

Perspective on Youth Work Developments

ALBANIA FACT SHEET

The 3rd European Youth Work Convention (EYWC) plays a key role in launching the implementation of the European Youth Work Agenda (EYWA) as a strategic framework for further developing and strengthening youth work practice and policies in Europe. The goal of this fact sheet is to provide basic information about the perspective on youth work developments in a specific country. All information has been gathered from national contact points, reports or country sheets and profiles available online. The purpose of this fact sheet is to stimulate discussion before, at and after the 3rd EYWC among the members of the national delegations. This information is a suggestion only and a starting point for further development by the delegation when planning actions for implementation of the EYWA.

FACTS

Youth work as a recognised occupation: NO

Legislative framework for youth work: YES

Main youth work actors: (ministries, youth NGOs, municipalities etc.)

Highlights with regard to youth work development:

There is a growing support to youth policy and youth work matters in Albania in the last couple of years. A number of policy documents and initiative gave a strong impetus to the development of youth work

STRENGTHS & SUCCESSES	CHALLENGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growing governmental policy support to youth policy and youth work development from• A number of well capacitated youth organizations• The title European Youth Capital 2022 that Tirana received. In the application youth work plays a vital role.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth work is still not recognized neither as a profession, nor occupation• Lack of youth organizations in rural or remote areas• Lack of youth friendly spaces, youth centres, youth labs etc.

SUPPORT NEEDED

- Better linkage between Albanian and European youth organizations, more opportunities for mentoring and lessons learning
- Developing a system for monitoring youth (work) policies
- Know how support on establishing youth friendly spaces
- Financial support for further development of youth work

GREATEST NEED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH WORK IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS

- Enhancing the promotion and recognition of youth work
- Supporting further development of quality youth work
- Strengthening the common ground of youth work (through co-operation between different institutions and stakeholders, between different levels and with other sectors)
- Establishing youth work as an essential part of youth policies

ADDITIONAL SOURCES:

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