

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



SEMINAR "EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2010-2018"

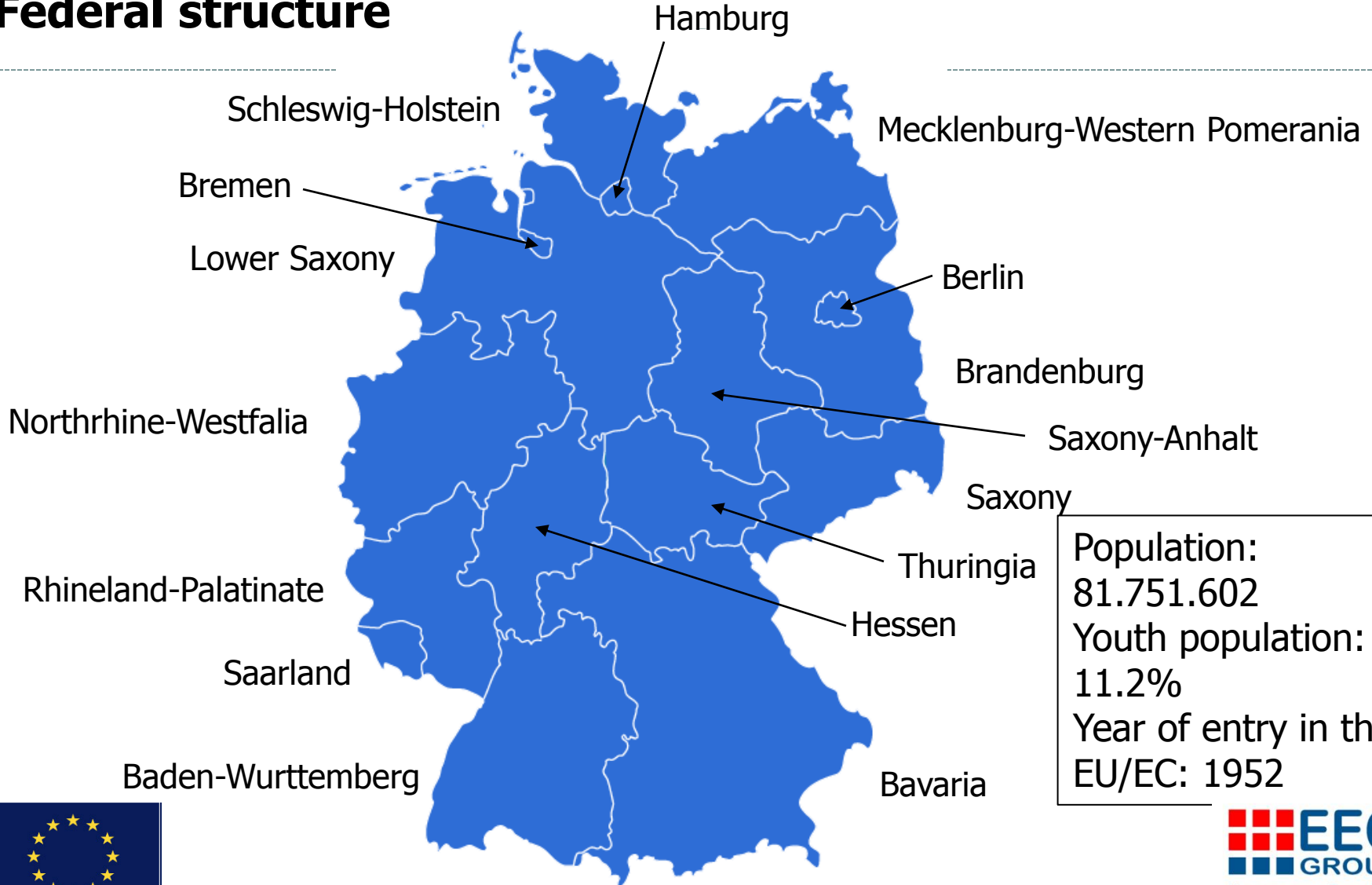
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**YOUTH POLICY IN
GERMANY**



GERMANY

Federal structure



Population:
81.751.602
Youth population:
11.2%
Year of entry in the
EU/EC: 1952



Youth Policy – Germany



- **No stand-alone youth policy** (but under construction since Nov. 2011)
- **Not only a matter for the Government** but also for the “Länder”, municipal authorities and voluntary child and youth service organisations in the framework of their partnership with public agencies.
- Based on **principle of subsidiarity**
- Almost **85% of the public funding** made available for child and youth services are provided by **local authorities** (towns, municipalities and “Länder”!).

