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1. Volunteering of young people in Iceland _____

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: No

On regional level: No

- Is volunteering usually paid? No

- Is there any National voluntary service? No

- What is the legal / financial (fiscal) / social security status of volunteers? Not applicable

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:

- The Icelandic Association for Search and Rescue (ICE-SAR / Landsbjörg <http://www.icesar.com/>)
- Red Cross (RKÍ / Rauði Kross Íslands http://rki.is/page/rki_enska)
- Scouts (BÍS / Bandalag Íslenskra Skáta <http://skatar.is/vefur/default.asp?ItemGroupID=12>)
- KFUM & K (YMCA) <http://kfum.is/>

Regional: Not applicable

Local:

- The Icelandic Association for Search and Rescue (ICE-SAR / Landsbjörg <http://www.icesar.com/>)
- Red Cross (RKÍ / Rauði Kross Íslands http://rki.is/page/rki_enska)
- Sports Clubs (one or more in every town)
- Local Scouts in most towns or larger area (<http://skatar.is/vefur/default.asp?ItemGroupID=7&ItemID=736>).

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

- Scouts and KFUM and K (YMCA <http://kfum.is/>)

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

- No

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

- Not applicable

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:

- X Advertisement campaigns 1.
- Education
- X Youth information centres 2.
- Other:
- None

Explain and provide examples for each of the box ticked.

1. The Red Cross <http://redcross.is/> Advertising online, each project has it's own Facebook page, introductions in schools and youth centers, former volunteers promote both with the organization and on their own to their family and friends.
2. Youth information centers in Reykjavík and other towns, for ex. Hitt húsið in Reykjavík <http://hitthusid.is/> - The old Library (Gamla bókasafnið) in Hafnarfjörður <http://www.gamlabokasafnid.is/> – 88 húsið in Keflavík <http://www.88.is/> – Rosenberg in Akureyri <http://www.akureyri.is/rosenborg>

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

- X European Youth Pass 1.

- Certificates
- Credits in the formal education system
- Awards
- Incentives
- X They are valued in the CV 2.
- Other:
- They are not recognised

Explain and provide examples for each of the box ticked.

1. Participants in projects are offered Youth Pass <http://www.youthpass.eu/en/youthpass/>
2. Volunteers can write about their projects in their CV and get acknowledgement from their superior.

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

- Not applicable

4. Mobility of young volunteers _____

- *Is there any national monitoring of how mobility of young volunteers takes place?* No

5. Sources of information

UMFÍ – Icelandic Youth Association <http://www.umfi.is/>

Youth in Action – Iceland – Evrópa unga fólksins <http://www.euf.is/euf/forsida/>

Red Cross <http://redcross.is/>

BÍS – The Icelandic Scout Association <http://www.skatar.is/vefur/default.asp>

KFUM&K (YMCA) <http://www.kfum.is/>

LÆF- The Icelandic Youth Council <http://www.aeska.is/>