

Perspective on Youth Work Developments

MOLDOVA 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.)

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Research is the main actor at the central level. In Moldova, youth work actors form a complex network and include:

The local public authorities;

Youth centres and the Youth Centers Network;

Youth-friendly health centres;

Youth and youth work NGOs;

The National Youth Council of Moldova;

National network of local youth councils.

Highlights with regard to youth work development:

- Youth work is clearly defined in legislation, where the civic nature of youth work and non-formal learning is emphasised;
- Youth centres are developed as a friendly space for young people, offering opportunities for involvement, and represent a platform for promoting and recognising the role of young people in society;
- Annual grant programme is established for supporting and developing the youth NGO sector.

STRENGTHS & SUCCESSES	CHALLENGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The synchronisation and harmonisation of youth policy with European standards and practices;• establishing a Youth Centers' Network and Network of Youth Councils at the local level, where youth work is practiced and continuously developed;• the development of the Youth Centers Portfolio Program which provides better understanding of youth work for practitioners, and offers a framework for evaluation and performance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• developing professional and educational standards with a distinct list of professional skills;• establishing a youth work quality assurance framework;• developing more youth-friendly and safe spaces (Youth Centers, hubs etc.) at the local level;• implementing mobile youth work and reaching out to young people with fewer opportunities and from remote areas;• promoting different forms and traditions of youth participation;• developing funding opportunities for youth workers and youth work.

SUPPORT NEEDED

- bringing closer to local communities the EU practices and examples of youth work development;
- connection to and learning from well-established European and international networks;
- peer knowledge exchange of youth work practitioners from local communities;
- providing technical assistance support programmes for youth sector;
- advocating for Youth sector and Youth work to be on the public agenda and to be a priority in the national and international youth development strategies;
- supporting youth workers in gaining access to EU youth funding programmes.

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

- Establishing youth work as an essential part of youth policies;
- Supporting further development of quality youth work;
- Enhancing the promotion and recognition of youth work.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

EKCYP youth policy country sheet: https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47261848/Reviews_on_youth_policies_SEE_EECA_Moldova_2011.pdf/3802cd74-85e6-4daa-bcc1-2cc1ac5b9d32

EU-CoE study Youth work in eastern Europe: realities, perspectives and inspiring initiatives:

<https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47261953/061120-Youth+work+eastern+Europe+WEB.pdf/0d148ae4-acf4-1572-7491-f68ec9276a71>