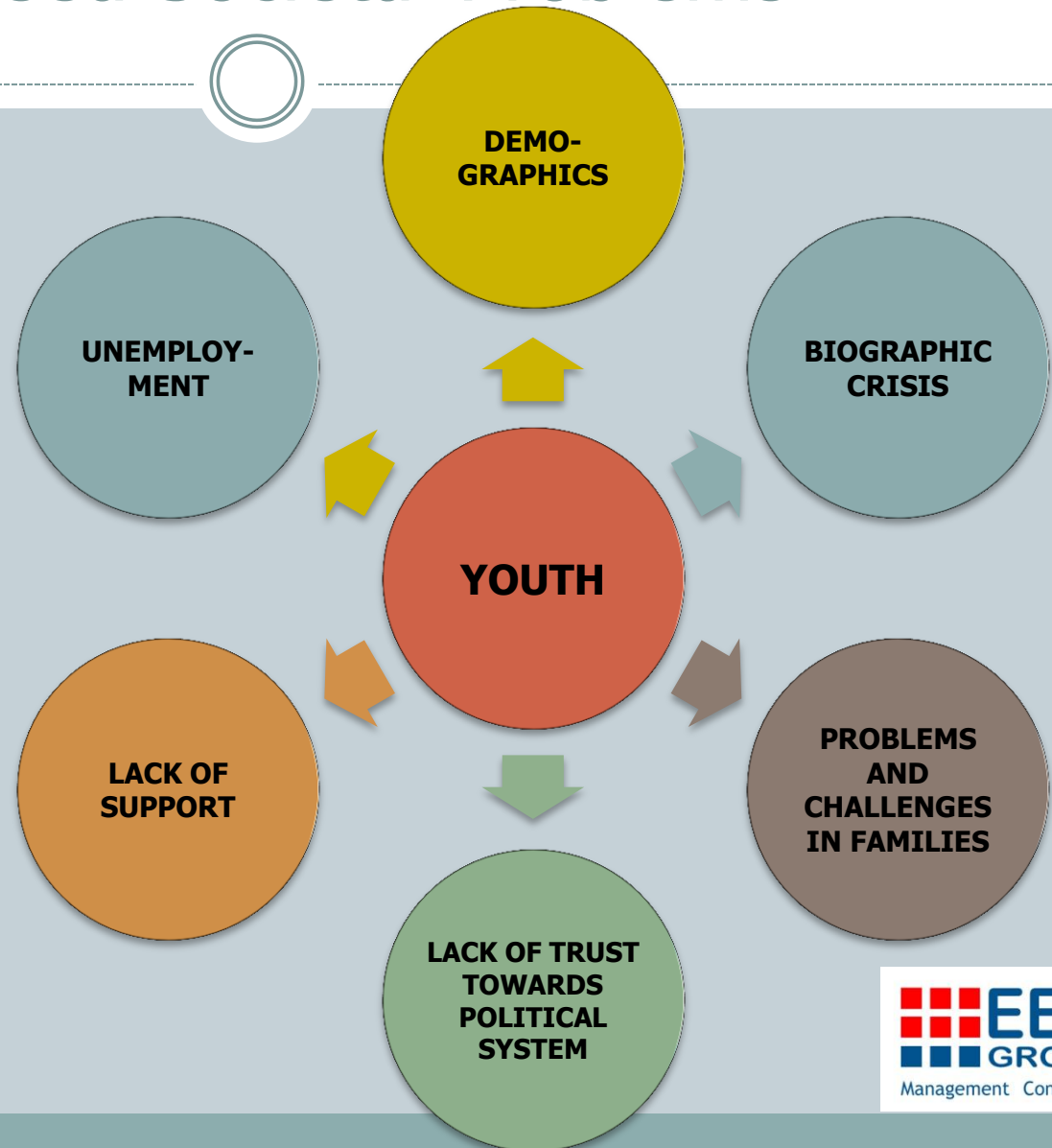


Youth Policy considered as a **general responsibility of society**, a challenge which all societal groups and protagonists need to face.



