

# National Youth Councils

## FULL members

Allianssi	
English name	Finnish Youth Co-operation Allianssi
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### Brief History

Allianssi was founded 50 years ago and has been operational since 1992 in its current form when three former national youth organisations merged.

### Objectives

- Support a range of Finnish youth organisations
- Represent the interests of Finnish youth and organisations
- Provide a service to those working with young people at the local or regional level
- Offer an organisational structure aimed at young people

### Working Languages

Finnish and Swedish

### Structure

- General Assembly (meets twice yearly)
- Board (consists of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and 12 members, plus personnel deputies)
- Sub-committees: meet about once a month
  - o International Affairs sub-committee
  - o Sub-committee for Development of Youth Work
  - o Youth policy sub-committee
  - o Youth information sub-committee
  - o Information Technology sub-committee

### Main Activities

- Influence national youth policy
- Provide information services
- Maintain youth policy library
- Run Pro Youth (Internet service for professionals working on youth issues)
- Engage in international co-operation
- Organise youth exchange programmes (au pair, hotel work and language course, long term voluntary work, working holidays, EVS)
- Offer youth discount card EURO<26
- Support local youth parliaments
- Manage youth employment project SPARK

### Publications

- Nuorisotyö - Professional magazine for youth workers (eight issues per year)
- Allianssi Express - membership newsletter (16 issues per year)
- Youth Research - Publisher (four issues per year)
- Annual NGO Handbook



BYC	
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Chair	Dan Wood
Chief Executive	Kathleen Cronin

### Brief History

The British Youth Council was established in 1948 by the UK Government as the representative body for young people. It became a charity in the 1960s. Today, it is still run by young people for young people.

### Objectives

The British Youth Council is the national youth council for the United Kingdom and seeks to represent the views of young people throughout the UK. It is an umbrella organisation, made up of young people in regional and national youth organisations

and local youth councils. BYC aims to empower young people and demonstrates its commitment by being a youth-led organisation.

### Working Languages

English

### Structure

BYC has a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and 8 members of the Management Committee. They are all elected annually at BYC's AGM. BYC has a professional staff team of 6, headed by a Chief Executive (Secretary General). The main policy making body is BYC Council. Each BYC member is entitled to send a number of delegates to Council. The exact number will depend on the number of members they have.

### Main Activities

BYC represents the interests of young people to government at UK, European and international level. It organises campaigns for equality for young people, promotes the participation of young people in public life, offers training and publications, works on the development of youth councils at local, regional and national level.

### Publications

BYC News

Voices- The Newsletter for local youth councils

Youth Index- A monthly publication looking at young people in Britain

The Local Action Series of best practice guides

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CGJL	
English name	General Confederation of Luxembourg Youth
French name	Conférence générale de la Jeunesse luxembourgeoise
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President	Charel Schmit
Secretary General	Patrick De Rond-Hannen

### **Brief History**

CGJL is an asbl (non-profit making organisation) representing the youth associations of Luxembourg. It is the main and privileged interlocutor of youth organisations, which defends the interests of young people in all structures set up by the political authorities. It also represents its associations at the international level and coordinates the common actions of youth movements.

### **Objectives**

- Act as the representative body of Luxembourg youth associations
- Play the role of privileged interlocutor of youth organisations and defend the interests of young people towards all authorities
- Represent youth associations at the international level
- Co-ordinate the youth movements ' common actions

### **Working Languages**

French

### **Structure**

- Political movements
- Trade unionist movements
- Scouts and Guides movements
- Socio-cultural and leisure time movements
- General Assembly
- Executive board

### **Main Activities**

- Participate in international activities
- Conferences
- Seminars
- Meetings

### **Publications**

- CGJL News
- Various youth-related statements

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<b>CJE</b>	
English name	Spanish Youth Council
French name	Conseil de la Jeunesse d'Espagne
Spanish name	Consejo de la Juventud de España
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President	Mario Esteban Ruiz
Secretary General	Loli Martinez

### **Brief History**

The Spanish Youth Council is a body dedicated to youth co-operation, established by law in 1983. Its constitution, in December 1984, indicates the conclusion of a long period started in 1977 when over 100 youth organisations agreed to move towards the creation of the CJE, an organisation defending and channeling the proposals and claims of young people in the State Administration and in society itself.

