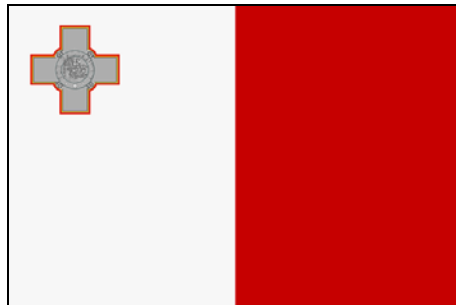




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COUNTRY SHEET ON YOUTH POLICY MALTA



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1. Statistics on young people

Number of young people and global population

Total population as of November 2005 National Census

Males	200,840
Female	204,166
Total	405,006

Total number of young people by age 13 – 30 years old and by gender at 31st December 2006 based on National Census November 2005

Males	52,612
Females	49,679
Total	102,291

http://www.nso.gov.mt/statdoc/document_view.aspx?id=2092

Percentage of young people in the global population

25%

Number of young people by gender in global population

Number of young people by age 13 – 30 years old and by gender at 31st December 2006 based on National Census November 2005

Males	52,612
Females	49,679

http://www.nso.gov.mt/statdoc/document_view.aspx?id=2092

Percentage of young people by gender in global population

Males 13%

Females 12%

2. Actor and Structures

2.1 Public authorities

2.1.1 National public authorities:

Ministry in charge of youth

- Ministry of Education, Youth and Employment
Minister Louis Galea LL.D.
End of legislature June 2008

Youth Department in the Ministry

- **Main tasks**

The main tasks of the Department are to support non government organisations and agencies. It promotes participation of young people in society and develops opportunities where young people can participate in activities which they initiate themselves.

- **Number of people working in the youth section**

2 people

- **Director responsible for Youth in the Ministry :**

Director General of Education – Dr Cecilia Borg

- **Contact person responsible for European Youth Policy :**

None

Other national public bodies who are directly involved in youth policies

These bodies are continuously consulted when issues regarding youth are dealt with.

Other Ministries

- *Ministry of the Family and Social Solidarity*

Malta National Action Plan against Poverty and Social Exclusion 2004 – 2006

http://www.msp.gov.mt/documents/msp/nap_incl_mt_20040703.pdf

National Drugs Policy January 2008

http://www.msp.gov.mt/documents/addictive/drugs_policy_en.pdf

Offices/Departments

- *Employment & Training Corporation*
Youth employment and training strategy
<http://etc.gov.mt/site/page.aspx?pageid=2000>
- *Employment & Training Corporation*
School to Work Transition of Young People in Malta
http://etc.gov.mt/docs/ETC_schooltoworktransition.pdf
- *Youth Studies Department*
Faculty of Education, University of Malta
<http://www.educ.um.edu.mt/home/facDepartment.asp?dept=7>
- *Maltese Association of Youth Workers*
<http://www.maymalta.org/>
- *National Youth Council of Malta*
<http://www.knz.org.mt>

Parliament commission in charge of youth issues

There is no specific parliament commission in charge of youth issues.

Social issues regarding youth are discussed by the:

- Standing Committee For Social Affairs

Chairperson : Hon. Clyde Puli MP

The Social Affairs Committee deals with all matters relating to social policy, including social assistance and family matters, which may be referred to it by the House or by the Standing Committee on House Business.

<http://www.parliament.gov.mt>

2.1.2 Regional public authorities with competencies in the youth field

There are no regional (or federal) authorities because Malta and Gozo have one central government.

2.1.3 Local public authorities with competencies in the youth field

Youth Empowerment Centres:

Eight Centres at Birkirkara, Fgura, Mosta, Qormi, Tarxien, Zejtun, Zurrieq and Victoria Gozo. These centres which are accountable to the Youth Department in the Ministry provide young people with information on work, academic and vocational studies studies and other related information. They also have a programme for youth in the respective locality.

N/A

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

Sedqa Agency Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse

Role : social welfare

Objectives : to provide services to persons with drug and/or alcohol, gambling related problems and to support their families.

Activities : Health promotion, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation to persons with drug/alcohol/gambling abuse related difficulties.

Members : 120 employees

Contact person : Ms Joyce Damato

Web : <http://www.sedqa.gov.mt>

National Commission Persons with Disability

Role : Disability rights

Objectives : To make Maltese society more inclusive so that persons with disability enjoy a high quality of life by means of equal opportunities in all sectors within society.