Increased Societal Problems

**Increased participation
+
development
of young
people
=
overcoming
societal
problems**



Youth policy is defined through...



1. A **governmental policy** anchored in the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)
2. A **cross-sectional responsibility** across all Federal Ministries whose policies have a *direct or indirect* impact on the different situations in a young person's life
3. Co-operation with **other societal players**



Overall objectives of the Governmental Policy



**Child Care
and Safty**

**Involvement
in Decision
Making**

**Equal
Opportunities**

**Integration of
young people
with fewer
opportunities**

**More
Democracy
and Tolerance**



Central Actions



Improving the **integration** of young people in society and at work (against discrimination and exclusion)

Strengthening civil society – promoting options for involvement and individual initiative

Enhancing **legal protection** of children and young people



Central Instrument



Child and Youth Plan of the Federation (Kinder- und Jugendplan des Bundes)

- **growing together** of the young generation in Germany and Europe
- **understanding and accepting** beyond borders (mobility)
- **improvement of dialogue** between the generations and to the integration of foreigners living in Germany.



Key Actors – Federal Level

**Commission of Experts for
the Child and Youth
Report of the Federal
Government**

**Federal
Department for
Media Harmful to
Young Persons**

**Federal Advisory
Committee (NGOs) on
Youth Problems**

**Ministry for
Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens,
Women and
Youth (BMFSFJ)**

