

**Table 6: Non-formal education and training: provision, funding and accreditation**

Country	Training provided – Number of courses and participants annually	Main funding sources	Main providers	Accreditation employed
<b>Albania</b>	Provided by NGOs only	External funding mostly – Council of Europe, European Union, UNDP, UNFPA, OSCE, Care International, etc.  Occasional projects financed by either ministries, ministerial agencies or municipalities	NGOs	No state accreditation  Youthpass
<b>Armenia</b>	Two national courses – Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs  Kasa Foundation  50 youth workers (25 in each programme)  NGOs also train youth workers	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs  Kasa Foundation	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs  Kasa Foundation	Certification by the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs
<b>Austria</b>	Institutions in Vienna (IFP), Salzburg (Akzente), and Upper Austria offer basic and further courses for youth workers annually  Approx. 20 per course	Regional reimbursement of course fee on completion	Training institutes run by the federal regions (sometimes in co-operation with tertiary education institutes)  NGOs	Ongoing integration into the NQR promoted by aufZAQ as well as the youth departments of the federal regions and the Federal Ministry
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	NGOs provide training for youth workers – approx. 12 courses with 250 participants annually	Azerbaijan Youth Foundation, Ministry of Youth and Sports, International European Youth Foundation and Erasmus+ are the main funding sources	Ministry of Youth and Sport  Azerbaijan Youth Foundation  National Assembly of the Youth Organizations (NAYORA), Youth NGOs	No state accreditation
<b>Belarus</b>	Training for youth workers provided by youth NGOs – 320 youth public associations	Central government, local government, European funding (mostly Erasmus+), Eastern Partnership, Union State of Russia and Belarus,	Youth NGOs, voluntary organisations and educational establishments	National Qualifications Framework and European Youth Work Portfolio are

		CIS countries, private donations		mostly used
<b>Belgium (Flemish)</b>	Youth worker certificates awarded by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Media after completion of an approved training programme (Kadervorming). In 2016, 7 454 young people received a certificate in Flanders	Flemish Government Certain municipalities refund a part of the participation fee	Youth organisations approved by the ministry	Kadervorming
<b>Belgium (French)</b>	Annually approx. 800 demands for training course of which over 80% are validated  Some 50 training organisations with 14 000 participants (2009-15)	Wallonia-Brussels Federation and the European Social Fund	Youth Centres Federation and other youth NGOs  Local youth services, etc.	Youthpass
<b>Belgium (German-speaking)</b>	Youth Commission (Ministry) organises training and certification for volunteer youth workers, 10 courses annually with 10-12 participants  About 80 per year obtain certification	The regional government and the European funding programmes are the main funding sources	Youth Commission and NGOs	Ongoing integration with NQF  Europass  For all other courses, participants receive a certificate of participation
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	2-3 nationally, 50-70 participants annually provided by youth NGOs	Different donors, no main sources of funding	Youth NGOs	No state accreditation
<b>Bulgaria</b>	National Youth Academy provides training for youth leaders and youth workers organised by the National Youth Forum, 124 courses with 1 743 participants in 2015	Erasmus+, central government and local municipalities	Human Resources Development Centre (the National Agency for Erasmus+ programme), National Youth Forum and NGOs	No state accreditation  Youthpass
<b>Croatia</b>	The Croatian Youth Network provides a youth studies programme	Relevant ministries, Erasmus+ and ESF, and some local authorities	Civil society organisations	Europass

