

# Perspective on Youth Work Developments

## MONTENEGRO 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:* NO

*Legislative framework for youth work:* YES

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

- Ministry of Sport and Youth
- youth organisations.

### **Highlights with regard to youth work development:**

In Montenegro, school-based youth work has started to develop quickly. Voluntary youth clubs in schools are becoming a trend and are run by pedagogist/teachers that actually implement youth work in schools. Those individuals had personal non-formal education and training in youth work and are transferring this in school settings.

<b>STRENGTHS &amp; SUCCESSES</b>	<b>CHALLENGES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• well developed school-based youth work</li><li>• legal and policy framework for youth work</li><li>• funding schemes for a construction, reconstruction, adaptation or furnishing of a youth service</li><li>• strong support to youth work development from different international organisations.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of education opportunities for youth workers;</li><li>• Lack of formal recognition;</li><li>• Limited career prospects for youth workers;</li><li>• Lack of quality assurance in youth work;</li><li>• lack of research on youth work in Montenegro</li></ul>

### **SUPPORT NEEDED**

- Better education pathways for youth workers;
- Better system for sharing information and knowledge in youth work and youth policy;
- Funding support schemes for local level youth work providers;
- Capacity building opportunities in local languages (also regional languages spoken across the Balkans and shared languages).

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

- Establishing youth work as an essential part of youth policies;
- Ensuring and expanding the provision of youth work;
- Strengthening the common ground of youth work (through co-operation between different institutions and stakeholders, between different levels and with other sectors);
- Supporting further development of quality youth work;
- Supporting the ability of youth work to tackle emerging challenges and innovate its practices;
- Enhancing the promotion and recognition of youth work.

## ADDITIONAL SOURCES

- EKYP country sheet on youth work: <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47262550/Montenegro-YW-Country+sheet-protected.pdf/3ee4fe2c-2fda-39c4-446b-36e560cf4ab1>
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