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COUNTRY SHEET ON YOUTH POLICY IN PORTUGAL



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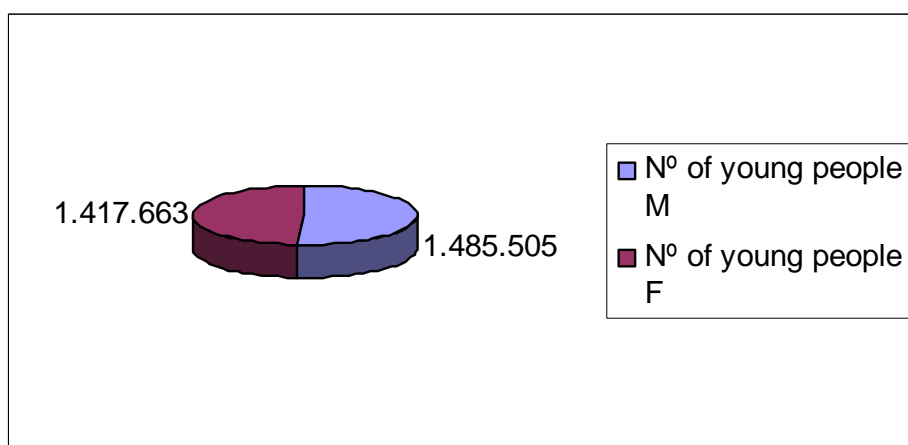
1. Statistics on young people¹

Total number of children and young people 2007 (from 0 to 24): 2 903 168 (27,4% of total population – 10.599.095)

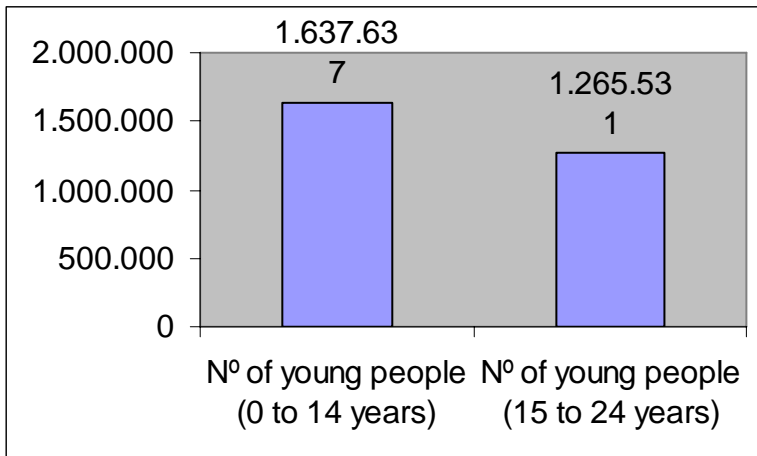
Sex	Age group (by life cycles)	Resident population (No.) by Place of residence, Sex and Age group (by life cycles)			
		Data reference period			
		2006			
		Place of residence			
		Portugal	Continente	Região Autónoma dos Açores	Região Autónoma da Madeira
		N.	N.	N.	N.
MF	Total	2 903 168	2 738 325	84 911	79 932
	0 to 14 years	1 637 637	1 546 450	46 904	44 283
	15 to 24 years	1 265 531	1 191 875	38 007	35 649
M	Total	1 485 505	1 400 836	43 645	41 024
	0 to 14 years	839 999	793 103	24 148	22 748
	15 to 24 years	645 506	607 733	19 497	18 276
F	Total	1 417 663	1 337 489	41 266	38 908
	0 to 14 years	797 638	753 347	22 756	21 535
	15 to 24 years	620 025	584 142	18 510	17 373

Resident population (No.) by Place of residence, Sex and Age group (by life cycles) - Annual; Statistics Portugal, Annual estimates of resident population

This data last updated: August 03, 2007



¹ Source: Instituto Nacional de Estatística, National Statistic's Institute
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2. Actors and Structures

2.1 Public authorities

2.1.1 National public authorities:

Secretary of State in charge of youth [pt]

- Secretary of State for Youth and Sport: [Mr. Laurentino Dias](#)[pt]

The [Secretary of State for Youth and Sport](#)[pt] depends on the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports reports to the Deputy Minister to the Prime-Minister.

