

MEASURES

In establishing policies that safeguard and proactively support the establishment and further development of youth work at all levels, member States are invited to:

1. provide an enabling environment and conditions for both proven and innovative youth work practices (including for example, sustainable structures and resources), particularly at the local level, while acknowledging that youth work benefits from regional, national and international opportunities and co-operation;
2. strengthen the role and position of youth work in order to facilitate cross-sectoral co-operation between youth work - whether it is provided by public authorities, the private sector or civil society - and other sectors, including for example: social care, health, sport, culture, formal education, employment services and criminal justice;
3. promote and support co-ordination between local, regional, national and European levels of youth work, thereby facilitating networking, co-operation, peer learning and exchange;
4. promote the recognition of the values, attitudes, skills, knowledge and critical understanding developed through participating in and delivering youth work;
5. promote equal access to youth work;
6. promote the role of youth work by:
 - informing young people of their rights and of the opportunities and services available to them;
 - strengthening the active citizenship, participation and social inclusion of all young people, especially those who are at risk and marginalised;
 - broadening intercultural competences, European identity and international understanding among young people;
 - encouraging young people to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in their living environment;
 - addressing and preventing discrimination, intolerance and social exclusion;
 - enhancing non-formal and informal learning
7. respect the freedom and autonomy of youth organisations and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) doing youth work;
8. foster knowledge-based youth work that can respond to the changes and trends in our societies and the emerging challenges faced by young people;
9. encourage the use of research, evaluation and continuous follow-up in developing knowledge-based, quality youth work ensuring that mechanisms are in place to measure its outcomes and impact.

In establishing a coherent and flexible competency-based framework for the education and training of paid and volunteer youth workers, member States are invited to:

10. work with youth work providers and other stakeholders to develop a set of core competences (for example values, attitudes, skills, knowledge and critical understanding) that should be expected from youth workers;
11. establish frameworks, strategies, programmes and pathways for the education, training, capacity building and professional development of youth workers based on the agreed set of competences;
12. establish new, or further develop existing mechanisms for the documentation, validation, certification and recognition of competences, which paid and volunteer youth workers gain through their practice;

13. give increased support to implementing the existing and future European frameworks and agendas on the recognition of non-formal and informal learning.

