



European
Commission

Progress towards overall objectives

Objective 1: to create more and equal opportunities for all young people in education and in the labour market

'Do you think progress made towards this objective has been satisfactory?'

Country ¹ / Organisation	Yes, in my country	Yes, at EU level	Comments/What could have been done better?
Belgium/ Flemish Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Modernisation of secondary education system in 2016-2017
Belgium/ French Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for a deep reflexion on methods, audience and connections on structured dialogue
Belgium/ German- speaking Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	---
Czech Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for a better coordination by Commission between national delegates from various Ministries
Denmark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recent reforms of educational system at primary and secondary level as well as VET systems have put more focus on equal access and opportunities for young people Implementation progress of the Youth Guarantee could have been better monitored in the Member States.

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Country ¹ / Organisation	Yes, in my country	Yes, at EU level	Comments/What could have been done better?
Germany	☒		<p>The EU Youth Strategy was used in Germany by the federal and regional level in order to harness European impulse for challenges in youth welfare, in three selected thematic areas: promoting social inclusion and successful transitions; promoting participation and strengthening democracy; recognising and visualising non-formal and informal learning in youth work.</p> <p>Focus on strengthening offers for disadvantaged young people</p>
Estonia	☒	☒	<p>Examples of youth-specific ESF programmes and Youth Guarantee actions (youth prop-up: targets NEETs)</p> <p>Need for more attention on the role of youth work in creating equal opportunities: the new strategy should address this more and the new ESF/ERDF period could invite more precisely Member States to include the support of youth work in their plan. The Youth Guarantee scheme should continue.</p> <p>At national level: need to develop a national post 2020 youth strategy</p>
Spain	☒	☒	<p>More information on EU opportunities needed</p> <p>More involvement of various levels in strategic partnerships</p> <p>Need for formal and common recognition of youth work at EU and national level</p>
France	☒		<p>Youth unemployment remains high but reforms are important since 2010 (see Youth Wiki)</p>
Croatia	☒	☒	<p>The EU should focus efforts on implementing policies that show results; more could be done in fostering best practice exchange and encouraging transfers of quality policy solutions.</p> <p>At other levels more flexibility is needed.</p>
Italy	☒	☒	<p>Data on youth unemployment and NEETs rate is still very preoccupying in Italy.</p> <p>At EU level, need to promote more cooperation in the field of education, exchange of good practices, new educational approaches; to allow participation of bigger numbers in Erasmus+</p>

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Cyprus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	More to be done in general on concrete actions and cross-sectoral cooperation (example of Youth Guarantee)
Latvia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Significant progress in providing more mobility opportunities
Lithuania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This objective was the one with the biggest attention due to the financial crisis and subsequent high youth unemployment rate. Cross-sectoral cooperation, personalised approach and prevention are crucial.
Luxembourg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for better coherence between the different political orientations at EU level, and for more cross-sectoral cooperation at national level
Malta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for further efforts to mainstream youth policy issues at EU level and for simplifying process for EU funding
Netherlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need to facilitate more the exchange of best practices and information between Member States at EU level. Importance of local and regional level action.
Austria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EU: more cooperation with other policy areas (working groups) in Education and Training and VET Sub-EU: enhanced cooperation between formal education sector and youth work, more funding for youth work, etc.
Poland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Need for intensified cross-sectoral cooperation in the field of education, work and social inclusion at EU level; for more initiatives for social inclusion of youth with fewer opportunities, and for promoting youth mobility
Portugal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need to improve at EU level youth targeted programmes, fostering participation of youth with fewer opportunities At national and regional level need to improve multilevel governance on youth policies
Romania		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for more events and opportunities to share experience at EU level Better implementation of European recommendations at national/regional level

Country ¹ / Organisation	Yes, in my country	Yes, at EU level	Comments/What could have been done better?
Slovenia	☒	☒	<p>The EU Youth Strategy was an inspiration to strengthen youth policy in Slovenia at national and regional level; need for an even stronger strategy with strengthened integrated approach with key actors responsibilities clearly defined. Need to offer more opportunities for mutual learning and financial support for policies in the field of education and labour market.</p> <p>At national level need to better coordinate between sectors and with the local level.</p>
Slovakia		☒	<p>At EU level need to increase funding, develop more pressure on national actors, share good practices, promote paid traineeships</p> <p>At national/regional level, need for better cross-sectoral cooperation, more funding, more focus on Roma inclusion and regional differences</p>
Finland	☒		<p>New Youth Act 2016 – focus on equal opportunities; implementation programme adopted in October 2017</p> <p>Need to improve progress of Youth Guarantee</p>
Sweden	☒		<p>More focus on existing programmes and initiatives rather than creating new ones at EU level</p> <p>Better coordination between national and local governance since 2015</p>
United Kingdom	☒		---
Serbia	☒	☒	<p>Measures introduced to fight youth unemployment or NEETs situation have led to good results and progress</p> <p>Room for improvement with more tailored measures at national level and need for better multi-sectoral cooperation</p>