This Secretary of State develops a [government](#)[pt] policy that strongly bets on youth, based in three different bodies: [Movijovem](#), that promotes mobility actions in its social scope through the management of [Youth Hostels](#)[pt] and the [Youth Card](#)[pt]; [FDI](#)[pt] (Foundation for Dissemination of Information Technologies) that implements science-technical knowledge in the field of the Information Technologies and [IPJ](#) [pt] (Portuguese Youth Institute) that complots measures adopted by government in the scope of Youth Policy promoting /supporting the participation of youngsters in different fields of society.

<http://juventude.gov.pt> [pt]

Duration of mandate: 2005 – 2009

Portuguese Youth Institute

[Main Competences](#) [pt] of the Portuguese Youth Institute (IPJ-[Law](#))

In order to put into practice the modernisation of the Civil Services, to make more effective the intervention of the Portuguese Youth Institute in its several traditional fields and in the new fields of sectorial policies such as, among others, Employment, Health, Environment, Housing and Entrepreneurship, in may 2007 was published a new organisation for the Portuguese Youth Institute.

IPJ's general aims are to support youth governmental policy and to follow the youth public policies accomplishment; so being, the IPJ has, in brief, the following competences:

- To support youth associations or similar ones, informal groups, non-profitable entities that work for young people, keeping updated the Youth Associations National Record;
 - To take part in the financial funding of the Support Programme developed within the scope of the Youth Association Law;
 - To conceive, create and implement programmes, support mechanisms and support stimulus aimed at answering youth needs and specifications on the areas mentioned in 7.1.;
 - To promote, create and develop integrated systems on youth information;
 - To promote studies, sectorial or intersectorial, about any subjects related to youth;
 - To promote youth participation in activities developed at an international level;
- To organize, when needed, civic duty for conscientious objectors, keep updated their record and provide information about regulations.
- Number of people who work in the Portuguese Youth Institute: 370
 - President of the Portuguese Youth Institute:
[Mrs. Helena Alves](#) [pt]
 - Contact person in the Portuguese Youth Institute, Department of Information, Communication and International Relations (DICRI), competent for European youth policy:
Mr. Jorge Orlando Queirós jorge.orlando@ipj.pt

Other national public bodies who are directly involved in youth policies

Several departments have specific competences in the youth field, like the Ministry of Education, but in Portugal the only national public body who is directly and exclusively involved in youth policy is the Portuguese Youth Institute.

Parliament commission in charge of youth issues

The Parliament commission in charge of youth issues is the 8th Specialized Permanent Commission, the [Comissão Parlamentar da Educação, Ciência e Cultura](#)[pt] / the Parliament Commission of Education, Science and Culture. The Chairman is António José Seguro, from the Socialist Party, and the Vice-President is Sérgio Vieira, from the Social-Democratic Party. This Commission is composed by 30 deputies.

2.1.2 Regional public authorities with competencies in the youth field

The Autonomic Regions have specific Political and Administrative Status and so do their own governments. Those organs are the Regional Parliament and the Regional Government.

Portugal has two Autonomic Regions: [Arquipélago da Madeira](#) [pt, en] and [Arquipélago dos Açores](#)[pt, en]. Each one of those regions have regional public authorities with competences in the youth field:

- [Instituto da Juventude da Madeira](#) [pt]– Madeira Youth Institute

- [Rede Regional de Informação Juvenil dos Açores](#)[pt] - Azores Regional Network of Youth Information

- The recent frame of Portuguese Youth Institute created 5 Direcções Regionais (Regional Departments) implanted in Portugal Continental Region according to [Nuts II](#) (Territorial Unity Terminology – designate the statistic sub regions in which is divided the territory of the European Union countries, including Portuguese territory. They are divided in 3 levels: I, II and III. In Portugal there are 3 territorial unity of level I, subdivided in 7 of Level II: North, Centre, Lisboa e Vale do Tejo, Alentejo, Algarve, Região Autónoma dos Açores and Região Autónoma da Madeira).

