

# **IPA- EU SUPPORT TO THE COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA'S NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY**



## **SEMINAR "EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2010-2018"**

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# In a nutshell



***Cross-sectoral holistic policies***

that perceive young people as a ***resource***

and which ***actively involve young people***

***+non-governmental youth organisations***

in ***decision making*** on issues that affect them!



# They fail because:



- It requires *working across many sectors* in order to develop **ONE coherent, holistic and inter-sectoral strategy**

= clear priorities and measures for concrete ACTION.



Youth policy often stands alone and is not integrated into the overall national development policy.

World Bank Development Report  
2007



# They fail because:



- It requires **direct involvement** of young people



Young people have not had a **voice**  
in the design and implementation of  
the **policies that affect them**



# They fail because:



There are **very few** SUCCESS STORIES  
and GOOD PRACTICES!



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# YOUTH POLICY IS...



- **GOVERNMENT'S commitment and practice** towards ensuring *good living conditions and opportunities* for young population of a country!



Its more than a list of issues that need attention.



# YOUTH POLICY has...



- Five components: (the five **C**'s)
  - **Coverage** (target)
  - **Capacity** (role of stakeholders)
  - **Competence** (qualification and training)
  - **Co-operation, Co-ordination, Coherence**
  - **Cost** (finance and human resources)





# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## **A clearly defined GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY ON YOUTH**

Task



Co-ordinating the implementation



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## **A clearly defined TARGET GROUP**

Who is young?  
Biological-Social

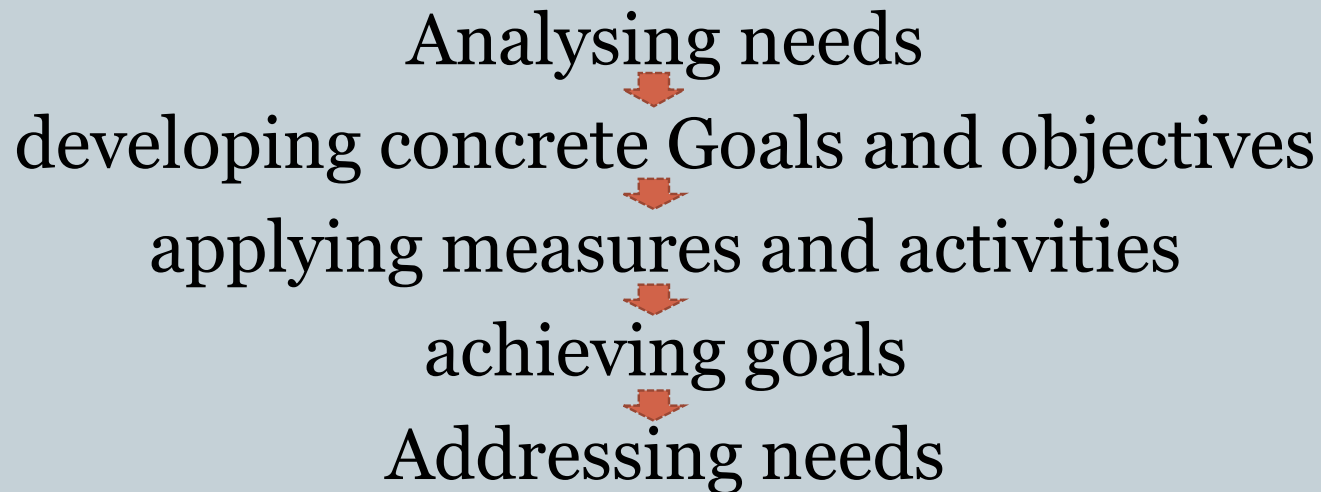
Targeting ALL youth  
Especially the vulnerable



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## **A concrete STRATEGY**

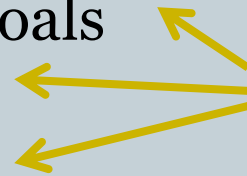


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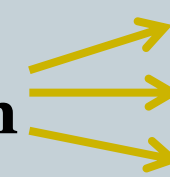
## A concrete STRATEGY

Long term Goals  
Objectives  
Measures



ANALYSIS

Action plan



Short and medium-term objectives  
Indicators  
Activities and measures

Budget



Plan of Monitoring and Evaluation



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## **A transparent STRATEGY**

Who is doing it?

Self-evident

Publicly accessible

Open about political and social challenges



## **ACCOUNTABILITY**



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## A knowledge-based Policy

Real-Life needs



**Research/Scientific Knowledge**

**Practical/Experiential Knowledge**



On going comprehensive field research



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



**Looking at young people as RESOURCE  
NOT a problem!**

**Victims**



**Valuable  
Citizens**

**Empowering them to realize their  
full potential as citizens**



**Supporting them in living life  
appropriate to their age**



**Encouraging their independence and  
critical thinking**



**Active contribution to the society**



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## **To promote active youth participation**

Recognition and cooperation with youth NGOs

Encouraging more involvement in NGOs

Open consultations with young people





# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## A cross-sectoral and Integrated approach

Finding ways to **co-ordinate policies** in different sectors

A committee of  
state secretaries



Inter-  
ministerial  
Co-operation

WG senior  
government  
officials

Education



Employment



Health



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# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## **A separate BUDGET**

Allocations within different  
governmental bodies

State grants for policy related  
initiatives by NGOs

Administrative grants for NGOs



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



## **Established links between local, regional and national levels**

- Active involvement of local and regional governmental authorities
- Recognizing competencies and responsibilities
- Providing stimulus and guidance



Boost of motivation to develop youth action plans in line with the national plan



# YOUTH POLICY needs...



**To be in line with**

***European Youth Strategy***

**and other relevant strategies affecting youth  
and the society in Europe**





Thank you for your attention!

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