



# EU youth cooperation: youth work and mutual learning

**4th InterCity  
conference  
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# EU cooperation in the youth field

## Let's speak out together!

### You are not alone

In ICY we work together to develop and strengthen local youth work. Our main idea is to inspire each other through peer learning and exchange of best practises. How we do this and what issues we address is decided by our board where each member have a seat.

### *Overall objectives:*

- *More and equal opportunities in education and in the labour market*
- *Active citizenship, social inclusion and solidarity*

*Implementation instrument:  
mutual learning*

# Supporting and developing youth work

## *EU Youth Strategy:*

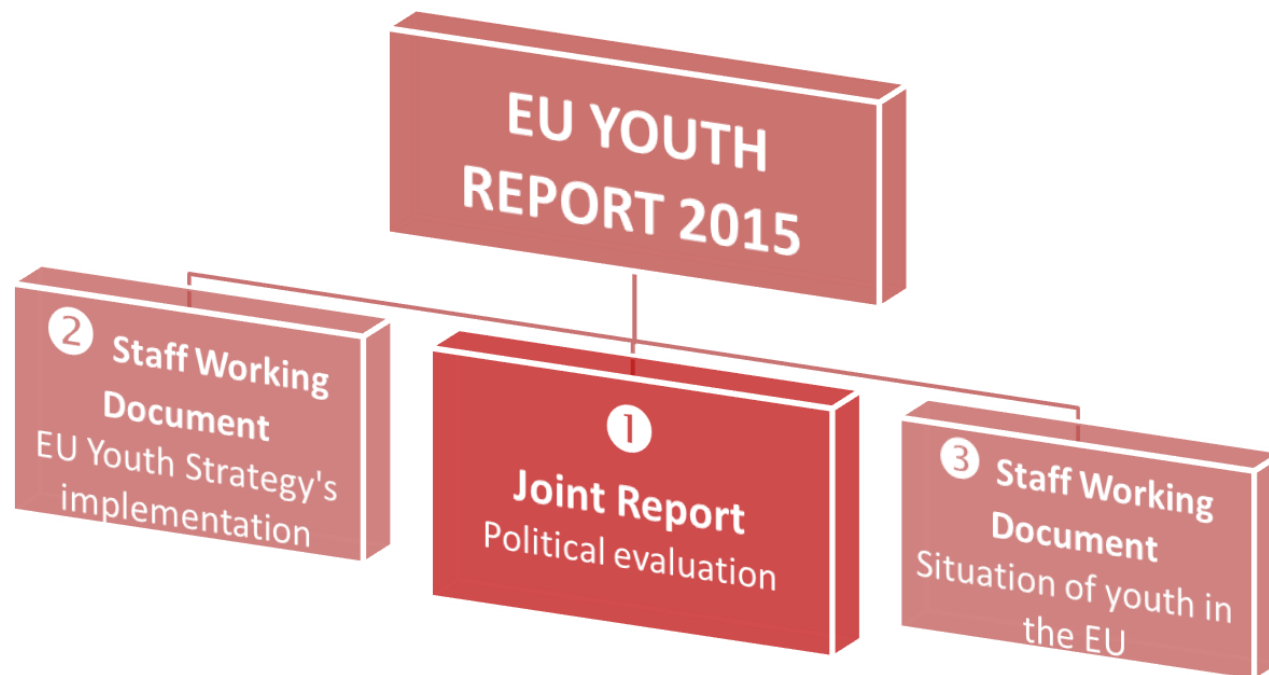
- Should be regarded as cross-sectoral issues*
- To be further examined and discussed: the ways in which youth work can contribute to achieving the overall objectives of the EU Youth Strategy - as well as be supported and recognised as an added value for its economic and social contribution*

# EU support to youth work

- **Studies:** *Youthpass impact study (2013); The value of youth work in the EU (2014); Youth work quality systems (to come)*
- **Expert groups:** *Youth quality systems in EU Member States and the role of common indicators or frameworks (2013-2015); The contribution of youth work to address young people's challenges (2014-2015)*
- **EU-Council of Europe youth partnership**
- **Erasmus+**

# 2015 EU Youth Report

[http://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/implementation/report\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/implementation/report_en.htm)



# 90 million people aged 15-29

## The situation of young people in Europe 2015

8.7 mn  
**UNEMPL  
OYED**



13.7 mn  
WHO ARE NOT IN  
**EMPLOYMENT,  
EDUCATION  
OR TRAINING**



27 mn  
ARE AT RISK OF  
**POVERTY OR EXCLUSION**



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# Contribution of quality youth work

## **InterCity Youth (ICY) – European Network of Local Departments for Youth Work**

InterCity Youth (ICY) is a European Network of Local Departments for Youth Work which gathers municipalities actively involved in youth work. The overall aim is to enhance the quality of youth work in Europe, via knowledge sharing, peer learning and policy development.

The network's objectives are:

- to enhance peer learning between local departments of youth work; providing directors and staff opportunities to professional development, mutual support and stimulation;
- to promote the exchange and development of tools for enhancing and making visible the quality of youth work and promote youth work as an arena for non-formal learning;
- to contribute to European youth policies; transmitting knowledge and insight from local government experiments and solutions to European policy agendas.

The project of setting up such a network was developed through two InterCity-conferences held in 2012 and 2013; the network itself was launched during the third conference in 2014. These conferences were supported by the Erasmus+ programme.

<http://intercityyouth.eu/>

# The way forward in EU youth cooperation (2016-2018)

- *Equal education, job and participatory opportunities in inclusive communities*
  - **Increased social inclusion**
  - **Stronger participation**
  - **Easier integration into the labour market**
- *Youth policy cannot work in isolation*
  - **Cooperation and complementarity with policies such as employment, education, training, health, culture, digital media, sustainable development, citizenship and sport is essential**



# Planned action regarding youth work

*The Commission and Member States to promote:*

- *the capacity of youth work, youth organisations and networks to act as forces of **inclusion** by assisting young people to engage, volunteer and drive positive social change in communities*
- *the recognition of quality youth work, building its capacity for **outreach** and responsiveness to emerging societal, behavioural and technological **changes***

# Further information

[http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm)

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