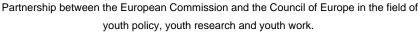
# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

Key priorities for youth policies answers on **Voluntary Activities** 







#### **DENMARK, 2005**

#### 1 Statistics

#### 1.1 Different types of voluntary activities that exist for young people

	Voluntary activities	Voluntary service	Civic service
Exists?	Yes	Yes	Yes

#### 1.2 Number of young people who engage in voluntary activities

Total Number	273583 <b>persons</b>
Total Female	N.A. <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N.A. <i>persons</i>

#### 1.3 Number of young people who engage in voluntary service

Total Number	559 <b>persons</b>
Total Female	N.A. <b>persons</b>
Total Male	N.A. <i>persons</i>

### 1.4 Number of young people who engage in voluntary service abroad (excluding European Voluntary Service)

Total Number	332 persons
Total Female	N.A. <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N.A. persons

#### 1.5 Number of young people who engage in national voluntary civic service

Total Number	3447 persons
Total Female	0 persons
Total Male	3447 persons

#### 1.5.1 Number of young people who carry out their service period abroad

Total Number	N.A. persons
Total Female	N.A. <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N.A. <i>persons</i>



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### 1.5.2 Is the national voluntary civic service open to young people from outside the country?

Yes **No** 

### 1.5.3 If yes, number of young people from outside the country participating in your national voluntary civic service

Total Number	N.A. <i>persons</i>
Total Female	N.A. <i>persons</i>
Total Male	N.A. <b>persons</b>

#### 1.6 Clarification of the statistics used

1999 calculation on voluntary activities on the basis of:Inger Koch-Nielsen & Jakob Dalsgaard Clausen: Værdierne I det frivillige arbejde (The Values in the Voluntary Work), In Peter Gundelach (ed.): Danskernes værdier 1980-1990 (Values of the Danes 1980-1990, Hans Reitzels Forlag, Copenhagen 2002).

#### 2 Range of voluntary activities

No answers avalaible

#### 3 Finance

### 3.1 Amount of finance that is annually available for voluntary activities and allocation of this finance

*Total:* 17,000,000

**Explanation** 

The approx. 17.000.000 euro is distributes by DUF from the state lottery funds, and from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Integration.

#### 3.2 Sources of finance

N.A.

#### 4 Main Actors

No answers avalaible

## 5 Legal basis/legislation for voluntary activities in general and for young people in particular



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#### 5.1 Legal status of volunteers

The Act on work related injuries (January1, 2004) covers all injuries that have occurred during work for someone else whether paid or unpaid.

#### 5.2 Taxation/tax exemptions for volunteers and volunteer organisations

Voluntary social organisations receive a range of indirect grants via various forms of tax privileges including the right to receive tax-exempt gifts, which are deductible against the donor#s personal income, tax-exempt legacies as well as special rules on VAT exemption). Voluntary individuals can receive indirect grants via tax-exempt reimbursement from the voluntary association for activities on behalf of the association in the form of phone calls, transport, conveyance, clothes for work and the laundry of it.

#### 5.3 Existence of social protection of volunteers

The Act on work related injuries (January1, 2004) covers all injuries that have occurred during work for someone else whether paid or unpaid.

### 5.4 Legal situation of unemployed young people participating in voluntary activities

The unemployed participators are instructed to seek paid work by law.

#### 6 Programmes

No answers avalaible

#### 7 Relationship between different types of voluntary services

### 7.1 Relationship between military service, civilian service, civic service and voluntary service

It is possible to serve ones civic or military service at a voluntary organisation.

### 7.2 Perspectives for the creation of a voluntary civic service in countries where it does not exist

The civic service works as a military service.

# 8 Development of voluntary activities, including standards/instruments aiming at securing and enhancing quality in voluntary activities



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### 8.1 Recent (this year) developments in the area of voluntary activities N.A.

### 8.2 What are the trends concerning the range of voluntary activities? *Increasing* Decreasing *Stable*

Explanation

In general the range of Danish voluntary activity is very high and stabile, but most organisations are experiencing problems in recruiting the young people.

### **8.3 Description of quality standards used in voluntary activities** N.A.

### 8.4 Description of measures to improve the quality of voluntary activities for young people

The Danish Youth Council is an umbrella organisation for more than 70 organisations working with children and young people at both national and global level. DUF supports it's member organisations financially and work to strengthen the participation and democratic involvement of young people in the society. The organisation does arrange and plan training aimed at improving the quality and management of voluntary activities run by young people.

## 9 Removing obstacles to young people#s voluntary engagement

No answers avalaible

### 10 Promotion of voluntary activities for young people No answers avalable

### 11 Recognition of voluntary activities of young people No answers available

# 12 Co-operations and networks, exchange of volunteers, transnational and international cooperation

No answers avalaible

#### 13 Studies & Surveys

### **13.1 Recent surveys or research on the topic of voluntary activities**Jens Christian Nielsen, Andy Højholdt og Birgitte Simonsen has recently carried out a study in



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#### Voluntary Activities

youth and participation, concluding with the book: Ungdom og foreningsliv. Demokrati - Fællesskab # Læreprocesser, Published on Roskilde Universitetsforlag. ISBN: 87-7867-282-1.



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