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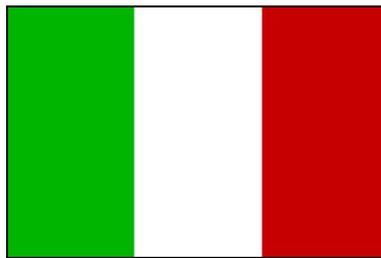


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BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF YOUTH

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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?

No, there isn't.

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?

No, there isn't.

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

Italian universities, in particular departments and faculties of sociology and social sciences, usually carry out studies and researches on young people.

Successively their names and web sites:

- University of Rome 1 "La Sapienza" (<http://www.uniroma1.it>)
- University of Milan "Bicocca" (<http://www.unimib.it>)
- University of Trento (<http://www.unitn.it/sociologia/6502/sociologia>)
- University of Salerno (http://www.letterefilosofia.unisa.it/ad_sociologia)
- Pontifical Salesian University (<http://www.unisal.it>)
- University of Trieste
- University of Bologna (<http://www.spfo.unibo.it>)
- University of Naples (<http://www.unina.it>)
- University of Calabria (<http://www.unical.it>)
- University of Chieti-Pescara (<http://www.unich.it/>)
- University of Florence (<http://www.unifi.it/>)
- University of Genoa (<http://www.unige.it/>)
- University of L'Aquila (<http://scienzeumane.univaq.it>)
- University of Salento (<http://www.serviziosociale.unisalento.it>)
- University of Padova (<http://www.scipol.unipd.it/>)
- University of Urbino (<http://www.uniurb.it/sociologia/>)

In the Italian Research Portal (<http://www.ricercaitaliana.it>) of the Ministry of Education, University and Research you can find detailed information on the research programmes promoted by the different universities in all the domains.

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

Isfol - Istituto per lo sviluppo della formazione professionale dei lavoratori (www.isfol.it) - is a public research institute working in the areas of training and employment. Their researches and studies are mainly focused on the followings topics: education, training and learning, employment, apprenticeship, social inclusion, local development.

CNEL - (National Council for Economics and Labour) (www.portalecnel.it) is a constitutional body composed, as set out by law, of experts and representatives of the economic categories.

It serves as a consultative body for Parliament and the Government on those matters and those functions attributed to it by law. The main topics of its researches and studies regarding youth are the following ones: social, employment, education, training, migrants and housing.

Centro Nazionale di Documentazione e analisi per l'infanzia e l'adolescenza - National Centre for Documentation and Analysis of Childhood and Adolescence (<http://www.minori.it/index.htm>);

The National Centre works to promote and improve information, knowledge, innovation and the implementation of policies in favour of younger citizens.

Its main tasks are laid down by Law no. 451/1997 and by a regulation (Presidential Decree no. 103 of 14 May 2007); more specifically, the National Centre follows an annual activity plan prepared by the National Observatory on Childhood and Adolescence.

The fields of activity of the National Centre are essentially the following: documentation, analysis, research and monitoring, information, education and training activities.

The aims of the research and monitoring activities are to investigate the living conditions of children and adolescents by collecting original information and data and to outline the evolution of some particularly relevant phenomena over time.

Research focuses in particular on the fields regarding minors (both children and young people) such as rights, education and learning, abuse and violence, juvenile labour, difficult leaving conditions, social policies and services, leisure time, media and new technologies.

Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) – Istituto per la ricerca sulla popolazione e le politiche sociali National Research Council - Institute for research on population and social policies (<http://www.irpps.cnr.it>)

conducts studies on demographic and migration issues, welfare systems and social policies, on policies regarding science, technology and higher education, on the relations between science and society, as well as on the creation of, access to and dissemination of knowledge and information technology. It groups together analyses and theoretical and empirical studies, facilitating collaboration among different disciplinary frontiers, to form three main research lines:

- Study of the relations between population trends and social and economic development
- Study of the social dynamics and policies in welfare systems
- Study of changes in society linked to the spread of knowledge and information technology

Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) - National Health Institute (<http://www.iss.it>) is the leading technical and scientific public body of the Italian National Health Service. Its activities include research, control, training and consultation in the interest of public health protection.