<b>Cyprus</b>	<p>Approx. three transnational co-operation activities annually with some 12 participants under Erasmus+</p> <p>The Cyprus Youth Council Pool of Trainers organises training twice yearly</p>	<p>Erasmus+</p> <p>European Youth Forum</p> <p>The National Funding Scheme: "Youth Initiatives"</p>	National Agency for Erasmus+, NGOs	Youthpass
<b>Czech Republic</b>	<p>National Institute for Further Education (approx. 260 courses with and 4 600 participants (2014-16)</p>	<p>ESF and Erasmus+, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports</p>	<p>National Institute of Further Education</p> <p>National Agency</p> <p>National Youth Information Centre</p>	<p>State accreditation</p> <p>Youthpass</p>
<b>Estonia</b>	<p>Approx. 34 courses annually – national, regional or local/municipal – with 1 500-1 600 participants.</p>	<p>ESF 85% and state co-financing 15%</p>	<p>Foundation Archimedes (National Agency)</p>	<p>National Qualification Framework and Professional Qualification Standards</p>
<b>Finland</b>	<p>Numerous training courses organised on different levels including youth work conferences, workshops seminars, etc.</p>	N/A	<p>Varied sources: central government, formal education, municipalities, NGOs, regional governments and European programmes</p>	ECTs
<b>Georgia</b>	<p>NGOs and commercial organisations provide training, but are not officially recognised</p>	NGOs	NGOs	N/A
<b>Germany</b>	<p>Vast number of courses for specialists in child and youth services. There were approx. 32 000 Juleica (national standardised card for voluntary youth workers) card holders in 2016.</p>	<p>Federal states, municipalities, Erasmus+ Youth NGOs</p>	<p>Regional youth offices, socio-pedagogical further education institutions, youth organisations, etc.</p>	<p>German Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning</p>
<b>Greece</b>	<p>Training organised by youth NGOs under EU and</p>	<p>Erasmus Plus, European Youth Foundation, central</p>	<p>National Agency and youth NGOs</p>	Europass

	Council of Europe projects. Approx. 12 courses annually with 50-60 participants.	government		
<b>Iceland</b>	Occasional training courses provided by NGOs	Mostly European funding/ Erasmus+ with some funding from the state and municipalities	Mostly NGOs – the scout movement , the Youth Leadership programme, Icelandic Confederation of Youth Clubs and the YMCA	No state accreditation but NGOs have their own recognition systems
<b>Ireland</b>	NGOs – National Youth Council of Ireland, Youth Work Ireland, Irish Youth Work Centre – provide training on an ongoing basis	Central government	National Youth Council of Ireland Youth Work Ireland	N/A
<b>Italy</b>	Fragmented initiatives in various regions Many youth workers trained through job-shadowing, or internships	Erasmus+ programme (the biggest funding source). Regional Funds managed by local administration in collaboration with association and large organisations also provide training for youth workers.	Youth organisations and third sector organisations – faith-based, political and neutral. Some regions, municipalities and NGOs.	Europass No state accreditation
<b>Latvia</b>	Training courses under Erasmus+	Erasmus+	N/A	N/A
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	The Youth Work Foundation conducts 4 (obligatory) training seminars annually	Youth Work Foundation The state also supports internships and vocational trainings	Youth Work Foundation and universities, and similar institutions in Switzerland and Austria	N/A
<b>Lithuania</b>	Training courses mainly provided under Erasmus+ and the Youth Affairs Department	Central government, municipalities, EU and the Nordic Council	Youth Affairs Department National Agency	Youthpass European Youth Work Portfolio
<b>Luxembourg</b>	National Youth Service provides training – approx. 200 courses with 2 800 participants annually	Ministry for Education, Children and Youth	National Youth Service – 4 centres	Training for professionals is compulsory (2006 Youth Act) Europass and Youthpass Volunteers can get the Certificat de

