

# Perspective on Youth Work Developments

## LUXEMBOURG FACT SHEET

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:* YES

*Legislative framework for youth work:* YES

*Main youth work actors:* municipalities: youth workers working in youth centres as paid workers, voluntary youth work provided by youth organisations

### Highlights with regard to youth work development

The research group ['Youth Research: Context and Structures of Growing-up'](#) at the University of Luxembourg provides youth research on many topics, including research on youth work; strong quality assurance and monitoring of open youth work.

STRENGTHS & SUCCESSES	CHALLENGES
<p>A strength in youth work in Luxembourg is the existing system of quality assurance and monitoring of open youth work. This system was introduced in 2017 by law. It defines quality standards of youth centres' quality, supervised on a regular basis by regional agents of the National Youth Service. Besides a review of the documents (concept, the logbook and activity reports), the agents conduct interviews with the educational staff (once a year). These interviews address the concept, the specific objectives and the individual priorities of the youth centre. The results of these interviews form the evidence base for understanding strengths of and challenges of the youth centres.</p> <p>The research group '<a href="#">Youth Research: Context and Structures of Growing-up</a>' at the University of Luxembourg is the main youth research group in Luxembourg. Research on youth work and the evaluation of youth work are essential parts of the research agenda.</p>	<p>There is a lack of national guidelines, or national policies, on the regional and local formation of youth work.</p> <p>Digitalisation of youth work (concepts and outreach).</p> <p>Outreach youth work, strengthening outreach activities of youth work with a special emphasis on disadvantaged young people especially during the pandemic and post-pandemic period.</p> <p>Strengthening the integration of youth work practices in schools, as it is foreseen by the 2017 Law on secondary education.</p>

## SUPPORT NEEDED

Exchange of experiences and best practices of youth work with other stakeholders, such as policymakers, youth workers, researchers, in Europe for example via conferences or working groups.

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

Enhancing the promotion and recognition of youth work

## ADDITIONAL SOURCES

- EKCYP youth work country sheet: [https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47262550/Luxembourg\\_YW\\_Country+Sheet\\_Heinen\\_28.11.2017-tb.pdf/10cecba5-8d64-c80f-33ad-42a1030a874d](https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47262550/Luxembourg_YW_Country+Sheet_Heinen_28.11.2017-tb.pdf/10cecba5-8d64-c80f-33ad-42a1030a874d)
- Youth Wiki youth work chapter link: <https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/en/content/youthwiki/101-general-context-luxembourg>