3.3. NGOs gathering knowledge on youth

Forum Nazionale dei Giovani (www.forumnazionalegiovani.it)

The Forum was instituted with the Law n. 311 of 30 December 2004. It is the unique national network of youth Italian organisations and represents 4 million youths. The Forum Nazionale dei Giovani - FNG is a candidate-member of European Youth Forum (YFJ). In 2007 the FNG, together with the National Council for Economics and Labour, created a Study Center on Youth Policies which carried out some studies and researches on youth participation, access to credit, social mobility and generation change. Moreover the FNG in collaboration with the Italian National Coordination Body of Voluntary Support Centers – CSVnet (<http://www.csvnet.it>) a national research on youth participation in associations, volunteering and informal groups.

3.4. Private companies dealing with youth research

In general youth research is carried out by private research institutes mainly dealing with social and economic studies investigating also specific topics regarding young people's life such as school, higher education, employment, leisure time, volunteering, health and life styles and so on.

Successively some of them:

- AlmaLaurea (www.almalaurea.it). It's an inter-university consortium that usually carries out researches on graduate profile and on their employment condition. The last report is "Condizione occupazionale dei laureati (Employment situation of graduates)" - XIV research (2012).
- Istituto IARD (www.istitutoiard.it). It's a private research institute dealing, inter alia, with the theme of the youth condition in Italy.
- CENSIS (www.censis.it) a social study and research foundation. The most important areas of interest of Censis activities include: Education, school, university, life-long learning and training evaluation; Labour market and organisation, underground economy, professions, representation bodies and associations; Welfare policies, including pensions and social policy; Health system, life-styles, socio-economic implications of biotechnologies and pharmaceutical; Cultural policies and models, with special attention to family, children, young people, elderly, women and migrants; Information and communication technologies, innovation processes and e-government; Mass-media and communication processes, campaign impact, dissemination of research results, social impact of policies; Security, social impact of legal policies, deviance, irregular migrants flows, trafficking of human beings.
- EURISPES (www.eurispes.it) It's a private research institute dealing with social, political and economic topics. It publishes yearly the "Rapporto Italia (Italy Report)", National Reports on childhood and adolescence in collaboration with Telefono Azzurro (<http://www.azzurro.it/index.php/it/pubblicazioni/rapporti-nazionali-infanzia>).
- Vedogiovane (www.vedogiovane.it). It's a cooperative offering different services young people mainly in the areas of information, youth work, recreational spaces. It published some surveys and studies on these topics.
- Doxa (www.doxa.it) It's a private company dealing with market researches and survey also regarding young people.
- IRS (<http://www.irsonline.it/>) is a non-profit cooperative whose services range from research, consultancy, evaluation and training in seven areas: Labour Market and Industrial Relations; Nonprofit; Administrative Policies; Training and Labour Policies; Enterprise and Industry Policies; Social and Health Policies and Services; Urban Policies
- E.U.R.E.S. (<http://www.eures.it/>) It's a private research institute that carries out economic and social studies, some of them regarding also youth opinions and conditions.

3.5. Statistical offices that collect statistics on youth

- Istituto nazionale di statistica - ISTAT (National Institute of Statistics, www.istat.it). *For more information see point 5.2.*