2.1.3 Local public authorities with competencies in the youth field

- The municipalities (around 300 all over the country) have several forms of structures for youth participation. More and more local authorities are defining strategies to support programmes/projects of leisure times, volunteering, environment, sexual and reproductive health for the young people.

- The Portuguese Youth Institute acts locally through its 40 [Lojas Ponto JA](#) – Information Shops Ponto JA (19 in partnership with municipalities). 19 Portuguese Youth Institute Information shops are located in every district capital and also in Central Services, at Av. da Liberdade, in Lisbon.

A second phase has begun, in partnership with municipalities and other entities, being already opened 20 more shops, 2 by district, on municipalities that are more densely populated.

This network will amount to a total of 55 information shops.

The Information Shops Loja Ponto JA are public spaces directed to youth that provide every available youth information. This shops work on a multi channel basis that lays on a offer provided by such services as Portal da Juventude (Youth Portal) and Contact Centre.

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

Youth Health and Sexuality Programmes

a) Sexualidade em Linha - Sexuality on line

The help line – **808 22 2003** – **SEXUALIDADE EM LINHA** – is, since the 1st of June 1988, a national answering service, anonymous and confidential, of telephone counselling and assistance in the sexual and reproductive health area.

b) Gabinetes de Apoio à Saúde e à Sexualidade Juvenil

Health and Sexuality Youth Support Cabinets are free information services, anonymous and confidential, in the health area, namely sexual and reproductive.

For the moment, there are 16 Health and Sexuality Youth Support Cabinets in most of IPJ local services.

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

[Conselho Nacional da Juventude](#) (Youth National Council) and [Federação Nacional das Associações Locais de Juventude](#) (Local Youth associations Federation). are non-public entities represented nation wide that keep a permanent dialogue between their affiliates, the youth associations, and the government and that have an advisory part in national youth policies.

[Fundação da Juventude](#) is also a private structure that also plays an advisory part in this process. Its main purposes are to perform or support initiatives aimed at the youth integration in active and professional life.

Besides these 3 entities, the Federações Regionais de Associações Juvenis (Regional Youth Associations Federations) are also advisory partners in what concerns youth policies.

2.3.1 Youth councils

At national level, there are in Portugal the [Conselho Nacional da Juventude](#) (CNJ) [pt, soon en] – the National Youth Council and the [Federação Nacional das Associações Juvenis Locais](#) [pt] – The National Federation of Local Youth Associations, both at national level, are recognized by IPJ as partners in Youth politics.

The National Youth Council was created in 1985; in 2006 this entity became a platform that represents youth organizations at national level.

The Council main purposes are:

- To establish a dialogue platform and an interchange forum of different points of view for organizations and youth councils;
- To ponder youth desires by promoting debates and open discussions about their goals
- To contribute to the creation and development of youth associations
- To stand up as a partner before political powers and to claim the right to be consulted on every matter concerning Portuguese youth in general
- To cooperate with civil services providing studies, advices and information, on his own or on request
- To promote dialogue between youth organizations
- To support, technically and scientifically youth organizations and youth regional councils
- To promote dialogue and exchange with similar foreign organizations
- To publish and to support youth works diffusion

