

European Policy Recommendations



**PROMOTING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT
AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT**

Trusting All Youth to Build a Better Europe

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1. RECOGNISE DIVERSE LIFE PATHS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

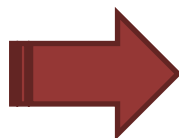


Member states, services and projects need to

- Take the **diverse life paths of young people** into account
- **not presuppose** youth as a phase of freedom from
 - responsibilities
 - financial constraints
 - other pressures

This should be realised by providing

- **Free**
- **flexible**
- **life-world oriented** services and projects to young people.



Participation of all youth in society



2. ENHANCE THE RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF YOUTH-LED INITIATIVES



Member states, services and projects need to

- Better appreciate efforts of **youth-led initiatives** and the **social and cultural resources** gained
- Treat **self-organised groups equally** to formal ones
- Listen to all young people through a **variety of low-threshold and participatory political formats** at all political levels
- Provide **easy-to-access funding opportunities** for informal youth-led activities
- Make the new **Youth Dialogue** an effective outreach tool to recognise diversity



3. PROMOTE SUPPORT STRUCTURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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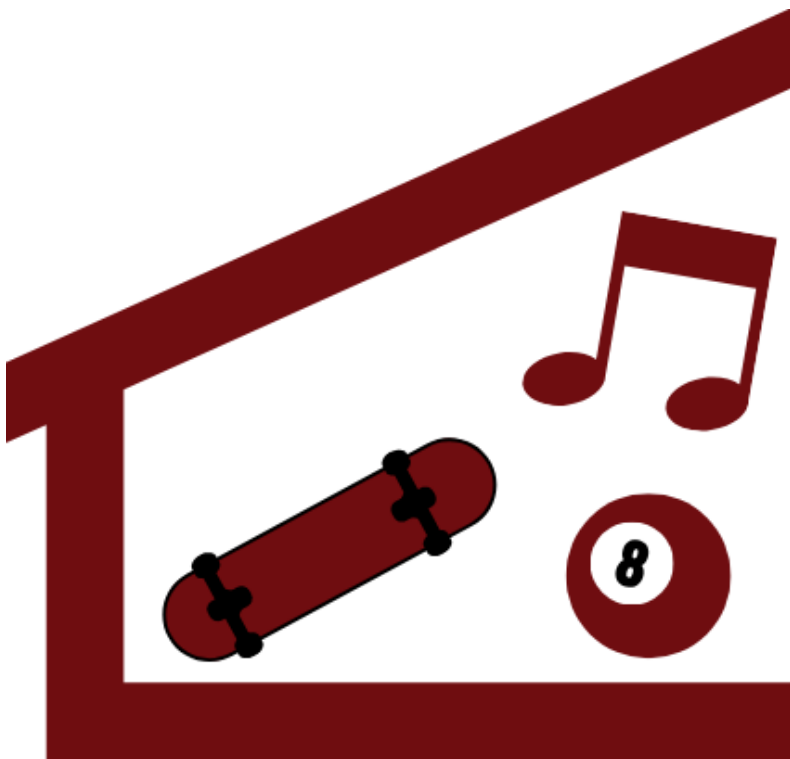
- provide
 - **consistent,**
 - **reliable** structures
 - in **non-formal and informal** education ,
e.g.
 - reliable **long-term funding** of youth work and services
 - **qualified training** opportunities for youth workers
- ensure that youth workers can reach their professional aspirations of **promoting young people's trust** in others and the society as a whole.



4. CREATE SAFE (URBAN) SPACES FOR YOUTH

Member states, services and projects need to

- encourage regions **to finance safe spaces** for young people through a variety of measures, such as
 - supporting and funding **youth-led spaces**
 - funding **outreach projects** and **innovative approaches** of traditional youth centres and support services
- encourage **participative youth work** for a **wide age range** to cater for the diverse life paths of young people.



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Thank you for your attention!



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