At present, the Council is made up of 76 youth organisations representing a great diversity of ideologies, opinions, objectives and beliefs.

### **Objectives**

- Serve as youth interlocutor towards the government institutions and Society
- Participate in all discussions on youth issues
- Reinforce the role of youth organisations in social, cultural and economic life in Spain
- Promote youth associations and co-ordination between them
- Represent Spanish youth in international non-governmental meetings, forums and activities

### **Working Languages**

Spanish and English

### **Structure**

- General Assembly (every two years)
- Executive Assembly (every six months)
- Standing Committee as Governing Board (members elected by the General Assembly)
- Specialised Commissions on Education, Training and Employment, Health and Standard of Living, Youth Rights and Participation
- International Relations Committee

### **Main Activities**

- Awareness-raising campaigns on youth issues
- Training of youth leaders
- Publications
- Distribution of information
- Lobbying of institutions
- Organisations of meetings, symposiums, seminars
- Technical assistance to youth organisations
- International co-operation actions

### **Publications**

- Revista del CJE (CJE Review) - periodically
- Internal Newsletter - weekly
- Web Page in English
- Guides

- Campaigns materials

CNAJEP	
English name	Committee for the National and International Relations of Youth and Community Education Associations
French name	Comité pour les Relations Nationales et Internationales des Associations de Jeunesse et d'Education Populaire
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President	Philippe Deplanque
Secretary General	Yann Lasnier

### **Brief History**

The Committee for National and International Relations for Youth and Community Education (CNAJEP) is a forum for consultation and dialogue with the public authorities and comprises more than 70 national associations and federations. Its reflection and actions are part of an international dimension, through representations and privileged partnerships with several geographical areas (European Union, Central and Eastern Europe, Mediterranean Basin).

### **Objectives**

CNAJEP defines its general objectives according to the principle that economic development must take account of social and cultural development, which is an element vital to the progress of our society, and that the State must have a global and coherent policy, able to meet the needs and expectations expressed by all, young and old alike, notably:

- through the reduction of inequalities, with greater solidarity;
- through the fight against all discrimination based on sex, race, social, religious or national background;
- through the promotion of peace, solidarity and friendship between all young people and citizens in general.

### **Working Languages**

French

### **Structure**

- General Assembly
- Executive Committee

- Bureau(two years mandate) - President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and 5 Vice-Presidents

#### Main Activities

- Organisation of discussions on democracy, citizenship, youth, popular education, society's assets, global educational plan
- Carrying out of expert research on youth studies
- Lobbying government, particularly on the budget and implementation of financial legislation
- Organisation of data and information exchanges

#### Publications

Public newsletter

CNJ	
English name	Portuguese National Youth Council
French name	Conseil National de la Jeunesse du Portugal
Portuguese name	Conselho Nacional de Juventude
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President	Tiago Soares

#### Brief History

The Portuguese National Youth Council was established in July 1985 by 16 national youth organisations.

#### Objectives

- provide a forum for dialogue, where its member organisations can share positions and points of view
- reflect upon the aspirations of Portuguese youth, mainly by promoting debate on the situation of youth and the problems they face
- promote the development of community activities
- act as mediator with government institutions and defend the right to be consulted in all matters concerning Portuguese youth

### Working Languages

Portuguese, English, French and Spanish

### Structure

- General Assembly
- Financial Control Commission
- Board
- Secretariat

### Publications

Juvenilia (magazine, bimonthly)

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CNJC	
English name	National Youth Council of Catalonia
French name	Conseil national de la Jeunesse catalane
Catalan name	Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya
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President	Jaume Soler
Head of international relations & cooperation	Ramon Serra

### Brief History

The National Youth Council of Catalonia is a non-governmental organisation representing the main Catalan youth organisations and defending the interests of the country's young people and children.

The CNJC is currently composed of 68 organisations all working in the youth field but representing different groups. These may be student, social or political

organisations, the youth section of a trade union, etc. The CNJC also has observer members such as local youth councils and service organisations for young people.

