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COUNTRY SHEET ON YOUTH POLICY IN SLOVENIA



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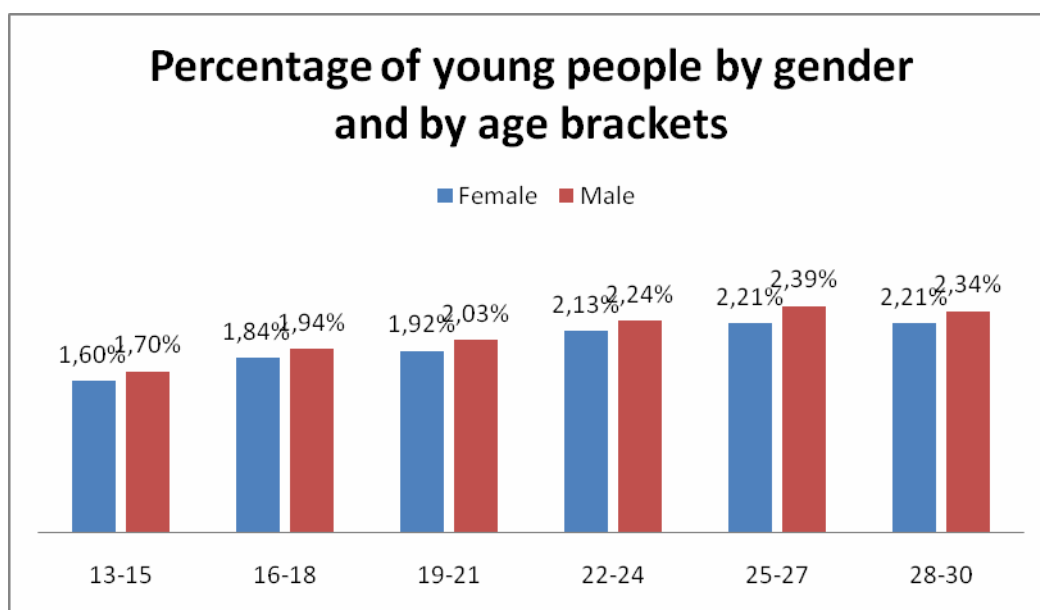
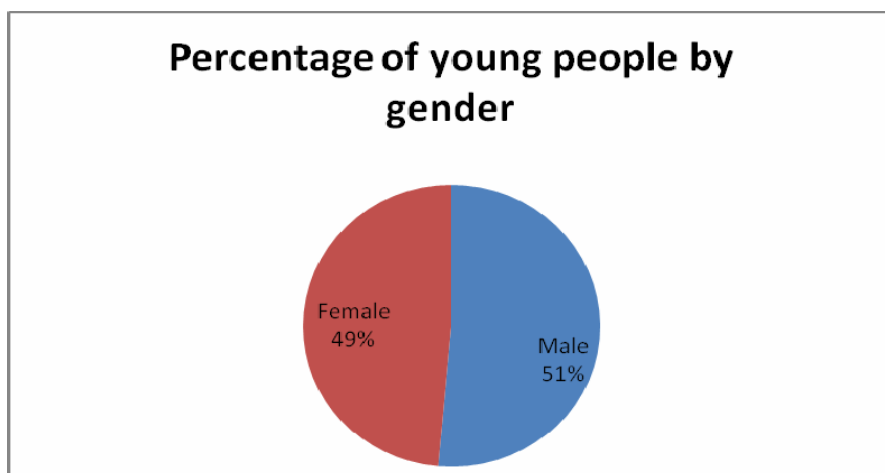
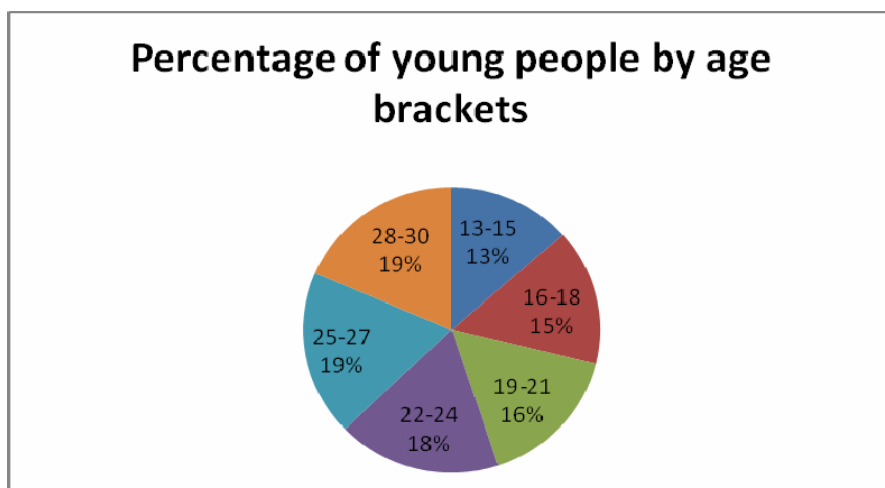
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1. Statistics on young people¹

Total number of children and young people 2006: 491 120 young persons (24.54%)



¹ Source: Statistical office of the Republic of Slovenia
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2. Actors and Structures