Activities : Identifying needs, drawing up policies, ensuring coordination, collecting information and statistics, creating awareness and providing services, all of which in relation to persons with disabilities and their families

Members : not known

Contact person: Mr Joseph M Camilleri

Web: www.kndp.org

Other Welfare Providers

- Caritas Malta
- Oasi Foundation Gozo
- Conservatorio Vincenzo Bugeja residential home for adolescent girls
- St Joseph Home – residential home for adolescent boys (to be expanded)

2.3.1 Youth Councils

National Youth Council

Brief History

The National Youth Council is an autonomous entity enjoying a wide national representation of youth organisations. It was established by a statute in December 1991, after a period of consultation, national seminars and meetings with youth associations directed at its formulation. It is formally recognised by the Maltese government as the highest youth representative body in Malta.

Opening hours:

- Winter (1/10-15/6) 7.45 am - 3 pm
- Summer (16/6 - 30/9) 7.30 am - 1.30 pm

Objectives

The general objectives of Maltese youth policy according to the National Youth Council should be as follows:

- Help young people develop attitudes which will enable them to be fully integrated in the national community;
- Enable young people to play a constructive and disciplined role to build the nation;
- Provide young people with equal opportunities in education, including cultural training to enhance personal growth;
- Provide a democratic platform uniting Maltese Youth, thereby encouraging discussion
- Provide Maltese youth with an effective place in Maltese society.

Working Languages

Maltese and English

Structure

- Council - General Assembly and Executive
- General Assembly - decision-making body
- Executive Committee - administrative body

Main Activities

- Information dispatching
- Social events
- Seminars, festivals
- Cultural and artistic competitions

Publications

- In Touch Magazine
- Information leaflets on Youth Law and Policy in Malta

2.3.2 Youth NGO's

- Malta Girl Guides Association
- Malta Boy Scouts Association
- Malta Gay Rights Movement
- ZAK Malta

2.4 Other Structures

- Maltese Association of Youth Workers

www.maymalta.org

- Youth Studies Department

Faculty of Education

University of Malta

Contact person - Dr Marilyn Clark B.A.,M.A.Psychology(Liv.),Ph.D.(Sheff.)

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This department offers a BA and Masters Degree in Youth Studies, hence students in this department mainly research youth issues, or topics relevant to young people.

Members of staff and students and ex students practitioners in youth work are involved as necessary in youth related topics, drawing up national youth policy and other policies on a national level.

3. Legislation

No articles of the constitution refer to youth explicitly

No national legislation on youth

No regional and local legislation on youth

The National Youth Policy 2004 :

<http://www.knz.org.mt/filebank/Documents/National%20Youth%20Policy%202004.pdf>

4. National Programmes on Youth

National programmes on youth

- National Youth Day

Programmes and actions for specific target groups

Action Plan for social inclusion 2008 – 2010

http://www.msp.gov.mt/documents/msp/covering_letter_quest_nap.pdf National (for my info)

<http://www.mfss.gov.mt/services/subpages/content.asp?id=1635> (for my info)

National Action Plan for employment

http://www.education.gov.mt/ministry/doc/pdf/national_actionplan.pdf

ETC drew up a draft for consultation for Youth Strategy 2008 -2009 for this sector, first public forum 15th feb 2008

National minimum curriculum for Education

5. Budget / Public expenditure allocated to youth

Note: there is no specific budget for youth but youth programmes, initiatives are provided for within the budget for related ministries and departments.

National level

- Ministry of Finance

National Budgetary Estimates 2008

<http://www.mfin.gov.mt/page.aspx?site=MFIN&page=estimates&year=2008>

- Ministry of Education Youth and Employment (expenditure by standard item)

Total expenditure € 34,920,000

<http://www.mfin.gov.mt/image.aspx?site=MFIN&type=estimate&ref=472>

- Ministry of the Family and Social Solidarity (expenditure by standard item)

<http://www.mfin.gov.mt/image.aspx?site=MFIN&type=estimate&ref=508>

Total Expenditure € 28,134,000

Regional level

- Ministry for Justice and Home Affairs

Local Government Expenditure

<http://www.mfin.gov.mt/image.aspx?site=MFIN&type=estimate&ref=463>

Total Expenditure € 26,897,000

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 Equal, All Different Campaign

6.2 European Union programmes

- Malta YOUTH National Agency
- European Union Programmes Unit

E-mail: youth.eupu@gov.mt - Website: www.youthmalta.org

- Youth in Action Programme
- Euromed Youth Platform

Other EU programmes implemented in an important way for youth purposes

- Comenius
- Grundtvig
- Erasmus
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Eurodesk

7. Forthcoming events/conferences

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

Keys to Youthwork Structures - December 2007 – Organised by the Maltese Association of Youth Workers

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

It is planned that the youth policy is to be evaluated in 2008