### Objectives

- Advise the different institutions of the Generalitat de Catalunya on youth issues
- Achieve the best level of participation of young people in the decisions and actions affecting them and promote improvement of their living conditions
- Promote youth organisations and their democratic participation
- Be the link between young people and government in order to improve their situation and participate in the government institutions that need it
- Promote relations between the different youth organisations

### Working Languages

Catalan and English

### Structure

- General Assembly (every year)
- Secretariat (= Bureau, elected every two years by the General assembly)
- Executive Committee

### Publications

"Debat Juvenil" (3 times a year with an abstract in English)

El Consell Informa (monthly newsletter for the member associations)



CNTM	
English name	National Youth Council of Moldova
French name	Conseil national de la jeunesse de Moldavie
Romanian name	Consiliul National al Tineretului din Moldova
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President	Vera Turcanu
International Secretary	

### **Brief History**

The National Youth Council of Moldova was founded in 1998 and registered on 19 February 1999. CNTM is the representation forum of 34 national organisations and 3 regional youth councils that include 70 local youth organisations. It is a space for dialogue and co-operation for youth organisations in Moldova and an interlocutor between young people and national and international institutions.

### **Objectives**

- To represent and promote the interests of the young people from Moldova to the national and international institutions
- To contribute to the development of sustainable youth structures in Moldova
- To contribute to the development and implementation of youth policy in Moldova
- To provide our members with training, information and consulting services

### **Working Languages**

Romanian, English, Russian

### **Structure**

- General Assembly (highest decision making body, meets at least once a year);
- Executive Board (President, vice-president, 5 other members )
- Financial Control Commission
- Working groups
- Secretariat

### **Our work**

- Health and Social issues
- Organisational Capacity Building
- Youth Participation/Programmes
- International Affairs

### **Main Activities**

- Seminars, workshops, conferences and trainings on youth-related issues and topics
- Development of local youth councils
- Participation in the implementation process of the Youth Strategy of Moldova
- Information and consultation services, legal assistance
- Bilateral and regional co-operation

### **Publications**

- Guide for the Young Leader
- InterActiunea News bulletin
- Leaflets and other didactic material

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CRIJ	
English name	Council for International Youth Relations of the French-speaking Community of Belgium
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President	Carlos Crespo
Secretary General	Luc Janssens Willen

#### **Brief History**

CRIJ was founded on 8 November 1977 in Brussels by the French-speaking Youth Council of Belgium.  
It is a non-profit making organisation.

#### **Objectives**

- Promote international youth exchanges
- Coordinate the work of 60 youth organisations with different political and philosophical orientations
- Represent French-speaking youth in International Non-Governmental Youth Bodies
- Provide information on youth trips abroad

#### **Working Languages**

French

#### **Main Activities**

- Provide information to member organisations and young people on international possibilities, help them in their international projects,
- Organise training on international youth relations, host foreign delegations from youth organisations and send CRIJ delegates abroad,
- Represent youth in international non-governmental youth bodies

#### **Publications**

"Bouger en Europe"

"Visa pour la Belgique"

The Belgian French-speaking Community from A to Z (available in English, French & Spanish)

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CSAJ/SAJV	
English name	National Youth Council of Switzerland
French name	Conseil suisse des Activités de Jeunesse
Italian name	Federazione svizzera delle Associazioni giovanuli
German name	Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände
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President	Elena Obreschkow
Secretary General	Christian Renfer

### Brief History

Founded in 1931 as a non-profit making organisation for youth, SAJV/CSAJ is today the umbrella organisation of 85 youth organisations from across the country. The main aims are the promotion of organised youth work, youth participation at all levels of social life and the representation of youth's interests and concerns at national and international level.

### Objectives

- Promotion of youth organisations and youth participation
- Youth policy and youth rights
- Government lobbying and public awareness of youth issues

### Working Languages

French, German and Italian

### Structure

- Committee - nine elected members (one president and three members are in charge of the Secretariat General)
- Commissions (national policy, international policy, women's rights, Roma rights)
- Working groups
- General Assembly (delegates from member organisations)
- Leaders Conference (one delegate per member organisation, held twice a year)

### Main Activities

The Swiss National Youth Council's main activities cover the following areas: generations dialogue, information and support of youth parliaments, reform of the Swiss Constitution, promotion of health and drug dependency prevention in youth organisations, funds for youth projects in Central and Eastern Europe, empowering young women in youth associations, North-South co-operation, international information service for youth organisations on the Internet, prevention of sexual abuse in youth organisations, information campaign on alternative possibilities to military service, apprenticeship initiative and policy on professional education, committee against youth unemployment