3.6. Directory of national youth researchers

Not applicable

3.7. National research networks on youth

Not applicable

3.8. Transnational networks on youth with relevance for national networks

- Established by youth organisations, the European Youth Forum is made up of more than 90 National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations. It works to empower young people to participate actively in the European youth policies and in the civil society in order also to improve their living conditions. The Italian member is the National Youth Forum (www.forumnazionalegiovani.it).
- The European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA) is an international not-for-profit association based in Luxembourg. It was established on 17 April 1986 in Madrid. The Italian member organization is EURODESK Italy (www.eurodesk.it)
- The network "ReferNet" is a structured, decentralised, networked system of collection and dissemination of information, aiming at developing a common approach to research. It provides: Documentation and dissemination, Collecting and analysing information; Research. ReferNet comprises a national consortium in each Member State made up of organizations representing vocational education and training institutions. The coordinator of the national consortium is ISFOL (www.isfol.it).
- The EURES Network that through the European Commission portal (<http://ec.europa.eu/eures>) helps young people to find information on jobs and learning opportunities throughout Europe. This network is coordinated nationally by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.
- The REITOX network, the European Information Network on Drugs and Drug Addiction (www.emcdda.europa.eu), coordinated by the EMCCDA and based on National focal points (NFPs) set up in the 27 EU Member States, in Norway and in the candidate countries. The Italian National Focal Point is located in the Prime Minister's Office- National Department for Drugs Policies (www.governo.it).

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)?

No, it doesn't yet exist..

Was such a network set up specifically for some project/purpose?

Yes, in 2012 the Department of Youth (now Department of Youth and National Civic Service), with the aim to draw the National Youth Report, established an *ad hoc* inter-ministerial table with representatives of the different Ministries involved in the EU Youth Strategy (National Office for the Civil Service, Office for Sports, Ministry of Foreign affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Education, University and Research, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment and Preservation of Territory and Sea, Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities) and of the National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme (Agenzia Nazionale dei giovani). At the same time the Department started consultations with the National Youth Council (Forum Nazionale dei giovani), in order to get their comments on the National Youth Report.

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

Support of mobility and exchange of experience and practice of young researchers are some of the actions taken to improve the research, mainly by promoting the participation to the EU programmes implemented in Italy, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Youth in Action, Erasmus. Detailed information and links on these Eu Programmes can be found in the Portal on Learning Opportunities throughout the European Space PLOTEUS (<http://www.europa.eu/ploteus>). It aims to help students, job seekers, workers, parents, guidance counsellors and teachers to find out information about studying in Europe.

There are other EU programmes promoting researchers' exchanges, even if not only regarding the youth theme (see <http://www.eurodesk.org>)

Moreover training and mobility of the youth researchers can be encouraged through "the People Programme" of the EU 7th Framework Programme (2007-2013).

Innovitalia.net (<http://www.innovitalia.net/>) is the portal launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Education, University and Research to promote exchanges and contacts, research cooperation among Italian researchers in Italy and abroad, and support the relations between researchers and entrepreneurs, in order to create partnerships for the launch of innovative start up.

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

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

"Giovani protagonisti del futuro (Youth protagonists of the future)" is a social survey on the malaise of growing up and on the possible prevention activities carried out by the Department of youth together with Isfol – Institute for the development of the vocational training for workers and published in 2011.

"Turismo senza ostacoli (Tourism without obstacles)" is a survey on the trends of the offer and supply of the accessible tourism carried out by the Department of youth together with Isfol and published in 2011.

"Identità, immigrazione e cittadinanza (Identity, immigration and citizenship)" is a social survey on the second generation young migrants carried out by the Department of youth together with the Institute of Social Affairs (now part of Isfol) and published in 2011.

"Rapporto Giovani, volontariato e altre attività della partecipazione sociale" (Report Young people, volunteering and other activities of social participation) drew by the Department of Youth and National Civic Service in 2011.

"Dall'Italia all'Europa. Dall'Europa all'Italia. Giovani protagonisti in movimento. (From Italy to Europe. From Europe to Italy. Youth protagonists on the move)" is a survey on the mobility in Europe and in Italy of the young professional carried out by the CNEL and the FNG, published in 2012.

"Quando i giovani partecipano (When young people participate in social life)" is a survey on youth participation in organizations, volunteering activities and informal groups carried out by the CsVenet and the FNG, published in 2010.

