EUROPEAN UNION’S STRATEGY FOR YOUTH: INVESTING & EMPOWERING
CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Globalisation
- Climate Change
- Demographics
- Diversity
- Migrations
- Democratic Participation
- Social Challenges

Youth

Crisis
Almost 20% (96 million) of current EU population are aged 15-29. By 2050, young people will probably be around 15%.

Around 20% of young people in Europe are at risk of poverty.

Even before the current crisis, over 15% are unemployed (twice more than total population).

1 in 7 leave school early with only basic qualifications at best.
A VAST CONSULTATION

YOUNG PEOPLE
- European Youth Week
- National Youth Councils
- European Youth Forum
- On-line Questionnaire (5500 responses)
- Dialogue, Youth Events

EXPERTS
- Directors Meetings
- Reports
- Visits
- Youth in Action programme
- Youth Researchers

EU MEMBER STATES

DIRECTORS MEETINGS

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS

EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

EUROPEAN YOUTH WEEK

ON-LINE QUESTIONNAIRE (5500 RESPONSES)

DIALOGUE, YOUTH EVENTS
A NEW STRATEGY
YOUTH – INVESTING & EMPOWERING

Investing in Youth: putting in place greater resources in policy areas that affect young people in their daily life and improve their well being

Empowering Youth: promoting the potential of young people for the renewal of society and to contribute to EU values and goals
A STRATEGY FOR 9 YEARS (2010-2018)

- The EU’s vision for young people!

- A long term strategy (9 years) with a short term impact (3 years)!

- A priority of the EU social agenda!
MOBILISING ALL KEY POLICIES IN 27 MEMBER STATES!

- Youth policy can’t advance without effective coordination with other sectors

- Youth policies can contribute in areas such as child and family policy, education, employment, social inclusion, housing, healthcare and gender equality
ACTIONS

- Develop out of school learning to help early school leavers
- Make available good quality guidance and counselling services
- Use Europass and provide certificates such as Youthpass
ACTIONS

- Lower barriers to the free movement of labour across the EU
- Develop youth employability through youth work
- Promote quality internships and employment schemes

COORDINATION OF ACTION IN MS & EU
INVESTMENT IN RIGHT SKILLS
CREATIVITY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ACTIONS

- Develop ‘start up’ funds
- Encourage recognition of junior enterprises
- Widen access to creative tools, particularly those involving new technologies

ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSETS

CREATIVE SKILLS

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

YOUTH
Mobilise all stakeholders at local level to detect and help young people at risk

Promote training opportunities for youth workers and youth leaders

Develop tailor-made information on health and mobilise youth information network

HEALTH & SPORT

OBESITY

MENTAL HEALTH

SEXUAL HEALTH

5 HEALTH PROBLEMS

INJURY

ADDITIONS

YOUTH WORKERS

SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
ACTIONS

- Develop quality standards on youth participation, information and consultation
- Promote e-democracy to reach out to more non-organised youth
- To revamp the European Youth Portal and promote greater outreach to young people
ACTIONS

- Use of EU Funds and experimental programmes
- Address homelessness, housing and financial exclusion
- Promote access to quality services, e.g., transport, e-inclusion, health, social services
ACTIONS

- Enhance skills recognition through Europass and Youthpass
- Reflect on ways to better protect rights of volunteers and assure quality in volunteering
- Develop national approaches on mobility of young volunteers
ACTIONS

- Encourage ‘green’ patterns of consumption and production with young people
- Support the development of youth work on other continents
- Raise awareness on fundamental rights and development issues worldwide with young people
Youth work can help to deal with unemployment, school failure, social exclusion, provide leisure time, increase skills and support the transition from youth to adulthood.

Youth work should be supported, recognised for its economic and social contribution, and professionalised.
TOOLS

NO REVOLUTION, BUT BETTER IMPLEMENTATION!

• Reporting
• Evidence-based policy-making
• Peer-learning between countries
• Structured dialogue with young people
• Mobilisation of programmes and funds
• Cooperation with other institutions and organisations
PEER-LEARNING BETWEEN COUNTRIES

THEMES:
- Cross-sectoral Cooperation
- Youth Work
- Youth Volunteering
- Youth Health

PEER-LEARNING

HIGH LEVEL SEMINARS

«CLUSTERS»
STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

- Countries are invited to organise a permanent and regular dialogue with young people
- Improvement of the dialogue at the European level
- Proposed themes for the next years:
  - Youth Employment
  - Youth and the World
EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY-MAKING

Better knowledge is a must for sound policy!

Proposed studies:
- Baby Bonds – the use of funds to support youth autonomy later in life
- Social and Economic Impact of Youth Work
- Youth e-participation and Information Society
REPORTING

Simplified Reporting Every 3 Years

Countries Reports

Joint Council & Commission Report

Youth in Figures
MOBILISATION OF PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS

YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

OTHER PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS:
- Culture
- Lifelong Learning
- PROGRESS
- MEDIA
- Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs
- Competitiveness & Innovation Programme
- Structural Funds
COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
COMMITTEE OF REGIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
SETTING UP A NEW ERA!

THANK YOU!

MORE INFORMATION:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm