



YouthPartnership

COUNTRY SHEET ON YOUTH POLICY IN LUXEMBOURG



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1. Statistics on young people

Number of all young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who live in the country

100 099 (Statec, Data from 2006)

Number and Percentage of young people in global population

21,78% (Statec, Data from 2006)

Number and Percentage of young people by gender in global population

Women	Men
49 222	50 877
10,71%	11,07%

2. Actors and Structures

2.1 Public authorities

2.1.1 National public authorities:

Ministry in charge of youth

Ministère de la Famille et de l'Intégration (Ministry of family and integration)

- Minister: Mme Marie-Josée Jacobs
- Duration of mandate: 5 years

Youth Department in the Ministry

Main tasks of the Youth department

Youth Policy – National Youth Service (Service National de la Jeunesse) – Non-formal education and leisure activities – Relationships to youth movements – Higher Council on Youth – Youth worker training – Youth services and residential care - Youth Holidays (Conge-jeunesse) – Relationships to local authorities – EU Youth Programme – Open Method of Coordination – Infrastructures for young people – Voluntary service for young people.

The public administration in charge of the implementation of the youth policy is the Service National de la Jeunesse . This administration organizes non-formal education and leisure activities, runs 4 national youth centres, administrates congé jeunesse, voluntary service, support for youth organizations, offers trainings, ... 52 people are employed by the Service National de la Jeunesse to which one has to add 25 teachers working partially for the administration.

Number of people who work in this ministry in the youth department

5

Director responsible for Youth in the Ministry

M. Nico Meisch

Contact person in the youth department competent for European youth policy

M. Nico Meisch

Other national public bodies who are directly involved in youth policies

- Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Formation professionnelle
- (Ministry of National Education and Professional Training)
- Ministère de la Culture, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche
- (Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research)
- Département Ministériel des Sports
- (Ministerial Department of Sports)
- Service National de la Jeunesse (SNJ), role: operational implementation and realisation of youth policies.

Parliament commission in charge of youth issues

- Commission de la Famille, de l'Égalité des chances et de la Jeunesse (Commission of Family, Gender equality and Youth)
- President: Marie-Josée Frank
- Role and competence:
 - National and international policies in favour of gender equality and non-discrimination between genders
 - Conception and implementation of a national action plan regarding gender equality and the integration of the gender dimension in partnership with ministerial departments
 - Impact studies of legal measures on gender equality
 - Coordination of policies concerning gender equality and non-discrimination between genders :
 - Interministerial committee of gender equality
 - Committee for positive actions in private sector business
 - Committee for cooperation between professionals in the field of fighting violence
 - Service for girls, women and women with children
 - Committee for women's work
 - Relations with national, regional and international organisms working in the interest of women and gender equality

2.1.2 Regional public authorities with competencies in the youth field

N/A

2.1.3 Local public authorities with competencies in the youth field

N/A

2.2 Youth welfare services (comprising public and/or non public actors)

N/A

2.3 Non-public actors/structures & youth services with competencies in the youth field

2.3.1 Youth councils

Higher Youth Council (Conseil supérieur de la jeunesse)

Forum for discussion and exchange of ideas between young people and those in charge of youth questions. It is composed of representatives of the departments directly concerned by youth questions, the Luxemburgish Youth Council (CGJL), various youth movements and teaching bodies. Its members are mandated for two year terms.

Web-adress: none

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The Luxembourg Youth Council (Conférence générale de la jeunesse luxembourgeoise)

The CGJL is active on a national an international level.

Its mission is to :

- represent the luxembourgish youth organisations
- use its representative role to defend interests of young people in its dealings with private bodies
- represent youth organisations at international level
- co-ordinate joint projects with youth movements

Organisations associated:

- Political youth movements
- Labour union youth movements
- Scouts and Guides
- Socio-cultural and leisure movements for the young

Web-adress: <http://www.cgjl.lu/>

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Contact person: Patrick de Rond (president)

Municipal Youth Councils in different municipalities

2.3.2 Youth NGOs

N/I

2.4 Other structures

Université du Luxembourg

FLSHASE (Faculté des Lettres, des Sciences Humaines, des Arts et des Sciences de l'Education)

INSIDE (Integrative Research Unit on Social and Individual Development)

Centre d'études sur la situation des jeunes

Route de Diekirch

BP2

L-7201 Walferdange

<http://www.uni.lu/recherche/flshase/inside>

<http://www.cesije.lu>

Up to 2007, CESIJE was the national youth research center, which has been integrated into the University of Luxembourg/INSIDE.