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European Youth Forum			<p>No satisfactory progress. The economic crisis led to budgetary cuts on education and social policies in many Member States. The Youth Guarantee helped in some countries and at EU level to put youth employment issues high on the political agenda, but since the crisis, the slow recovery has not reached all young people. Internships are increasingly lacking educational objectives.</p> <p>Need for truly cross-sectoral policy (including youth checks on policies), stronger European coordination of national policies through benchmarks, more space for exchanges of regional and local best practices.</p>

Source: Source: Reply to questionnaire 'EU Youth Report 2018 – National Report' (<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/publication/EUYouthReport2018>)

Objective 2: to promote the active citizenship, social inclusion and solidarity of all young people

'Do you think progress made towards this objective has been satisfactory?'

Country ² / Organisation	Yes, in my country	Yes, at EU level	Comments/What could have been done better?
Belgium/ Flemish Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Participation and social inclusion are key topics of the Flemish Youth and Children's Rights Policy Plan (2015-2019)
Belgium/ French Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for website showing work done at EU level directly relevant for youth workers
Belgium/ German- speaking Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		---
Czech Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commission should have cooperated more with the Council of Europe.
Denmark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for greater and more transparent synergy in the use of EU funds and intensified support to national and local youth initiatives
Germany	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<p>The EU Youth Strategy was used in Germany by the federal and regional level in order to harness European impulse for challenges in youth welfare, in three selected thematic areas: promoting social inclusion and successful transitions; promoting participation and strengthening democracy; recognising and visualising non-formal and informal learning in youth work.</p> <p>Need to improve interface to local level regarding dialogue and participation; focus on how to reach especially young people from socially disadvantaged families and young people with a migrant background.</p> <p>In general need to better anchor the EU Youth Strategy at local/municipal level.</p>
Estonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Since 2015, vote at 16 in local elections (first time used in October 2017)</p> <p>Need to have a strong consultation instrument for EU and to support Member States' local-level initiatives. Need for a 'youth work guarantee'</p>

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Spain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		More information on EU opportunities needed More involvement of various levels in strategic partnerships Need for formal and common recognition of youth work at EU and national level
France	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		---
Croatia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Need to develop support for local and regional activities to involve young people in their community life
Italy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Universal civic service is being extended progressively to all young people Need to do more for youth work at national level
Cyprus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Youth participation should be supported by various actors, not only NGOs
Latvia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The number of inclusive youth projects supported under Erasmus+ has decreased; social inclusion should be given more priority in the programme.
Lithuania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notable increase in youth civic engagement in Lithuania The national volunteering scheme has drawn inspiration from the European Voluntary Service
Luxembourg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The formal recognition of non-formal activities and social engagement of young people needs to be improved at national and regional level
Malta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for further efforts to mainstream youth policy issues at EU level and for simplifying process for EU funding
Netherlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need to facilitate more the exchange of best practices and information between Member States at EU level. Importance of local and regional level action.

Country²/ Organisation	Yes, in my country	Yes, at EU level	Comments/What could have been done better?
Austria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vote at 16 – citizenship education particularly important in Austria Need for stronger campaigning for volunteering and funding structures , and for a more systematised (less project-oriented) cooperation youth work/formal education/labour market
Poland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Development of European programmes for youth, with a particular emphasis on youth with fewer opportunities. Importance of civic engagement and participation.
Portugal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need to improve at EU level youth targeted programmes, fostering participation of youth with fewer opportunities At national and regional level need to improve multilevel governance on youth policies
Romania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for more events and opportunities to share experience at EU level Better implementation of European recommendations at national/regional level
Slovenia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Need for a stronger strategy with strengthened integrated approach with key actors responsibilities clearly defined and focused key priorities. At national level need to better coordinate between sectors and with the local level.
Slovakia		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	At national level, more action is needed against low turnout and voting for extremist parties.
Finland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		The Youth Act 2016 updated the concepts of active citizenship with the notion of 'youth activities'
Sweden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Satisfactory progress towards active citizenship at national level, although the youth work sector needs further support
United Kingdom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Preparation of a parliamentary report on citizenship and civic engagement. At national level actions to improve access of all young in programmes for youth such as the National Citizen Service.

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Serbia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Active youth participation principle included in the 2011 Law on Youth</p> <p>Need to improve information of youth on opportunities at various levels and to promote advantages of volunteering</p>
European Youth Forum			<p>No satisfactory progress. Young people are often denied access to some social protection benefits and services. The most marginalised young people often have the fewest opportunities.</p> <p>Need to use the European Pillar of Social Rights to draft legislation to make sure that the principles of the pillar are respected; social investment must become a priority of the post 2020 Multiannual Financial Framework.</p> <p>Need to adopt a rights based approach for youth policies at national/regional level.</p>

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