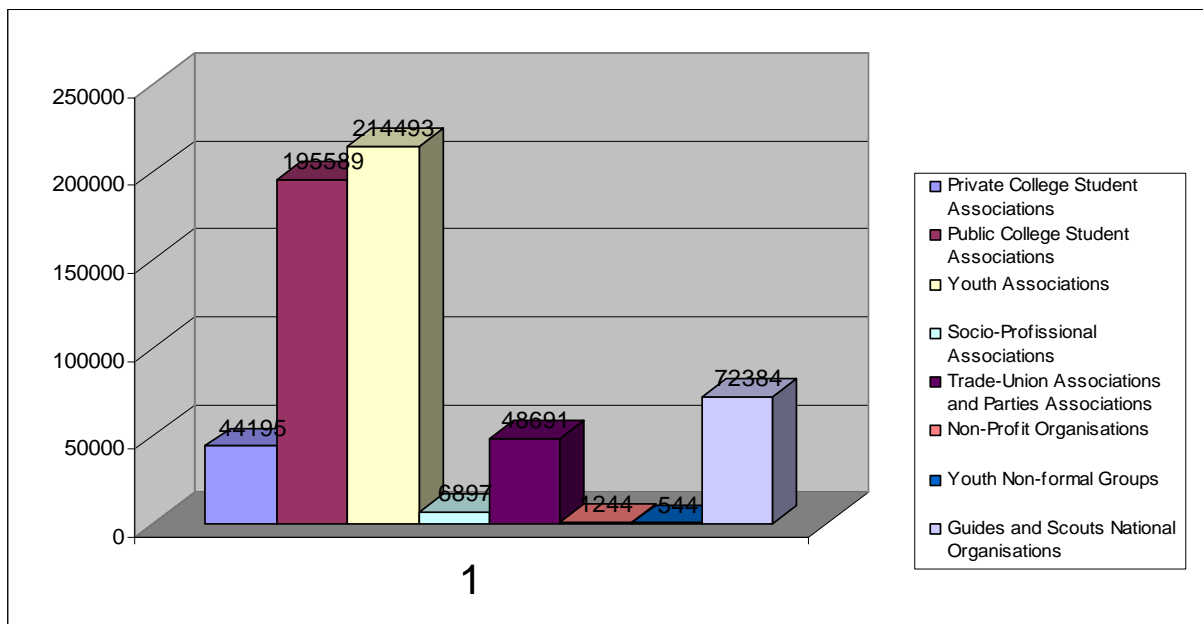
National Federation of Local Youth Associations was established the 10 may 1996 and it gathers about 1 000 associations from all over the country.

Representing youth associations before political and public powers, promoting and developing youth associations and increasing, this way, youth participation in society and promoting exchange experiences between associations at local, regional, national and international levels, are the main purposes of the Federation.

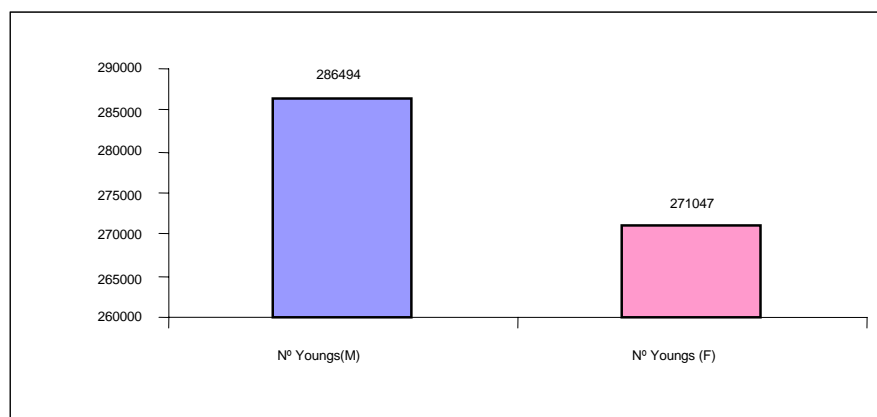
2.3.2 Youth NGOs

Youth associations as well as Informal Youth Portuguese Groups, located in Portugal or abroad, benefit from an identification and recognition tool that grants them the possibility to apply for the Support Programmes from IPJ, established by [Lei 23/2006](#) (Law 23/2006), which is the Registo Nacional das Associações Juvenis - [RNAJ](#) (the National Youth Associations Record).

This Record being optional, the number of recorded associations doesn't show the associations' reality; this data is not available. In 2007, the RNAJ was composed by the number/type of youth organisations and members shown in the grafics bellow.



