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VOLUNTEERING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

SLOVENIA



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1. Volunteering of young people in Slovenia

Give an overview on volunteering of young people (13 – 30) in your country on the national and regional level (in federal states) answering the following questions:

- Are there official national/regional recommendations (policies) concerning volunteering of young people?

On national level: Y/N

On regional level: Y/N

- Is volunteering usually paid? Y/N

- Is there any National voluntary service? Y/N

- What is the legal / financial (fiscal) / social security status of volunteers ?

The status of volunteers is regulated by recently adopted law on volunteers. There is no tax exemption for volunteers. Performance of voluntary activities or voluntary service does not give volunteers the rights arising from pension and disability insurance (as is the case of the employed), unemployment insurance, parent care insurance, work accident insurance and professional disease insurance.

2. Main actors and networks

- Who are the main actors (institutional and NGOs) in the field of volunteering of young people on the different levels?

National: Ministry of public administration has a general responsibility for all volunteers, Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Ministry of Education and Sports, Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth, Slovene Philanthropy – non governmental

Regional: /

Local: /

- Are any organisations in this field specifically targeting youth (as participants in voluntary activities and voluntary services)?

All youth work and youth organisations are working mainly on volunteer basis. We can stress out Voluntariat – SCI Slovenia, Internet: <http://www.zavod-voluntariat.si/>,

Association for Promotion of Prevention and Voluntary Work, Internet: <http://www.drustvo-drppd.si/kontakti1.htm>

Youth Guild, Internet: <http://www.mladinski-ceh.si/> E mail: ceh@mladinski-ceh.si,

MOVIT NA MLADINA, the National agency of the YOUTH in action programme, Internet: <http://www.mva.si>

- Do networks and/or co-operations exist for supporting volunteering of young people in your country?

An effective network of volunteer organisations in Slovenia on www.prostovoljstvo.org It is possible to find organisations, activities, programmes, documents etc. however it is not created especially for youth volunteers.

- What is the legal / financial (fiscal) status of organisations promoting volunteering?

They are mainly the non-governmental organisations organised in different ways, as society, institution etc. Financially they gather money from public funds, with memberships fees, donations, nevertheless part of the money is gathered from income taxes (tax payers are allowed to choose organisation from the list to whom 0,5% of their yearly income tax is going).

3. Promotion of volunteering of young people

- Which methods among the one listed below are the most used to promote volunteering of young people in your country?

By national policies:

- Advertisement campaigns
- Education
- Youth information centres
- funding of NGOs
- Other:
- None

By NGOs:

- Advertisement campaigns
- Education
- Youth information centres
- Other:
- None

Explain and provide examples for each of the box ticked.

Youth information centres are info points for volunteer work, some of NGOs are financed through Call for the co-financing the youth work.

The most common method is spreading the word about volunteering between friends and acquaintances.

- Which among the followings are methods of recognition of volunteering of young people in your country?

- European Youth Pass
- Certificates
- Credits in the formal education system
- Awards
- Incentives
- They are valued in the CV
- Other:
- They are not recognised

Explain and provide examples for each of the box ticked.

Youth organisations and organisations for youth are encouraging young people to use European Youth pass.

So called "Nefiks" which is the system of recognition non-formal and informal learning and experiences is used by young volunteers, also some of the youth organisation are using Youth Pass.

- What obstacles to young people's engagement in volunteering do exist and how are these faced by national policies ?

There are no formal obstacles. Following the research Youth 2010 in Slovenia volunteering of young people in Slovenia is rising. As mentioned on the second page law on volunteers was recently adopted to support the voluntary activities.

4. Mobility of young volunteers

- *Is there any national monitoring of how mobility of young volunteers takes place? Y/N*
- *What are these monitoring mechanisms? If yes, please explain.*

5. Sources of information

www.mju.gov.si

www.prostovoljstvo.org