### Publications

- SAJV - INFO - CSAJ
- DIALOG

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CYC	
English name	Cyprus Youth Council
French name	Conseil national de la Jeunesse de Chypre
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President	Natasha Apostolidou
Secretary General	Yannis Panagiotou

### Brief History

The Cyprus Youth Council (CYC) was founded in 1996 as a volunteer, non-governmental, non-profit organisation. It aims at promoting dialogue and cooperation between youth in Cyprus and also connecting them with youth in Europe and globally. CYC's compass is the UN Constitutional Charter and the European Convention on Human Rights.

In 2005, CYC expanded its objectives, forms of action and means to achieve them. Areas of interest, always in relation to youth, include human rights and equality, employment and social issues, active citizenship, life-long learning, non-formal education.

### Objectives

CYC supports and works for:

- the cooperation and dialogue between youth NGOs in Cyprus and internationally,
- to be able to offer a representative frame for the development of initiatives, exchange of information and experiences,
- to help in the development of European citizenship, based on mutual respect and understanding for diversity,
- to empower the participation of youth in political, social and cultural life so that they become active citizens,
- for the wider recognition of youth NGOs and non-formal education,
- to promote the European youth model, which requires young people to be present at decision-making centres,
- for the implementation of policies for youth based on resolutions and proposals by the UN, EU and CoE,
- to raise awareness on human rights issues.

### Structure

- General Assembly
- Secretariat
- Financial auditing Committee

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DNK	
English name	German National Committee for International Youth Work
French name	Comité national allemand pour les activités internationales de jeunesse
German name	Deutsches Nationalkomitee für Internationale Jugendarbeit
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President	Dörte Liebetruh
Secretary General	Daniel Grein

### Brief History

Founded in 1963, the DNK is the working group formed by the German Federal Youth Council (DBJR), the Council of Political Youth Organisations (RPJ), and since 2004 also by the German Sports Youth (dsj).

### Objectives

- Conclude agreements on joint international activities of the German Federal Youth Council and the Council of political youth organisations and the German Sports Youth
- Ensure the representation of youth organisations in Germany at the international level

### Working Languages

German

### Structure

- Board
- Commission
- Secretariat

### Main Activities

The DNK represents German youth organisations multilaterally ; the bilateral relations among German youth associations dsj and their respective member organisations themselves.

The DNK's main activities cover the following areas : youth policy of the EU and the Council of Europe, Baltic Youth Forum, UN youth policy, support of youth structures in South-Eastern Europe (especially Serbia).

### Publications

- DNK : Presidency News Flash- bimonthly newsletter during the German EU presidency
- DBJR: Jugendpolitik- four issues per year
- DBJR : dbjr informations- six issues per year
- Dsj - dsj intern- four issues per year



DUF	
English name	Danish Youth Council
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President	Jepe Bruus Christensen
Secretary General	Rasmus Hylleberg

### **Brief History**

The Danish Youth Council was founded as a non-governmental organisation in 1940 by democratic youth associations. They wanted to avoid a situation where young Danes might be attracted to the totalitarian ideas that had become a very present part of Danish society under foreign occupation. After the war, DUF was invited by leading politicians to join a national youth commission, a venture that eventually led to the introduction of a youth policy in Denmark. Since then, DUF has maintained this role as a common talking partner with the public authorities. The focus in our activities remains democratic values and the democratisation of youth - from the small local associations in Denmark to the international scene in the Baltic Sea Region, the European Union and the United Nations.

### **Objectives**

The purpose of DUF is to be a common representative of organised nation-wide democratic children and youth work in Denmark, and as part of this, to represent the participating organisations in negotiations with the public authorities, institutions and other organisations in Denmark and abroad.

Through its activities, DUF tries to help solve the problems of youth and promote solidarity and mutual understanding among young people and their organisations.

### **Working Languages**

Danish and English

### **Structure**

The highest decision-making body is the General Assembly. It is composed of representatives of the member organisations and meets annually on the first weekend in December.

The Board, composed of a chairman, vice-chairman and 15 Board members, is the primary decision-making body between general assemblies.