Youth Associations N. Youngs by gender



Nº Total de Jovens – 557.541

Source: Portuguese Youth Institute

3. Legislation

In terms of national Legislation the **article 70th** of the [Constitution of the Portuguese Republic](#) concerns Youth in the perspective of crosswise youth policies. It designs a special protection to economic, social and cultural rights of young people, in particular with respect with Education, Vocational Training and Culture, Access to a First Job, Work and Social Security, Access to Accommodation; Physical Education and Sport and the Use of Leisure Time. It also refers to the primary objectives of a policy for Youth like the creation of the conditions that enable them to lead a full and active live and to acquire a sense of service to the community. Finally, in conjunction with family, school, business, association, etc., the State intends to promote/assist youth organizations in their objectives and in international exchanges of young people.

Also national wide, but applied to the specificity of the several thematic areas, there are different legal decrees that create and rule IPJ programmes and projects.

4. National Programmes on youth

Name and describe the national programmes on youth.

IPJ programmes are aimed at young people aged between 12 to 30 years old, to youth associations and similar ones, student associations and youth non formal groups.

- Programas de Apoio ao Associativismo- Youth Association Support Programmes

a) *Student Support Programme (PAE)*

Aims at supporting the development activities of Student associations and their federations.

b) *Infrastructure Support Programme (PAI)*

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Aims at promoting the infrastructure and equipment development therefore improving the activities and headquarters development of Youth Associations, Youth Association Federations and National Organizations acknowledged by the *World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts* and the *World Organization of the Scout Movement*.

c) *Programa de Apoio Juvenil (PAJ)*

Aims at promoting Youth Associations and their Federations, Youth non Formal Groups and organizations equivalent to Youth Associations activities development support.

d) *Formar*

This program ensures a training support to youth association leaders so they can manage and perform their activities in an efficient way.

- Programas de Voluntariado - Volunteers Programme

a) *Voluntariado para as Florestas*

This programme aims at encouraging young people to become volunteers in actions for the forest preservation, reducing forest fires through preventive actions.

b) *SNS Jovem*

This is a special programme for volunteers in the field of public health and it's addressed to college students in the domains of Health and Social Sciences. The aims of this programme are to implement the concept of citizenship, encouraging young student's volunteer participation, and to promote the humanization of health services. It's held at hospitals, health centres and hospital emergency services.

- Programas de Ocupação dos Tempos Livres - Leisure times occupational programmes

a) *Campos de Trabalho Internacionais (CTI) - International Workcamps*

Are held during summer months and cover several areas for young people from different countries aiming at the acknowledgment of cultural differences.

b) *Programa Férias em Movimento*

It's held during the 2 big periods of school holidays (Easter and summer) and they allow their users to get a better knowledge of their country, through several activities.

c) *Programa OTL- OTL Programme*

This programme was created thinking at youth summer leisure times; it's aimed at promoting useful community projects, leading young people to perform occupational activities that may engage them to volunteership.

- Incitement Programmes to Youth Creators

a) *Programa Jovens Criadores- Youth Creative Programme*

The Youth Creative Programme is the result of a protocol between IPJ and Clube Português da Artes e Ideias, CPAI (Arts and Ideas Portuguese Club), the purpose of this protocol being the Country sheet on youth policy – Portugal

management of the Youth Creators contest. Areas such as graphic and equipment design, dance, photo, literature, fashion, music, video, multimedia, plastic arts and jewellery are every year put to contest.

- Training Programmes

a) *Parlamento dos Jovens – Youth Parliament*

Youth Parliament is a joint initiative of National Parliament, IPJ, Ministry of Education and Regional Secretariats that have the tutorship of Education and Youth in the Autonomous Regions. The programme is divided in 2 sections, one for Secondary Schools and the other for Basic Schools.

It's developed during the school year in schools all over the country and reaches the highest point with a formal session at National Parliament.

- Youth Health and Sexuality Programmes

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- Information Projects

a) *Lojas Ponto JÁ- Youth in Action Shops*

Youth in Action Shops are public spaces designed for young people that have available all the information concerning youth. They operate on a multichannel basis such as Portal da Juventude (Youth Portal) and a Contact Center.

b) *Portal da Juventude - Youth Portal - juventude.gov.pt*

Launched in 2003, Youth Portal is IPJ answer, in what concerns information services, to a non present information situation.