3. Legislation

Articles of the constitution concerning youth explicitly

Chapter II, Article 23 (Re-examined June 2nd 1999).

- The State guarantees free public education for everyone
- Pupils and students can be helped by financial aids if necessary
- Everybody is free to study in Luxembourg or in foreign countries.

Link : <http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/textescoordonnes/recueils/Constitution/Constitution.pdf>

National legislation on youth

7/09/1907 Grand-ducal ruling regarding the protection of young children

4/10/1973 Act on educational leave of absence

27/2/1984 Act on the creation of a National Youth Board

18/4/1984 Act on the delegation and loss of parental authority and the supervision to social benefit

10/8/1992 Protection of Young People Act

8/9/1998 Act on the links between the State and voluntary organisations in the social, family and therapeutic sectors

28/1/1999 Voluntary Service Act

12/2/1999 Act on the National Action Plan for Employment

6/5/1999 Penal Mediation Act

25/07/2002 Act on the creation of a Luxembourgish committee for children's rights, called «Ombuds-Comite fir d'Rechter vum Kand» (ORK)

International conventions

12/6/1902 International Convention of private law regarding guardianship of minors

5/10/1961 Convention concerning the competence of authorities and the applicable law in matters of the protection of minors

20/12/1993 Act on

1) approval of the convention regarding children's rights, passed by the United Nation's general assembly on 20th november 1989

2) modification of some points of the civil code

Regional and local legislation on youth

None

Guidelines or Principles concerning youth policy if there is no special legislation on this field

The "Plan Communal Jeunesse" as an important political planning instrument aims to increase the decentralisation of youth policy as well as to strengthen the youth participation in the municipal life-environment.

4. National Programmes on youth

Name and describe the national programmes on youth.

Cf european programmes

Action plans i.e. official strategies

There are currently no action plans but political guidelines have been defined in 2004 by the former Ministry of Family, Social solidarity and Youth.

The following priorities have been defined in 2004:

- 1) foster social cohesion by taking into account multicultural environments and by working in favour of equality of opportunities
- 2) support the personal development of young people, more specifically aspects related to their well-being, autonomy, identity development and mobility
- 3) develop structures necessary for participation and dialogue
- 4) take into account transversality of youth policy
- 5) support actors from the local and municipal level wich are most likely to reach young people in their environment
- 6) support youth labour by recognising the value of non-formal education

5. Budget / Public expenditure allocated to youth

National level

40 500 000 € (expenditures made by the Ministry of Family and Integration in the youth sector)
Costs being beared by other Ministries such as formal education costs, un-employment costs, etc.
are not included.

Regional level

None

6. European Dimension of youth policy

6.1 Council of Europe programmes or activities implemented in an important way for youth purposes (including funding schemes of the European Youth Foundation)

“All different – all equal” (1995 - 2007)

Aims of the Programm:

Encourage and enable young people to participate in building peaceful societies based on human rights, diversity and inclusion, in a spirit of respect, tolerance and mutual understanding.

“Youth in action” (2007-2013)

Priorities of the Programme

- European Citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Cultural Diversity
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/yia/index_en.html

6.2 European Union programmes

The “Youth” and the “Youth in action” programmes are/were managed by the SNJ - Service National de la Jeunesse (National Youth Service).

Link: http://www.snj.public.lu/jeunesse_action/index.html

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7. Forthcoming events/conferences

7.1 Current developments/plans with regard to national legislation/guidelines

Until now the law of 1984 which rules the “Service National de la Jeunesse” is the only general law in relation to youth policy. New legislation on youth is planned for 2008:

- The new law aims at adapting the legal framework to the actual needs and envisages new measures by drawing upon the conclusions of the “deuxièmes lignes directrices” for youth policy elaborated in 2004 and the resolutions adopted by the Council of Ministers of Youth of the European Union.
- The law project will create an interministerial comitee to take into account the transsectoral character of youth policy.
- A national report will provide a global view on the situation of youth in Luxembourg. The “lignes directrices” will be based on the youth report and discussed with youth and their organisations.
- The law will create a youth observatory that will deliver elements for the national report.
- The law project aims at providing a legal basis for structured dialogue with youth on the national and both municipal level.
- It will assess the different actors of the youth sector and establishes the necessity of flexible and adapted support.
- It will define the conditions of the state support for municipalities and encourages quality management in the youth sector.
- It envisages the revision of the missions and administratives structures of the “Service National de la Jeunesse”.

Further Information: http://www.fm.etat.lu/mifa/publications/2007/pr_loi_jeun.pdf

7.2 Current developments/plans with regard to European youth policy priorities

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