"Giovani in Italia (Young people in Italy)" is an analysis of the conditions of young people regarding education, training, employment and unemployment carried out by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies in 2010 (http://www.lavoro.gov.it/NR/ronlyres/23D27DC8-8CAE-4D52-81F1-66811C7EE36C/0/I_GIOVANI_IN_ITALIA.pdf).

"Urg: Urge ricambio generazionale (The generation change is urgent)" is a research on the innovation of the country carried out by the CNEL and the FNG, published in 2009.

Some data regarding the youth participation to organisations involved in environment, human rights and peace may be taken from

See also point 1.2 and 1.4.

5.2. Regular youth reports

On national level

In 2008 and 2009 a National Report on youth conditions was published by the Government (Youth Department). These Reports were elaborated by the University of Rome “La Sapienza” Faculty of Statistical Sciences (<http://w3.uniroma1.it/scidemo/dsdfont.htm>). They provide a detailed, overall look on the youth condition in Italy (national, regional and, if possible, provincial and municipal levels), mainly focusing on demographic aspects, labour and economic conditions, mobility, social aspects (housing, lifestyles, participation to civil society and politics), health, immigration and emigration.

Moreover, statistics on different aspects of young people’s life have been developed during the last years by the Government, in particular regarding demographic aspects and transversal topics such as leisure time, family, living conditions, poverty, health, justice, labour and vocational training, education, immigration, use of drugs, cigarettes and alcohol.

- The National Institute of Statistics (Istat) (www.istat.it) publishes every year an Annual Report on the situation of Italy, which represents the main tool of analysis on economic, demographic and social aspects of our country. Moreover, Istat publishes regularly the results of surveys on different topics of interest for youth policies (education, leisure time, participation to civil society, family, living conditions, poverty, health, justice, labour and vocational training and so on). The Italian Statistical Yearbook summarises the results of the main surveys conducted by Istat and other National Statistical System bodies.
- Ministry of Education, University and Research publishes every year a Report on the situation of public schools, statistics about primary, secondary and high schools, universities. In 2012 the Ministry published the results of some researches and studies on foreign students http://hubmiur.pubblica.istruzione.it/web/ministero/index_pubblicazioni_12).
- Ministry of Labour and Social policies publishes every year a Report on the situation of employment and labour policies ([www.lavoro.gov.it /Lavoro/md/StudiStatistiche](http://www.lavoro.gov.it/Lavoro/md/StudiStatistiche)). a Report on the apprenticeship in Italy, together with the scientific technical support of Isfol. The most recent are following: Monitoring report on the apprenticeship. XII Report. 2009 and 2010” <http://www.lavoro.gov.it/NR/rdoonlyres/49C26BEA-9E14-408F-A304-B54DD7DE826B/0/XIIRapportodiMonitoraggioApprendistato.pdf> (Italian version)
- Interesting analysis on the labour market situation of young people and their vocational training opportunities can be found in the Annual Isfol Report (www.isfol.it).
- The National Office against the racial discrimination (Ufficio nazionale contro le discriminazioni razziali – UNAR) publishes every year a Report on the activity carried out against the racial discrimination and a Report to the Parliament on the effective application of the equal treatment principle and on the efficacy of the protection mechanisms in Italy (www.pariopportunita.gov.it). Moreover it carries out researches a study on discrimination related to different targets (women., Rom and Sinti, and so on), in particular it carried out also a study on the good practises developed for young people (under 30) on the topic of non discrimination (<http://www.unar.it/>).

On regional level

Reports on youth conditions, researches and studies on young people are mainly carried out by regional observatories dealing with social policies or in some case youth policies.