The Board elects an Executive Committee of five Board members to be responsible for the daily workings of the organisation.

In addition, DUF has a number of standing committees that function as advisory boards for the activities of the organisation.

### **Main Activities**

- Provide training for youth leaders in member organisations
- Support and lobby for the development of municipal youth policy
- Publish education and information materials
- Lobby on issues related to young people and youth organisations in general
- Administer funds for youth work on behalf of the Ministry of Education.
- Promote and administer funds for special youth initiatives in Denmark.
- North-South Youth Leader Exchange Programme.
- North-South Project Pool with a focus on organisational development.
- Development Education projects.

- Activities within the framework of partnership agreements with the national youth councils in Nicaragua

### Publications

\* Magasinet Paraplyen ("The umbrella magazine") which is distributed to all the local branches of our member organisations. The magazine targets local youth leaders and is published four times a year.

\* Nyhedsbrevet DUF-NYT ("The newsletter DUF-News") is published about ten times a year and serves as DUFs political newsletter. The news bulletin is distributed to member organisations, politicians and other decision-makers and to the press.

\* DUF-Information comes out every fourth night and provides information on DUF's work, new materials on offer, invitations to seminars and conferences, vacancies, etc.

\* Direct-Mail is an electronic newsletter published when appropriate to announce events, invitations, etc.

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ENL	
English name	National Youth Council of Estonia
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President	Maarja Dahl
Secretary General	Pille Puss

### Brief History

Estonian National Youth Council (ENL) was started by Estonian Federation of Student Unions as the cooperation project of Estonian youth NGOs in spring 2001. ENL was officially established as a separate NGO on 15th May 2002 by 25 youth organisations. Today ENL has 45 members all over Estonia. ENL is recognised as the only umbrella organisation for Estonian youth organisations and the youth work opinion leader in Estonia.

### Objectives

- Promote and initiate active participation of youth in the society;
- Work on the social recognition of youth involvement;

- Create a favourable environment of communication and action for its members and to represent their youth policy interests;
- Stand for the consistency of youth work in Estonia;
- Encourage volunteerism;
- Continue the development of ENL as the main platform for all youth organisations

**Main means for meeting the objectives:**

- Participate in the creation of legislation regarding youth;
- Be a channel of communication between the youth organisations the state institutions and the private sector;
- Compile and distribute information regarding youth work;
- Inform the youth of their opportunities;
- Provide advocacy to its members;
- Offer various training opportunities;
- Encourage co-operation between youth organisations
- Represent youth organisations in Estonia and abroad

**Working Languages**

Estonian

English (in relation to international issues)

**Structure**

- General Assembly (supreme authority)
- Board
- Bureau (Executive Director + Project Managers)
- Auditing Committee
- 3 Chambers of Members (national, political, student organisations)
- Working Groups (formed based on need)
- Round Tables (formed based on need)

**Publications**

- Compilation of essays on values of young people in Estonia (2004)
- Handbook on continuity and management of youth NGOs (to be published in 2005)

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ESYN	
English name	National Council of Hellenic Youth Organisations
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President	George Stasinou

### Brief History

ESYN is a non-governmental, non-profitable federation of youth organisations and has been legally registered according to the terms stipulated in the Greek civil code for associations. For youth issues, ESYN is the social partner of the government and relevant decision-making bodies.

### Objectives

- Promote, co-ordinate and represent the activities of its member organisations.
- Provide all information of interest to its member organisations.
- Promote mutual understanding and the exchange of experiences between its member organisations and non-member youth organisations - Encourage the involvement of young people in issues of common interest and contribute to the development of youth collectivities and movements.

### Working Languages

Greek and English

### Structure

- Congress
- Executive Committee
- Presiding Committee
- Council of Members
- Auditing Committee

### Main Activities

- Seminars
- Symposia
- Meetings

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GYIK-NIKI	
English name	Hungarian Coordination Bureau for International Youth Work
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### Objectives

- Represent the young people of Hungary at the international level, especially within the European Youth Forum.
- Help and support the international work of organisations devoted to children and youth.
- Develop, organise and support educational and training courses and courses of further education in order to encourage and improve the international activities of organisations for children and young people.
- Support the European integration process of Hungary using all means possible.

