

# The Eastern Partnership Youth Regional Unit



## ***Impact of the EPYRU on the National Youth Policy from the Republic of Moldova and the Way Forward***

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## General information on the youth sector

- 870 900 youth aged between 16 – 30 years who constitute approximately 24,5 % of total population
- 41,4% of youngsters live in an urban environment and 58,6% - in a rural one
- $\approx$  28 % - employed and  $\approx$  8 % - unemployed
- $\approx$  64 % - still studying (not officially registered as unemployed (not active population, or thinking to go abroad)



## General information on the youth sector

- 14% - of all young Moldovan are migrants. Average age of migrants in Moldova is 35 years or 39% of all migrants
- 20 Youth Centers funded by Local Public Authorities (LPA) and over 60 created by 2007/2008
- $\approx$  400 Local Youth Councils (LYC) in 2010 -  $\approx$  100 LYC in 2013
- The number of Youth Friendly Health Centers has been expanded from 12 in 2009 to 37 in 2013, with coverage throughout the country. 15% of young people have accessed youth-friendly health services.

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## Legal framework for youth policy

- Law on Youth (adopted in 1999 - *youth age 16-30*);
- Government Decision nr. 552 from 07.10.1996 referring to the establishment of the feast “National Day of Youth”;
- National Youth Strategy and the Action Plan (2004-2006; 2007-2008);
- Local youth strategies in counties (2006) and the Action Plan (2007-2009);
- National Youth Strategy and the Action Plan (2009-2013);
- Law on Volunteering (2010);
- Government Decision nr. 1213 from 27.12.2010 approving support measures for youth activities;
- Government Decision nr. 733 from 29.09.2011 for approving Guvernamental Comission on youth policy;
- Government Decision nr. 158 from 12.03.2012 for approving voluntary enforcement mechanisms;
- Government Decision nr. 1006 from 10.12. 2014 for approving the National Strategy of Youth Sector Development 2020.

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### Evidence Base



- **National Agency for Employment (NAE)** – promotes policies, strategies and programs in the development of the labor market.  
Web link: <http://anofm.md/>
- **National Bureau of Statistics** - has the mission to develop policies in the collecting data process and provides statistical data and quality information in time to local authorities, businesses, scientific research, university academics, the media, the public at large, and other users, including national and international organizations as appropriate, on the social and economic situation of the country. Web link: <http://www.statistica.md/>
- Other public authorities

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## *The impact of the project on National Youth Policy*

- Has offered re-assessment of the youth policy framework and of data base on youth policies on national level;
- Has contributed to the inclusion of the youth component in the cross-sectoral policies;
- Has facilitated exchanges between youth workers and civil servants responsible for youth policies;
- Has increased the personal and professional capacities of youth workers ;
- Has offered the opportunity to learn good practices in the field of youth policies of the countries from the Eastern Partnership as well as from other European countries;

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## *The impact of the project on National Youth Policy*

- Has offered the opportunity to meet the normative acts, youth papers and programs specific to the youth field from other countries;
- Has contributed to the growth of the level of cooperation of MYS and other stakeholders from the country (public central and local authorities, youth organizations)
- (We) Have received recommendations from the project (ΕΡΥΡU) regarding the improvement of cross-sectoral cooperation at national level;



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- Have benefited of support in the development of local and regional platforms for cooperation between public local authorities with youth and youth organizations from the community;
- Has offered to youth and youth structures the possibility to develop specific youth programs (ex-ple: The program of creation of the District Youth Councils);
- Has trained and certified youth workers through the platform On-Line Learning;
- Etc.



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***Youth Policy: The Way Forward***



# **Report on the evaluation of the National Youth Strategy 2009–2013\***

## **Overall recommendations:**

- Improve RBM and monitoring system
- Improve coordination mechanism in the youth sector
- Improve national system for collecting data on youth for evidence-based policies (align it to the EU dashboard on youth)
- **\*The report was developed at the request of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Moldova with the assistance of UNFPA, and the financial support UNDESA**



# National Strategy for Youth Sector Development 2020 (NSYSD 2020)

The vision of the Youth Strategy will focus on **developing, enhancing and recognizing youth sector** as a stakeholder in the development of the country, which will ensure the socio-economic integration of youth

## **4 priorities of the Strategy:**

**I. Youth participation**

**II. Services for youth**

**III. Economic opportunities for youth**

**IV. Strengthening the youth sector**



## NSYSD 2020 & EPYRU

### *Common ground*

- **Sub - priority 4.3.** Cross-sectoral legal framework in the youth field;
- **Specific objective 4.3.** Continuous strengthening of the national public policies` framework, so that it will transversely respond to the need of youth.



## NSYSD 2020 & EPYRU

### *Common ground*

- Development of public policies analysis mechanism through the perspective of youth needs;
- Inclusion of youth component in all cross-sectoral public policies;
- Elaboration and application of a concept regarding the mechanism of collecting data.

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## Strategy implementation, monitoring and evaluation

- The Ministry of Youth and Sport will create a Reference Group - with a monitoring role in the Strategy implementation process, exercising periodical evaluation of the implementation, fostering advocacy and dialogue with the responsible partners in the Strategy implementation process.
- The reference group will be constituted of central public institutions and civil society representatives.
- Within the implementation progress evaluation of the Strategy will be realized two intermediate independent evaluations for evaluating the objectives set for 2017 and 2018.
- The results of Strategy's implementation will be deliberated within a final, independent evaluation of the youth sector and of the achieved results on each strategic priority and of the Strategy overall.

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## ***Ideas and expectations for future cooperation with EaP countries***

- Continuation of the EaP Window within the Erasmus+ Programme should provide some opportunities for participation (direct/indirectly) for governmental institutions within the EaP
- For countries who have signed the EU Association Agreement to have status equal to Programme Countries under Erasmus+ Key Action 2 “Strategic Partnerships”;
- Institutionalizing a mutual communication and information tool between EU and EaP, that will dispose information on the development of youth policies from each country from the Eastern Partnership and will provide information from the EU about all beneficiaries of the Erasmus + Programme from the EaP

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**Thank you for your attention**

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