Here are some of their web pages:

www.osr.regione.abruzzo.it/
www.giovani.regione.campania
www.ancicampania.it/osservatorio-giovanile
www.regione.emilia-romagna.it/temi/sociale/giovani
www.socialelazio.it
<http://www.infanzia-adolescenza.marche.it/>
www.regione.molise.it/ofs/
www.regione.piemonte.it/polsoc/index.htm
www.osservatoriosocialepuglia.it/

www.regione.sicilia.it/famiglia/
<http://servizi.regione.toscana.it/osservatoriosociale/>
<http://www.osservatoriopolitichesociali.veneto.it/>
<http://servizioprs.regione.marche.it/>
<http://appweb.regione.vda.it/>

5.3. National journals and reviews on youth research

Web site <http://www.minori.it/> :

- “Abbandono scolastico (School drop-out)” (<http://www.minori.it/minori/abbandono-scolastico-ricerca-adiconsum>).
- “Sono i più giovani gli italiani più tecnologici (Younger are the Italians with the best technological knowledge ” (<http://www.minori.it/minori/istat-sono-i-piu-giovani-gli-italiani-piu-tecnologici>).
- Osservatorio Nazionale per l’infanzia e l’adolescenza (<http://www.minori.it/osservatorio>).

Web site: <http://www.lavoro.gov.it/Lavoro/Strumenti/StudiStatistiche/sociale/>

“Quaderni di ricerca sociale” is a review of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies dealing with social researches, some of them treat about children and adolescents.

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

Employment, school drop-out, Not in Education, Employment or Training (Neets), well being and healthy life styles, participation, training and education.

6. IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

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

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

<http://www.governo.it>

In the website of the Governmente there is a section dedicated to the “Youth Government” (Il Governo dei giovani where there are reported, *inter alia*, news on the youth policy and youth opportunities (in Italy and in Europe), national legislation, collected the most relevant official data, studies and reports on young people.

<http://www.gioventu.gov.it/>

The website of the Department for Youth and National Civil Service, under the aegis of the Minister of the International Cooperation and Integration, provides information on activities, call for proposals, reports and events regarding young people. The language of the website is Italian.

http://hubmiur.pubblica.istruzione.it/web/ministero/index_publicazioni_12

It’s the Ministry of Education, University and Research website providing information on activities, researches, publications regarding students and the educational system. The language of the website is in Italian.

<http://www.lavoro.gov.it/Lavoro/Strumenti/StudiStatistiche/>

In range of its institutional prerogative, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies carry out observation activities of labour market trend and the promotion of research of its areas competence, so web site provides information on activities, researches, publications regarding also youth employment and the language is Italian.

<http://www.agenziagiovani.it/il-programma.aspx>

The language of the website is in Italian. The website provides information on the EU Youth in Action Programme.

<http://www.forumnazionalegiovani.com>

The language of the website is in Italian. The website provides information on activities, news, events and reports regarding young people.

<http://www.forumnazionalegiovani.it/>

It's the website of the National Youth Forum, the only Italian youth platform of youth organizations. It represents about 75 organizations and 4 million of young people.

The language of the website is in Italian and provides information on activities, news, events and reports regarding young people.

<http://www.istat.it>

In its website the National Institute of Statistics publishes general information on activities and events, press releases, data and information on researches, international standard glossaries and classifications. It's possible to download free data and publications and access to many thematic databanks. The website has also an English version that is currently not as complete as the Italian one.

6.2. Other

Not applicable

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.

Methods used to gain a greater understanding and knowledge in the youth field are the following ones:

- Participation to European statistics such as Eurostat, Eurobarometer, EMCDDA Standard tables and questionnaires. Topic: youth, population, political participation, attitudes towards the European Union, drugs addiction.
- Longitudinal studies: used regularly for certain topics, such as healthy, family, childhood, Developmental Psychopathology.
- Sample Surveys: used regularly for some topics such as education, use of alcohol and drugs by young people, lifestyles and health behaviour, use of the Internet, cultural activities, sports and leisure time.
- Youth opinion polls: used mainly for behaviours of the consumers.