

Youth participation

Infosheet

The following services are a snapshot of the wide participation landscape in Austria and may be a starting point for individual considerations and activities.

Working Group on Participation

The “Working Group on Participation in Austria” has been working to achieve child and youth participation on behalf of the conference of (provincial) youth departments since 1991. The objectives of the working group between the federal and the provincial governments are

- providing ideas for content,
- promoting and ensuring the quality of participation services,
- monitoring developments and compiling information and
- supporting networking and the exchange of information and experiences (e.g. through symposiums).

Quality criteria

The “Quality criteria for child and youth participation” of the Working Group on Participation describe the issues that each participation project needs to address at the start in 13 points.

Provincial youth departments

The respective youth department of the provincial government provides a contact for issues of child and youth participation in each province. Some provinces offer further training and funding opportunities for participation projects.

E-participation

As part of the international “youthpart” project, guidelines have been developed for successful e-participation by young people in decision-making processes at a local, regional, national and European level.

EU Youth Dialogue - youth and politics in dialogue

The EU Youth Dialogue brings the interests of young people into politics. As part of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, it offers them a say and participation. This is coordinated by the Youth Dialogue Coordination Austria and a national working group with representatives from

the Federal Chancellery, the provincial youth departments, the Austrian National Youth Council, the national networks of children and youth work and the national agency Erasmus+: Youth in Action

Further information

- Working Group on Participation (in German only) www.jugendbeteiligung.at/
- Quality criteria for child and youth participation (in German only)
www.jugendbeteiligung.at/qualitaetskriterien
- Contacts in the provincial youth departments on youth participation (in German only)
www.jugendbeteiligung.at/arge-vertreterinnen
- Participation and initiative (Federal Chancellery)
www.women-families-youth.bka.gv.at/youth/youth-strategy/fields-of-action.html
- Guidelines on e-participation (in German only) www.jugendbeteiligung.at/e-partizipation
- Youth Dialogue Coordination Austria (in German only) www.jugenddialog.at/

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The task of the Youth Competence Centre is to implement and coordinate the Austrian Youth Strategy and provide data and facts on youth policy and youth work. Among other ways, this is done in the form of infosheets as short and concise overviews of individual topics.

If you have any suggestions about the infosheets, please contact jugendstrategie@bka.gv.at