



# POLICIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS, ADOLESCENTS AND CHILDREN



## Social policies

This line covers all the requests associated with the social inclusion of young people and adolescents, especially those in vulnerable conditions, to promote their participation and full development. Important aspects are related to adolescent pregnancy and care for adolescents deprived of liberty. In addition, support actions aimed at children are covered, including migrant children.

### WHICH AREAS ARE INVOLVED?

Social investment in the development of children and adolescents generates positive impacts that last into their adulthood, it also results in an increase in productivity, decreasing the losses in human development and helping to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty. While adolescence is emerging as a new subject for policies, childhood is confirmed as the group that continues to receive the most attention across the range of policies aimed at children and adolescents.

This line of action touches upon several areas: from the Regulations to the Adolescent Pregnancy Act in Panama to the definition of a Protocol on the Comprehensive Protection for migrant and refugee children in Brazil and



### WHICH SDG DOES IT INVOLVE?



### EUROPEAN CONSENSUS

Young people are agents of development and change and, as such, they are essential contributors to the UN's 2030 Agenda, including through their capacity to innovate. Neglecting their educational, employment, social and political needs will undermine the achievement of the SDGs and leave them vulnerable to crime and radicalisation, particularly in conflict situations. The needs, rights and aspirations of children require attention. The actions with the greatest economic and social impact include comprehensive interventions in early childhood. The EU and its Member States will intensify their efforts to provide a safe and welcoming environment for children as an important element in fostering a young and healthy population capable of reaching their full potential.

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the implementation of non-custodial measures for juvenile offenders in Uruguay.

## ACTIONS BY COUNTRIES

- ▶ **BRAZIL:** Together with the Secretaria Nacional dos Direitos da Criança e do Adolescente, we are supporting the creation of a protocol on the protection of children and adolescents who are refugees, who are stateless or have similar status. The action has included (i) an international seminar on migrant children and adolescents with OEI, Aldeas Infantiles, IP-PDH and other cooperators (September 2018) and (ii) a visit to Costa Rica to learn about experiences in that Country relating to this area (December 2018). In addition, specialist advice is being provided to prepare a document detailing good international practices in the field and a protocol.
- ▶ **CHILE:** We are supporting Chile Crece Contigo (Chile Grows with You)—a social protection system for the Undersecretary for Childhood at the Ministry of Social Development—in strengthening its programmes and services, by means of a

comprehensive evaluation, an improvement plan and evaluation methodologies and indicators. The objectives for this support include extending the coverage of the services up to 9 years of age and assisting in creating an information system to monitor the lives of children/adolescents from 0 to 17 years of age.

- ▶ **MEXICO:** We are providing technical assistance for the design of the guidelines to implement the Comprehensive Equity and Educational Inclusion Strategy in the National Education System provided by the Ministry of Public Education. The strategy covers students with disabilities and special needs in basic education and aims to contribute to the development of children and adolescents with disabilities in peaceful, healthy and inclusive environments that allow them to receive education under equal conditions, avoiding bullying. EUROsociAL+ has provided technical assistance with the participation of the National Disability Programme (PRONADIS) from the Uruguayan Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) to develop a virtual course on "Disability and Human Rights" for managers and teachers in some (pilot) primary and secondary schools.

## PARTNERSHIPS

- ▶ Italian Ministry of Justice
- ▶ UNICEF

- ▶ **URUGUAY:** We are working together with the National Administration for Public Education (ANEP) to strengthen the Uruguayan Educational Pathways Protection System, Monitoring and Accompaniment, to help improve the amount of time young people and children remain in the education system. We are also collaborating with this institution in improving the inclusion of people with disabilities. In addition, we are contributing to the formulation of a new organic law for the Institute of Children and Adolescents (INAU) as well as in the design of a new intervention model with adolescents assisted by INAU team members. Lastly, we are supporting the National Institute for Adolescent Social Inclusion (INISA) in implementing a model for addressing the application of non-custodial measures for adolescent offenders.



Young migrants participate in the International Seminar on Migrant Children and Adolescents, supported by EUROsociAL+ together with the Brazilian Ministry of Human Rights, within the framework of the action to draft a protocol on care for migrant children and adolescents.