**Other
Ministries**

**Federal Office
for the
Alternative
Civilian Service**

**YOUTH for Europe –
German Agency for the
EU YOUTH IN ACTION
Programme**

**Committee for
Youth
(Parliament)**

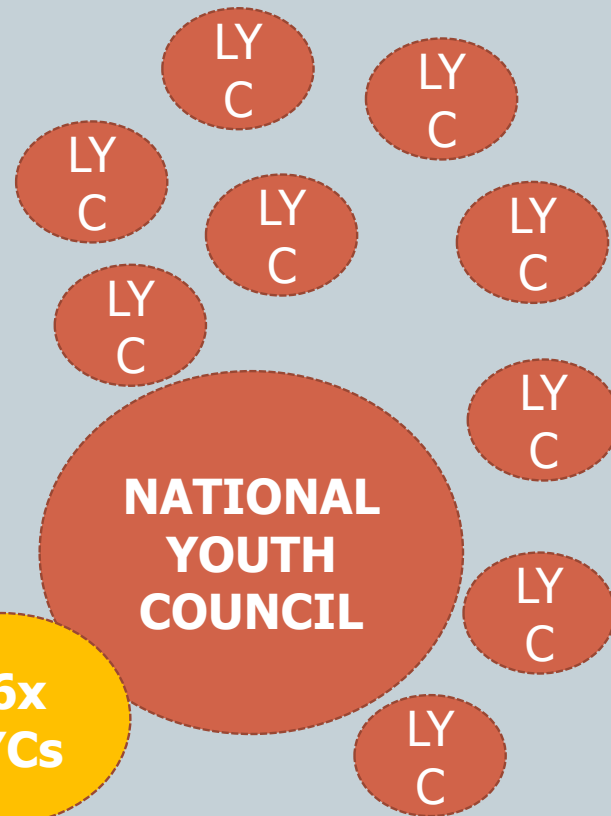


Key Actors – Länder and Community Level



**Committee for Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens, Women and
Youth (implementation and
decision)**

YOUTH OFFICE

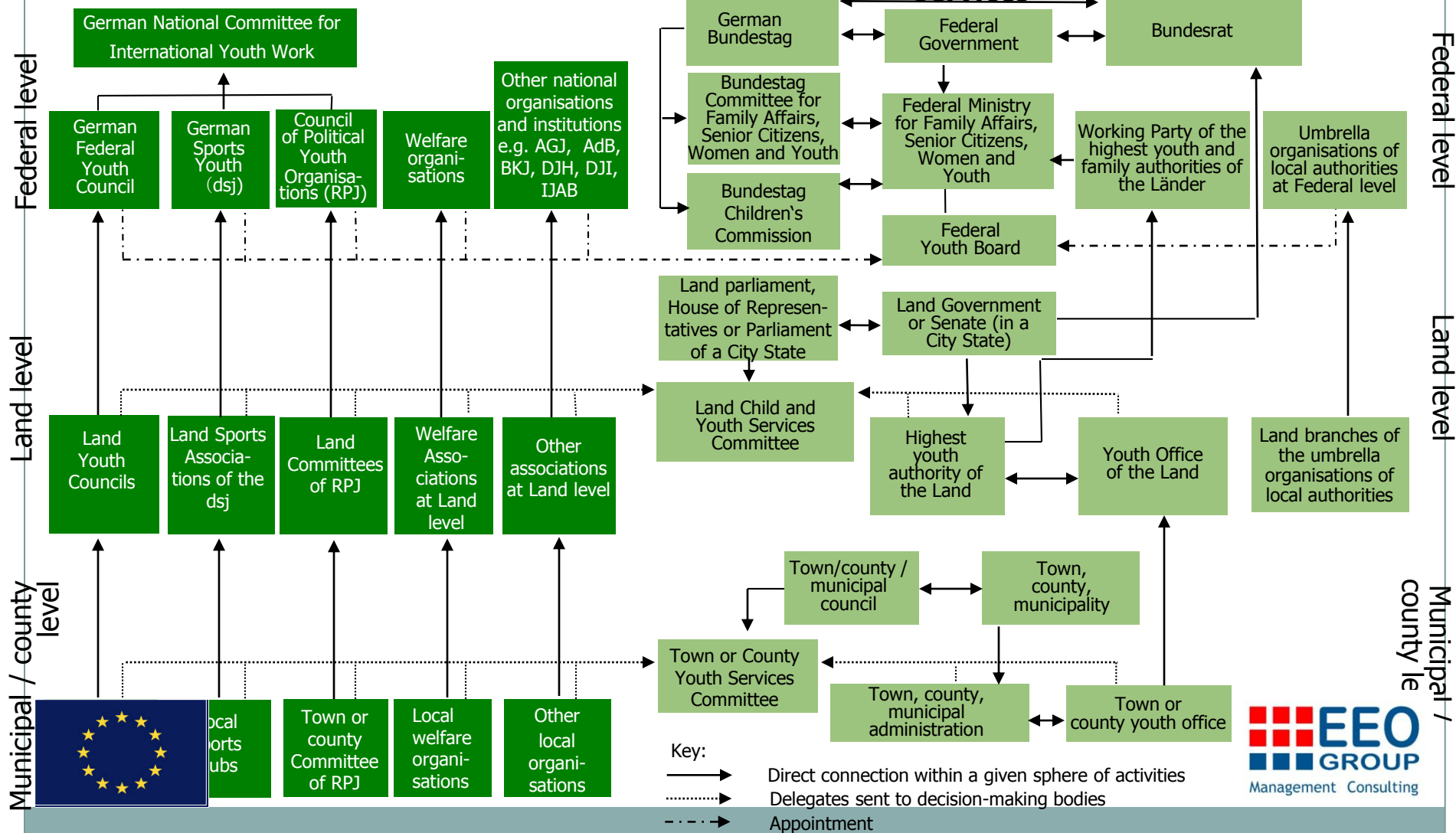


N G O S

Structure of child and youth services in Germany

Voluntary child and youth services

Statutory child and youth services



Policy Programmes



National initiatives and programmes:

8x by Ministry for Youth

1x by Ministry of Economy and Technology

2x by Ministry of Education and Research

2x by Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

National Action plans:

Child safety, School Development, VET, Integration, Migration, Gender Mainstreaming etc.



Legislation



Constitution: “Youth” mentioned explicitly in 5 Articles (freedom of expression and movement, compulsory military and alternative civil service, Inviolability of the home)

Civil law: mainly Civil Code - Parental custody, access rights, child maintenance

Public law: Social code, Child and youth protection act

On states level: Volume Eight - Social Code - Child and Youth Services (SGB VIII)



Budget

Youth work and Youth Social work



National level

332.087.000 € (2012)

Child and Youth Plan of the Federation:

147.931.000 € (2012)

Specific allocated budget for the support of specific groups

States level:

- Each federal state has its own regional budget allocated to youth issues.

