



**МИНИСТЕРСТВО МОЛОДЕЖИ И СПОРТА  
АЗЕРБАЙДЖАНСКОЙ РЕСПУБЛИКИ**

**The Ministry of Youth and Sport  
of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

# **Youth Policy in Azerbaijan**

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## Youth statistics

- Population – 9 477 100
- Youth– 2 748 000 (28,6% of population)
  - Female– 49,8%
  - Male– 50,2 %
- Youth Organizations – more than 300
- Youth centers and houses– 32



## Ministry of youth and sport

- Ministry of Youth and Sport was established in 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1994;
- Carries out state policy on the sphere of youth and sport;
- Coordinates activities of related organizations in the field of youth and sport.



## Sturcture

- Central Headquarter of Ministry of Youth and Sport;
- Youth and sport department on the regions (83);
- Research center for youth problems ;
- Child Republic healthcare and recreation center;
- Youth centers and houses.



## Law


- Law on 'Youth policy' of Azerbaijan Republic (2002)
- Government Program "Azerbaijani Youth in 2011-2015"
- Government study abroad program for Azerbaijani youth (2007-2015)
- Regulations in line with Development Conception "Azerbaijan-2020. A view to future"
- Development strategy of Azerbaijani youth in 2015-2025



## Government Program 'Azerbaijani Youth in 2011-2015'

The program features following:

- Creating conditions for comprehensive development of young people;
- providing opportunities for youth to get qualified education;
- Increasing employment level;
- Increasing number of professional and educated young people in the field of public administration;
- Creating conditions for creative development of youth;
- Propagating healthy life-style among youth and etc.



# Development strategy of Azerbaijani youth in 2015-2025

- Strategy goals are developing potentials of young people, forming conditions for youth to participate in social and public life in 2015-2025.
- Strategy features interests of Azerbaijani youth, that was grouped in 17 groups with different potentials and background.
- Document has 32 goals, not only ministry are responsible for implementation of these goals, but also, NGOs, business sector and other government bodies



## Activity Statistics (2011 –2015)

During 2011-2015 years, Ministry of Youth and Sport has implemented 605 projects, of which 475 were of regional importance and 130 of international importance;

During 2011-2015 years, Ministry funded 542 projects, to the amount of 16. 708. 188,01 manats





## Basic projects and activities

- Military and patriotic games (Şahinlər, Hawks)
- ‘Hamsa’ intellectual game
- NGO expositions
- Computer games championship
- Creative and talented youths’ Forums
- Talent lab
- International song contest among young people “YOUTHVISION”;
- Historical reconstruction ‘Lively pages from history’;
- International essay contest “What I know about Azerbaijan’
- TV projects (intellectual games )
- Camps (archeological, military and patriotic)
- Funding for youth organizations, young professionals



# Youth participation in decision making

- Azerbaijani Youth Forum is held once a 3 years. Young representatives all over Azerbaijan take part in the forum, present their report, discuss and make decisions for following years. 2<sup>nd</sup> February, was declared as youth day
- Public Council of youth organizations was created in 1995, includes all youth organizations
- Confederative organizations
  - National Assembly of Youth Organizations of Republic of Azerbaijan (established in 1995, includes 136 organizations: [www.nayora.az](http://www.nayora.az))
  - Azerbaijani Student Youth Organizations Union.



# Youth Foundation under the President of Azerbaijan Republic

- Youth foundation was founded in 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011
- Main goals of the Foundation are implementing program and projects important for the state in the field of youth policy
- Youth Foundation funds grants for public and social program, oriented to science, education, culture and other youth-related spheres, also approves projects on international level



## Activity of Foundation

- Youth Foundation receives projects for 4 categories
  - A (local projects)
  - B (international projects)
  - C (individual projects)
  - D (funding participation in international projects)
- Registration and application are online.  
[www.youthfoundation.az](http://www.youthfoundation.az)
- Foundation so far had 7 grant competitions and 2333 youth organizations and individuals got funded. Overall amount of financed projects added up to 12 500 000 manats



# Youth President award

- President award was established in 2013, by the decree of President of Azerbaijan Republic for young people excelled in the field of science, literature, culture, art, education and social activities. The Award in the amount of 10 000 manat, is granted to 6 distinguished representatives of youth once a year.



# Azerbaijan Student Card

- Azerbaijan Student Card – a discount card, which was founded in 2012 and joined European Youth card
- Card gives its users privileges in terms of payment in more than 80 000 facilities in Azerbaijan and in more than 30 countries of Europe.
- All students in Azerbaijan are provided with the discount cards
- Cards are distributed free of charge.



# Ganja – youth capital of Europe 2016



In 2012 European Youth Forum granted European youth capital status to Ganja . It is planned that during a year cultural, sport, public activities will be implemented in the city and participants all over the Europe will take place in these projects.

5 priorities are set:

- 1) youth employment;
- 2) development of volunteerism;
- 3) Education;
- 4) youth activity;
- 5) Social welfare of Youth.

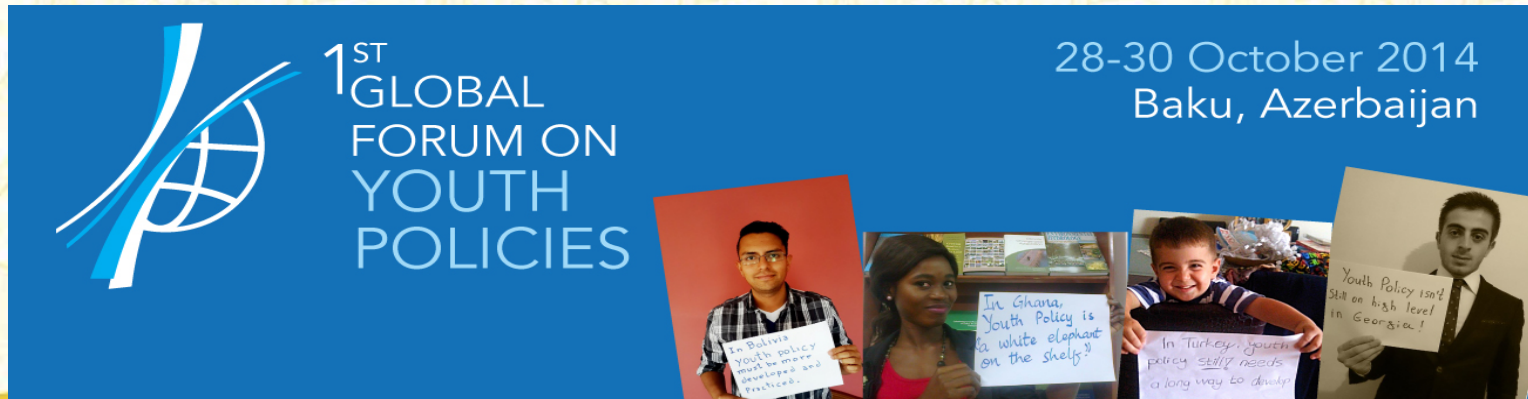




# I Global forum on youth policies



- I Global forum ever on youth policies was held in Baku in 28-30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.
- Forum was organized by: Azerbaijani government, UNDP, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on youth issues, and Council of Europe
- 700 representatives form 165 countries participated in the Forum
- Baku declaration was adopted as a result of the Forum







## EPYRU role on Azerbaijan youth policy

- Gain new e-learning tools: webinar and etc.
- Create new contacts between youth and state stakeholders
- Attending EPYRU events, representations from government and non-government structures
- Share best experiences on youth policy with other EaP countries
- Meet new EPYRU experts



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