### Working Languages

Hungarian

### Structure

- Committee of the Alliance (supreme decision-making body)
- Presidium (executive and administrative body)

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KNZ-Malta	
English name	National Youth Council of Malta
French name	Conseil national de la Jeunesse de Malte
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President	Alessia Zammit
Secretary General	Duncan Bartolo

### Brief History

The National Youth Council is an autonomous entity enjoying a wide national representation of youth organisations. It was established by a statute in December 1991, after a period of consultation, national seminars and meetings with youth

associations directed at its formulation. It is formally recognised by the Maltese government as the highest youth representative body in Malta.

### Objectives

- Help young people develop attitudes which will enable them to be fully integrated in the national community;
- Enable young people to play a constructive and disciplined role to build the nation;
- Provide young people with equal opportunities in education, including cultural training to enhance personal growth;
- Provide a democratic platform uniting Maltese Youth, thereby encouraging discussion
- Provide Maltese youth with an effective place in Maltese society.

### Working Languages

Maltese and English

### Structure

- Council - General Assembly and Executive
- General Assembly - decision-making body
- Executive Committee - administrative body

### Main Activities

- Information dispatching
- Social events
- Seminars, festivals
- Cultural and artistic competitions

### Publications

- In Touch Magazine
- Information leaflets on Youth Law and Policy in Malta

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LiJOT	
English name	Lithuanian Youth Council
French name	Conseil de la jeunesse de Lituanie
Lithuanian name	Lietuvos jaunimo organizacijų taryba
Secretariat	Didžioji 8-5 , LT-2001 Vilnius LITHUANIA
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Web Address	<a href="http://www.lijot.lt">www.lijot.lt</a>
President	Sarunas Frolenko

International Secretary	Rimante Ribaciauskaite
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**Brief History**

LiJOT was founded in 1992 when 12 youth organisations agreed to co-ordinate actions to solve common problems, represent the interests of national youth organisations and create a network of youth organisations. At the time, one of the primary objectives was to unite youth efforts for the consolidation of Lithuanian independence. LiJOT is registered with the Ministry of Justice in Lithuania.

**Objectives**

- Promote youth initiatives
- Induce mutual understanding and co-operation between young people
- Induce constructive youth activity, beneficial to both state and society

**Working Languages**

Lithuanian

**Structure**

- General Assembly (supreme authority)
- Member organisations (two delegates each)
- Board
- Bureau
- Committees

**Main Activities**

- Unite non-governmental youth organisations to tackle common problems
- Present proposals to government institutions in the field of youth and youth organisations
- Collect, analyse and present information on the activities of non-governmental youth organisations and government institutions in Lithuania and abroad
- Develop international relations and international co-operation between Lithuanian and foreign youth organisations
- Organise meetings, discussions, conferences and other activities

**Publications**

- Practical guide for youth leaders (Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, English, Russian)
- Youth Activity, What is it? (Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, English, Russian)
- Who's Who in Lithuania 1996 + 1997 (Lithuanian, English)



LJP

English name	National Youth Council of Latvia
French name	Conseil national de la Jeunesse de Lettonie
Latvian name	Latvijas Jaunatnes Padome
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Web Address	<a href="http://www.ljp.lv">www.ljp.lv</a>
President	Eva Ikstena
Secretary General	Sandra Lapkovska (International Project Coordinator)

### Brief History

The Youth Council of Latvia (LJP) was founded in 1992 by 15 Youth Organisations. It is an umbrella organisation for non-governmental youth and children's organisations in Latvia. It is a non-governmental union of organisations, representing Youth Organisations, after the former Komsomol structures, such as the Committee of Youth Organisations (JOK). In accordance with Latvian law, LJP was registered in the Public Register (of non-governmental organisations) at the Ministry of Justice on April 15, 1996. Today LJP has 27 full members and two associate members.

### Objectives

- Represent youth organisations in Latvia and abroad
- Encourage, promote, foster the development of the co-operation between youth organisations
- Examine youth-related projects and defend youth interests
- Promote a healthy lifestyle
- Gather and disseminate information on youth and youth organisations.
- Develop government youth policy
- Promote co-operation at the international level
- Observance of the law, free will, openness, mutual respect, equal rights, democracy, free choice, a world perspective and political persuasion form the basis of LJP's work.