2.1 Public authorities

2.1.1 National public authorities:

Name of ministry : *Ministry of Education and Sports*

Name of minister : *Milan Zver*

Duration of mandate *48 months*

Number of people working in the ministry working on youth *7 persons*

Contact person in the youth department

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Function, role and competence of youth department

The responsibilities and activities of the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth relate to: the planning, organisation and implementation of measures in the area of the youth policy; activities in the area of social policy for young people and informal education, leisure activities, culture, public information and international co-operation; the monitoring of the implementation of the regulations and other acts relating to young people, warning of non-effective realization of the regulations and proposing measures for a more effective realization; the formulation and supervision of the implementation of the priority youth programmes; the monitoring of the role and position of young people in society; improving the conditions for organised youth activities and youth organisations; stimulating the mobility of young people; finding better ways of supplying young people with information and counselling; encouraging various interest activities of young people and the creation of conditions for the inclusion of young people in social processes.

Other national public bodies who are directly involved in youth policies

The Joint Committee on Youth Issues, Mr. Matjaž Štolfa, President of the National Youth Council.

The Joint Committee on Youth Issues is consultative body with the mission to convey information, discuss initiatives and exchanges as well as coordinate and adopt standpoints in the field of youth policy and youth work

Parliament commission in charge of youth issues

There is no Parliament committee on youth issues in Slovenia

2.1.2 Regional public authorities with competencies in the youth field

There is no regional public structure with competencies in the youth field.

2.1.3 Local public authorities with competencies in the youth field

The role of local communities in Slovenia varies and also depends on the size of respective local community. The municipality of Ljubljana, the capital, has a structure within city administration

(youth department) that provides public tenders (for youth programmes, projects, information network, international activities), youth research, networking NGO in youth sector, information network for young people, educational programmes and trainings for youth workers, empowerment of youth NGO structures. Smaller communities cooperate closely with youth centres that take over part of the tasks that local community should provide. Due to a fact that most of the local communities do not have a youth office the cooperation with local authorities and youth centres is of essential importance. The Association of Local Communities of Slovenia is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation that includes most of the Slovene local communities. It cooperates actively with the Committee of Regions.

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

There are no such special services.

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

National Youth Council of Slovenia, bigger NGO-s, Youth Centres and Local Community Youth Councils - The Youth Network MaMa combines and represents organisations that run youth centers or are active in field of youth work in Slovenia.

2.3.1 Youth councils

Mladinski svet Slovenije – National Youth Council of Slovenia (www.mss.si)

33 Local Community Youth Councils

2.3.2 Youth NGOs

There is a number of youth NGO's active at national level. Many of these organisations are member of the National Youth Council. However, due to the decentralised nature of youth work, most groups and organisations are active at local level.

3. Legislation

Youth Council Act

Indirect impact have also the following acts: Associations Act Student Community Act

Social Security Act

Employment and Work of Aliens Act

Personal Income Tax Act (reimbursement of work-related expenses, travel expenses, meal refunds, etc.)

Local Self-Government Act, which is a general local legislation. There is nothing particular on youth besides a decree on setting up a public institution Youth Centre.

Constitution: Second chapter HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS:

-Article 52 (Rights of Disabled Persons): Physically or mentally handicapped children and other severely disabled persons have the right to education and training for an active life in society.

-Article 53 (Marriage and the Family): The state shall protect the family, motherhood, fatherhood, children and young people and shall create the necessary conditions for such protection.

-Article 54 (Rights and Duties of Parents): Parents have the right and duty to maintain, educate and raise their children. This right and duty may be revoked or restricted only for such reasons as are provided by law in order to protect the child's interests. Children born out of wedlock have the same rights as children born within it.

-Article 56 (Rights of Children): Children shall enjoy special protection and care. Children shall enjoy human rights and fundamental freedoms consistent with their age and maturity. Children shall be guaranteed special protection from economic, social, physical, mental or other exploitation and abuse. Such protection shall be regulated by law. Children and minors who are not cared for by their parents, who have no parents or who are without proper family care shall enjoy the special protection of the state. Their position shall be regulated by law.

4. National Programmes on youth

Name and describe the national programmes on youth.

Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth is working on the preparation of youth legislation, which will include also the National programme on youth.

Action plans i.e. official strategies

Action plan called Strategy of the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth in the field of youth for the period 2005 – 2010, which is focusing on establishment and development of youth structures, supporting the NGO-s and encouraging participation and information of the young people etc.

Programmes and actions for specific target groups

No such programmes.

5. Budget / Public expenditure allocated to youth

National level

Information not available

6. European Dimension of youth policy

The Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth is contact point for international contacts.

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

- The Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth disseminates the information on the Council of Europe programmes in the field of youth to relevant organisations.

- Council of Europe youth campaign.all different- all equal

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6.2 European Union programmes

Beside the YOUTH programme several other European wide opportunities exist in Slovenia: EURODESK, Youth Card Euro 26 and others of general accessibility to the youth in general. Some other programmes or their branches also deal mostly with young people - a particular group of young people (f.e. students).

Other EU programmes implemented in an important way for youth purposes

Other EU programmes (SOCRATES, LENARDO DA VINCI, CULTURE 2000, etc.) do not have a particular youth dimension but they are important for particular groups of young people (for example students, young artists, etc.)

7. Forthcoming events/conferences

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

Not relevant

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

Not relevant