				l'engagement
<b>"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"</b>	Training courses provided by NGOs	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Malta</b>	Approx. 5 courses and 100 participants annually	Central government Erasmus+	Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ and, on occasion, MAY (Maltese Association of Youth Workers) and voluntary youth NGOs	N/A
<b>Republic of Moldova</b>	Training provided by CSOs including capacity building conducted at local and national level	United Nations East Europe Foundation from Moldova Ministry of Youth and Sport Erasmus+, etc.	Youth centres and national experts	No state accreditation
<b>Montenegro</b>	Trainings for youth workers organised at regional level by CSOs	EU, central government and International donors	CSOs Youth NGOs	N/A
<b>The Netherlands</b>	Wide variety of non-formal training courses on specific topics, where youth workers may participate	Diverse. Courses might be funded through foundations, funds or through offers of national institutes or branch organisations.	Diverse: local welfare organisations; Netherlands Youth Institute; the national association of youth workers, BVJong; Social Work Netherlands, etc.	Accreditation system for all education at national level, but not specifically for youth work
<b>Norway</b>	N/A	Municipalities	Municipalities	N/A
<b>Poland</b>	NGOs organise non-formal education for youth workers	Mainly Erasmus+	NGOs	N/A
<b>Portugal</b>	Training courses for youth workers provided by youth associations – approx. 20 courses with 250 participants a year	Central and local government and European funding programmes	Youth associations and governmental organisations	NQF European Portfolio
<b>Romania</b>	NGOs provide training (approx. 50 modules and 800 participants annually) with the support of the National Agency	Erasmus+ ESF	NGOs (national and local) National Agency	Youthpass No state accreditation NGOs provide certificates of participation

<b>Serbia</b>	Training courses organised by NAPOR (68 member organisations delivering youth services). 107 (66 youth workers and 41 youth leaders trained (2011-16), 24 currently in training.	Central government European funding programmes	NAPOR or its member organisations are the only providers	NAPOR issues certificates recognised by member organisations and the Ministry of Youth and Sports
<b>Slovakia</b>	Some 56 accredited programmes with 1 370 participants annually	Erasmus+ Municipalities Private sector donors Norwegian funds	NGOs Voluntary organisations	Europass Youthpass
<b>Slovenia</b>	Training courses provided by different organisations in the youth sector	Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Office for Youth, Erasmus+ and local communities	Youth Network MaMa National Youth Council Institute Movit – National Agency NGOs	Nefiks Youthpass Europass Learning Badges TaPas (Scouts Association), etc.
<b>Sweden</b>	Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society (MUCF) provides short training courses (approx. 20-30 a year with 300-500 participants) for youth workers, in collaboration with different university colleges. CSOs train their voluntary leaders.	Central government	MUCF, CSOs and government agencies	If provided in collaboration with a university college, there is a possibility of gaining university credits
<b>Turkey</b>	Partnership between NGOs and universities to provide informal and non-formal education opportunities for youth workers and volunteers	Ministry for Youth and Sports NGOs	NGOs and universities	N/A
<b>Ukraine</b>	National Education Programme “Youth Worker” – 10 national and 20 regional	Ministry, UNDP Ukraine, UNICEF Ukraine	National level: Ministry, UN organisations, youth associations, NGOs and other	State certification and European Youth Work Portfolio

	<p>programmes planned in 2017 for 800 youth workers.</p> <p>NGOs and international organisations</p>		<p>national organisations</p> <p>Regional and local level: public bodies, municipal youth centres, other regional and local organisations involved in the youth sector</p>	
<p><b>United Kingdom (England)</b></p>	<p>Hundreds if not thousands of organisations, companies and further education colleges providing training for youth workers (at non-graduate Level 2 and 3) including those run by the National Youth Agency, UK Youth, Ambition and others.</p> <p>100 000+ staff and volunteers benefit from trainings</p>	<p>Diverse sources including local authorities, as well as significant investment by trusts and foundations, lottery funders and private sector investors and others</p>	<p>Providers include voluntary sector organisations, local authorities, private companies, and further education colleges and others</p>	<p>Qualifications are provided by a range of organisations including: Aim Awards, ABC Awards, Open College Network West Midlands, CERTA, NOCN Laser and Ascentis</p>
<p><b>United Kingdom (Wales)</b></p>	<p>Wales Voluntary Youth Services provide a national network of basic non-formal education/training for youth work</p> <p>Approx. 50 courses at Levels 1, 2 and 3 annually at local level with approx. 400 participants</p>	<p>Central government, some self-financing by voluntary organisations</p>	<p>NGOs primarily</p>	<p>Erasmus+</p>