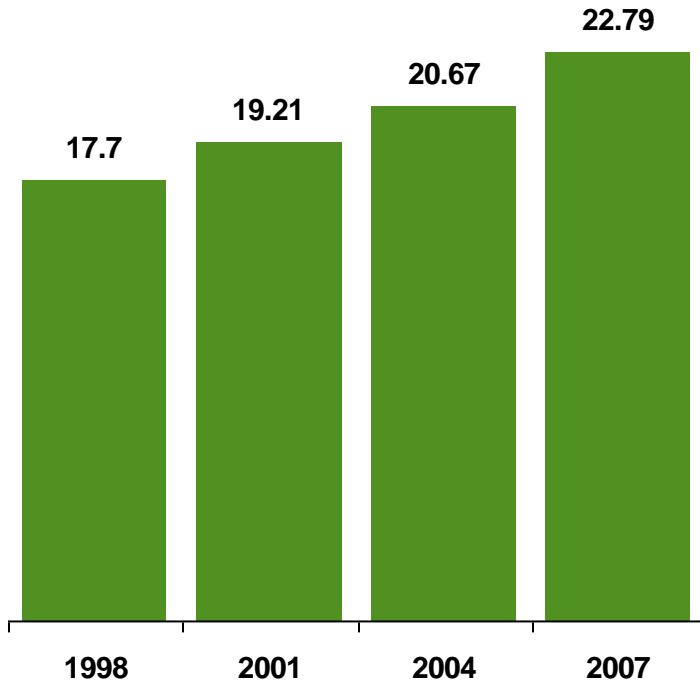
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- Budget allocated in the child and youth plan in 2011: 28.800.000 €

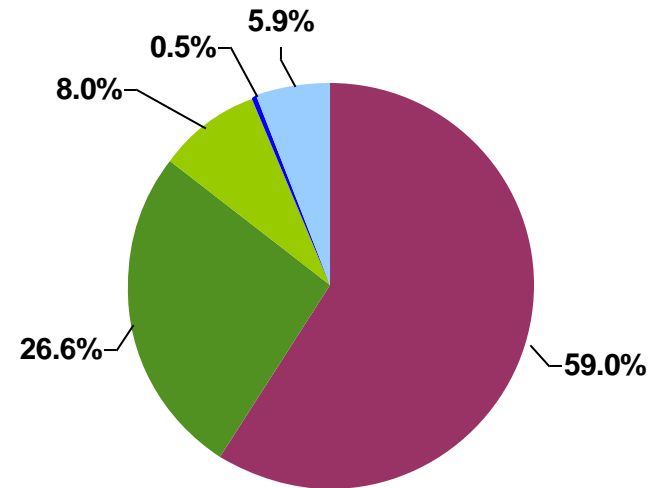


Expenditure for child and youth services in 2007

Overall expenditure in 2007: € 22.79 bn = 3 percent of social welfare benefits



Structure of the expenditure (%):



- 59.0 % Day care for children
- 26.6 % Socio-educational assistance for children with problems, provision for young adults
- 8.0 % Youth work, socio-educational assistance for young people
- 0.5 % General promotion of education and upbringing by the family
- 5.9 % other services

European Dimension



- Actively involved in the development of the European cooperation in the youth field
- implementation in Germany under the auspices of the BMFSFJ and the Supreme Youth Authorities of the *Länder*

Central topics for the period from 2010 to 2013:

- to support **participation** and to strengthen democracy;
- to promote **inclusion** and to shape transitions;
- to recognise **non-formal learning**;
- Successful **transitions into the labour market**;



European Dimension

Actors



- **National Dialogue**
- **Advisory board** of the Federation, and **annual forums** established for the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy.
- **A Coordination Office for the Structured Dialogue** (youth participation) at the German Federal Youth Council (DBJR).
- **Service Office** for the Cooperation between the Federation and the *Länder*, the accompanying scientific monitoring of this cooperation
- **Transfer Agency for Youth Policy** - Cooperation between Germany and the EU.





Thank you for your attention!

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