



POLICIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS, ADOLESCENTS AND CHILDREN



Social policies

The stages between childhood and youth, through adolescence, are very delicate periods of life, especially in times of transition. These are also ages concentrating the greatest vulnerability. Poverty, for example, mainly has a child's face. Youth unemployment is more than double that seen among adults. Teen pregnancy, to take another example, is a burden that affects so many young women, conditioning their future prospects. Hence the importance of dedicated and specialised public policies.

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, greater human development and helps to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

WHICH AREAS ARE INVOLVED?

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 in conflict with the law. In addition, support actions aimed at children are covered, including migrant children.



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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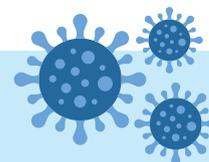
Six countries are currently working with EUROsocial+ on this line of action. Of eleven actions in this line of action, five are completed, six are under way and six are being discussed.

Various areas are touched on in this line of action: from the regulations implementing the Teen Pregnancy Act in Panama to the implementation of non-custodial measures for juvenile offenders in Uruguay and the strengthening of the Chile Crece Contigo subsystem for the protection of children and girls.

ACTIONS BY COUNTRIES

- ▶ **CHILE:** We are supporting Chile Crece Contigo (“Chile Grows with You”), the social protection system from the Under-secretary for Childhood, in the Ministry of Social Development, in strengthening its programmes and services, by means of a comprehensive evaluation, an improvements 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.
- ▶ **ECUADOR:** We are supporting the Ministry of Labour to include a gender perspective in the implementation of the Plan for the Elimination of Child Labour.
- ▶ **MEXICO:** we are supporting the Comprehensive Protection System for Children and Adolescents in improving the Comprehensive Protection Route for

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS



The population under 24 years of age, though less affected by contagion, has been affected by the effects of the lockdown and the closing of schools, childrens' centres and centres providing attention for adolescents and young people. This has contributed to exacerbating inequalities, leaving behind the most vulnerable population in this group. EUROsocial+ is supporting the exchange of experiences and technical assistance so that countries can provide the same opportunities to all their children, adolescents and young people within the context of the crisis. In this context we have promoted the web seminar “Children’s Rights and New Reflections on Care: Global Challenges, Local Responses”.

Rights for the migrant population, particularly through tools for better coordination between the federal, state and municipal levels.

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 increase 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 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 to address the application of non-custodial measures for adolescent offenders.

PARTNERSHIPS

- ▶ Italian Ministry of Justice
- ▶ UNICEF



Visit to Finland by an ANEP delegation from Uruguay on inclusive education

Publications

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- ▶ Design of a new intervention model for adolescents cared for in INAU facilities
- ▶ Support in the formulation of a new organic law for the UY Children’s and Adolescents Institute
- ▶ Model for non-custodial measures for adolescents in Uruguay: INISA training curriculum
- ▶ Models for non-custodial measures for adolescents in Uruguay: The INISA evaluation and monitoring system
- ▶ Elements for intervention with adolescents in the Uruguayan Children and Adolescents Institute
- ▶ How to integrate work and training as a way to improve youth employability and company productivity
- ▶ “More Young People in Companies...” seminar conclusions
- ▶ How to generate youth employability. Innovative experiences in training alternation in Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union.
- ▶ Good practices and innovations for the inclusion of women in the labour market in Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union.
- ▶ Rapporteur report for the 2nd Meeting of the EUROsocial+ Programme: Trust And Social Cohesion
- ▶ Recíprocamente no. 1

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Youth employability series I: Seminar “More Young People in Companies” (Lima, Peru).