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## CROSS-SECTORAL YOUTH POLICY

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Why it's important and why it's so hard.

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### Outline

1. (My) Introduction
2. Cross-sectoral youth policy: why is it important?
3. Importance: checked! But what about operationalization?
4. Why is it so hard?
5. Some points to discussion

## 1. My introduction

### 1. The researcher perspective

Outsider's view

Insider's view

### 2. The southern European country view

“Cultural illusions”

The economic crisis

The “big picture”

## 2. Cross-sectoral youth policy: why it's important.

### 1. Theory

- The demographical *density* of the period of youth

- *Interdependency* of the transitions

- Life is *holistic*. Life is cross-sectional.

### 2. Research

- new research *approaches*

- *methodologies*

### 3. Examples

- of collection of *data*

- *stories* of young people in their own words

### 3. Importance: checked! But what about operationalization?

1. **Examples in youth policy recommendations**  
(use of quotations and also word clouds)
2. **Examples in youth policy reports**  
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### 4. Why is it so hard?

1. Lack of knowledge
2. Lack of resources
3. Lack of will – power relations
4. Lack of vertical and horizontal communication

## 5. Points for discussion

1. What can be done? What is out of reach?
2. What must be done?
3. What is already being done?