local youth strategies as well as the analysis of the existing legislation related to youth.

Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports has provided youth grant in the amount of 100.000 EUR in the year 2012.