The Portal is a fraction of the global solution to present and non present information in youth area, which also includes a contact centre and Youth in Action Shops, on a multi-channel initiative

Youth Portal is a form of relation that gathers the several sites under the supervision of Secretaria de Estado da Juventude e do Desporto, using standard mechanisms of interaction.

The Portal's mission is to provide information contents and interactive services, aimed at young people, youth and student associations, in their several angles and according to their needs, in a simple, secure and convenient way.

The Portal access and use is free so that young people can feel a sense of belonging.

The table bellow registers the single visitants and the accessed pages numbers, since 2005 to 2007, from January to August.

year Jan/Aug	single visitors	pages accessed
2007	1.093.501	10.473.964
2006	906.184	7.764.688
2005	698.801	5.067.911
2004	492.618	3.963.580

Source: Portuguese Youth Institute

According to the latest statistics, there was an increase, since January 2005 to January 2007, of 84,09% of registered users.

c) *Linha da Juventude*

The Youth Phone Line is a public telephonic information service aiming at young people between 12 and 30 years old.

This telephonic line started on April 2006. It's an out sourcing project delivered by a private company situated in Lisbon.

It works in conjunction with the Youth Portal - which is the main tool of informative contents for the call centre operators - and the information centres network (Lojas Ponto JA).

This telephonic line is a "blue line" with a sole national number and a uniform rate, wherever the place the calls are made from.

Programmes and actions for specific target groups

Not relevant

5. Budget / Public expenditure allocated to youth

National level

The Portuguese Youth Institute (IPJ) expenditures allocated to youth represent approximately 30 M€ per year.

However the youth area is transversal to the society, meaning that there are additional expenditures in other Ministries.

Regional level

A regional level budget allocation is not available. The Portuguese Youth Institute (IPJ) expenditures are allocated on a regional level basis. However the expenditures allocation varies significantly, we can point out that about 50 per cent of the budget is directly allocated to regional expenditures.

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)

No data available

6.2 European Union programmes

No data available

Other EU programmes implemented in an important way for youth purposes

Not relevant

7. Forthcoming events/conferences

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

The most recent developments on national youth law occurred in 2007, when were published the laws that set up a new frame for IPJ – [Decreto -Lei n.º 168/2007, de 3 de Maio](#) (Decree n^{er}168/2007, from the 3rd of May) and [Portaria n.º 662-J/2007, de 31 de Maio](#) (Governmental Order n^{er} 662-J/2007, from the 31st of May) and the law that created the [Comissão Interministerial para as Políticas da Juventude](#) (Interministry Commission for Youth Policies), Resolução do Conselho de Ministros n.º 77/2007 (Ministry Resolution n^{er} 77/2007), published the 4th of July.

The new frame set for IPJ is part of the strategy defined by the [Programa de Reestruturação da Administração Central do Estado](#) (PRACE) and the goals established by [Programa do XVII Governo](#) (Government Programme) in what concerns modern civil services and the improvement of those services.

With this new diploma the main competences were reviewed and others were added (see 2.1.1). Also all the Departments from IPJ were renewed.

This new frame also intended to provide IPJ with the adequate means to promote information, youth associations, volunteering and citizenship, leisure time occupation, non formal education,

youth information and mobility in Portugal and abroad; furthermore, a more effective intervention on sectorial policies such as housing, entrepreneurship, employment, training, new technologies, culture, environment and health.

The Comissão Interministerial para as Políticas da Juventude operates under the political dependency of the Minister for the Presidency, its main goals being to assure the coordination, follow-up and evaluation of youth policies.

Its composition includes, permanently, the Minister for the Presidency, the Minister of State and for Internal Administration, The Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development, the Minister for Labour and Social Solidarity, the Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education and The Minister for Economy and Innovation or their representatives. IPJ has the task to ensure logistic support to this Commission.

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

No data available