

# The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

Key priorities for youth policies answers on  
**Country information on youth policies**



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## **ICELAND, 2005**

### **1 Statistics on young people**

#### **1.1 Total number of young people in global population**

77424 *young persons*

#### **1.2 Percentage of young people in global population**

26,4 %

#### **1.3 Percentage of young people by age brackets**

13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
4,7 %	4,4 %	4,2 %	4,5 %	4,3 %	4,3 %

#### **1.4 Percentage of young people by gender**

Male	Female
13,4 %	13 %

#### **1.4.1 Percentage of young people by gender and by age brackets**

	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
Female	2,3 %	2,1 %	2,1 %	2,2 %	2,1 %	2,1 %
Male	2,4 %	2,3 %	2,1 %	2,3 %	2,1 %	2,2 %

#### **1.5 Percentage of rural young people in global population**

N.A. %

#### **1.5.1 Percentage of rural young people in rural population**

N.A. %

#### **1.6 Percentage of urban young people in global population**

N.A. %

#### **1.6.1 Percentage of urban young people in urban population**

N.A. %

#### **1.7 Percentage of young people with a different nationality in global population**



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2,5 %

**1.8 Number of people working in the youth field (employees and volunteers)**  
N.A. *persons*

## 2 Actors and structures

### 2.1 National public authorities

#### 2.1.1 Ministry in charge of youth

Name of ministry

Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. Division of Sports and youth. Also different Ministries handle different youth matters.

Name of minister

Mrs. Þorgerður Katrín Gunnarsdóttir

Duration of mandate

48 *months*

Number of people working in the ministry working on youth

N.A. *persons*

Contact person in the youth department

Mr. Erlendur Kristjánsson, erlendur.kristjansson@mrn.stjr.is

Function, role and competence of youth department

Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. Division of Sports and Youth is a part of the Culture division of the Ministry. The youth department supports various youth activities nationwide and has encouraged research work amongst youth in Iceland for many years.

#### 2.1.2 Other public or semi public bodies

The State Youth Council, Chair Júlíus Aðalsteinsson. (ÆRR) Icelandic Youth Council, Chair Andrés Jónsson. General Manager Kjartan Due Nielsen. (ÆSÍ)

#### 2.1.3 Parliament commission in charge of youth issues

Several committees of Parliament are in charge of youth issues. Example: 1) General Committee, Chair Bjarni Benediktsson. 2) Social Affairs Committee, Chair Siv Friðleifsdóttir 3) Education committee, Chair Gunnar Birgisson 4) Health- and social security committee, Chair Jónína Bjartmarz

#### 2.1.4 Other national public authorities

Family Council - Ministry of Social Affairs. (Fjölskylduráð)

### 2.2 Regional and/or local public authorities



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### **2.2.1 Regional public structures with competencies in the youth field**

The Sports and youth Council of Reykjavik (ÍTR) encourages the various sports amongst youth. It plays a leading role in Iceland in the practice of sports and extra curricular activities. Also a great supporter of research amongst young people in Iceland for years. Contact person: Gísli Árni Eggertsson

### **2.2.2 Local public structures with competencies in the youth field**

N.A.

## **2.3 Non public actors/structures - compulsory consultation**

### **2.3.1 Names of bodies that must be consulted in the youth field**

N.A.

## **2.4 Non public actors/structures - non-compulsory consultation**

### **2.4.1 Names of bodies that can be consulted in the youth field**

Reykjavík Youth Council FIÆT Samfés

### **2.4.2 National and regional youth councils**

Reykjavik Youth Council - Contact Eygló Rúnarsdóttir Íþróttá- og tómsundaráð Fríkirkjuvegi 11 101 Reykjavík

### **2.4.3 Large youth NGOs**

The National Olympic and Sports Association of Iceland. Icelandic youth Association. The Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association.

### **2.4.4 Expert groups, round tables, consulting groups in the youth field**

Samfés FIÆT

### **2.4.5 Contacts of permanent networks in the youth field**

N.A.

### **2.4.6 Other non public actors/structures**

N.A.

## **3 Legislation**

No answers available



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## 4 Programmes

### 4.1 European programmes

Leonardo da Vinci Media Plus Socrates, Comenius/Erasmus EURES Euro Info Cultural Contact Point E-Contact Daphne Euroguidance European Documentation Centre

#### 4.1.1 National Agency for YOUTH Programme (Contact person)

Mrs. Lára Sigríður Baldursdóttir, lara@itr.is

#### 4.1.2 Eurodesk

Skúli S. Ólafsson, Head of Office for Education, Social Health and Youth. skolafjolsk@isafjordur.is  
National Agency for YOUTH Programme and the National Committee is responsible for running the EURODESK in ICELAND until the year 2006

#### 4.1.3 Implementation of the YOUTH Programme

All 5 Action plans of the Youth programme are implemented: Action 1, Youth Exchange Action 2, Voluntary Services Action 3, Initiatives, Future Capital Action 4, Joint Actions Action 5, Support Measures

<http://www.ufe.is/bindata/documents/UG%202005%20final%20without%20track%20changes%20-%20Janu>

#### 4.1.4 Other EU programmes implemented in an important way for youth

N.A.

### 4.2 National Programmes on youth

Large NGOŽs apply national programmes every year.

Name of non youth specific programmes but which have a direct impact on young people  
SAMAN group Vertu til VÁVEST e.t.c.

## 5 Action plans

Main characteristics and action plans in other horizontal policies directly related to youth

The Directorate of Labour works jointly with local councils on providing young people suitable jobs, with emphasis on 16 to 25 year old.

## 6 Budget

No answers available

## 7 Changes foreseen in the youth field and new developments especially linked to the four Open Method of Coordination



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## **priorities.**

No formal Youth Policy exists at present. The Prime Minister's Office has however for the past 3 years been working towards making a direct policy in youth matters in Iceland. In April 2005 the Office issued a report on various issues concerning young people. The report is supposed to be a guideline for National Authorities on Youth Issues in the near future.

## **8 Forthcoming events/conferences in the youth field, especially linked to the Open Method of Coordination priorities**

30. May 2005 Young Peoples Conference on Citizenship (Ministry of Education). 19.- 26. July

2005 National Jamboree Scout Association. See also calendar:

<http://scoutdesign.lht.is/default.asp?ItemGroupID=7&ItemID=95&CalendarYear=2005&CalendarMonth=5>

29. July 2005 Unglingalandsmót UMFÍ

## **9 Useful links**

[www.ufe.is](http://www.ufe.is) [www.esb.is/ung/](http://www.esb.is/ung/) <http://felagsmalaraduneyti.is/malaflokkar/fjolskyldurad>

<http://lydheilsustod.is/> [www.bvs.is](http://www.bvs.is) [www.reykjavik.is](http://www.reykjavik.is) [www.itr.is](http://www.itr.is) [www.hitthusid.is](http://www.hitthusid.is) [www.redcross.is](http://www.redcross.is)

[www.government.is](http://www.government.is) [www.barnivanda.is](http://www.barnivanda.is) [www.eng.menntamalaraduneyti.is](http://www.eng.menntamalaraduneyti.is) [www.edc.is](http://www.edc.is)

## **10 Context of national youth policy (achievements, problems, obstacles, tendencies)**

N.A. A youth policy as a public document has not been issued in Iceland yet.



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