### Working Languages

Latvian, English, Russian, limited use of German.

### Structure

- Monthly meetings (full members each have one vote)
- President and Vice-President (day-to-day running of organisation)
- Working Groups and Committees:
  - a) International Committee
  - b) Education and Training Committee

- c) Committee for Internal Affairs and Finances
- d) Committee for the Development (Statutes and Structure) of LJP
- e) Committee for the Development of Government Youth Policy
- f) Control Commission
- g) Special Working Groups and Committees are organised to carry out particular projects and programmes.

### Publications

- Europe ABC (1995)

LNU	
English name	Norwegian Youth Council
French name	Conseil national des organisations de jeunesse norvégiennes
Norwegian name	Landsrådet for Norges barne- og ungdomsorganisasjoner
Secretariat	Ovre Slottsgate 2b, N-0157 Oslo NORWAY
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Fax	+47 23 31 06 01
E-mail	<a href="mailto:lnu@lnu.no">lnu@lnu.no</a>
Web Address	<a href="http://www.lnu.no">www.lnu.no</a>
President	Christoffer Grønstad
Secretary General	Trond Enger

### Objectives

The Norwegian Youth Council operates as an interest group for its member organisations both at the national and international level, maintaining contacts with the authorities and other important actors in society to convey the views of its member NGOs. It also aims to be a centre of knowledge on youth-related issues.

### Working Languages

Norwegian, English and Spanish

### Structure

- General Assembly (once a year)
- Board (12 members, meets 8-10 times a year)
- Executive Committee (President, Deputy President, 2-3 other members of the Board, with the Secretary General)
- Working groups

### Main Activities

- Administer project funds on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Culture
- Run an LNU North-South exchange programme for youth organisations called the "Youth Leader Programme"
- Organise conferences and seminars on leadership training, information, etc
- Maintain contacts with governments and other institutions
- Respond to legislative meetings
- Lobby Parliament and Ministries for the funding of NGYOs

### Publications

Numerous publications in Norwegian, English and Spanish, including the "Ungdomsnytt" journal published 2-4 times a year.

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LSU	
English name	National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations
French name	Conseil national des organisations de jeunesse suédoises
Swedish name	Landsrådet för Sveriges ungdomsorganisationer
Secretariat	Gammelgårdsvägen 38 112 64 Stockholm SWEDEN
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E-mail	<a href="mailto:info@lsu.se">info@lsu.se</a>
Web Address	<a href="http://www.lsu.se">www.lsu.se</a>
President	Hanna Hallin
Secretary General	Richard Bengtsson

### Brief History

The National Council for Swedish Youth Organisations, LSU, was founded in 1949 to increase contacts between young people in Western and Eastern Europe. Today LSU serves as a platform for various issues (international as well as national). Through this co-operation, all our member organisations share experiences, run projects and aim to influence society. LSU is a co-ordinating body for all 90 of its member organisations (Swedish youth organisations). The member organisations represent a combined total of about 1.5 million young people.

### Objectives

- Constitute a forum for matters of common interest to Youth Organisations
- Provide a network for national and international organisations dealing with youth co-operation
- Work on the basis of the UN Declaration on Human Rights and the UN Declaration on Children's Rights
- Establish and maintain contacts, provide information and ensure communication

### Working Languages

Swedish and English

### Structure

- Representative Assembly (highest decision making body, meets annually in December)
- Board (15 members from different Member Organisations). Five members of the board are also members of the Executive Committee
- Three committees working with different (geographical) areas connected to the board

### Main Activities

- Organisation of seminars on topical issues
- Promotion of youth work
- Organisation of campaigns to fight xenophobia and racism
- Development of training sessions for presidents and secretaries of youth organisations
- Information co-ordination
- Support of smaller organisations

### Publications

- Weekly newsletter
- Several reports targeting topical issues

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LÆF	
English name	The National Youth Council of Iceland
French name	Le Conseil de la Jeunesse islandaise
Icelandic name	Landsamband æskulýðsfélaga
Secretariat	Hafnarstræti 15, P.O box 1426 IS-121 Reykjavik ICELAND
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E-mail	<a href="mailto:youth@youth.is">youth@youth.is</a>

Web Address	<a href="http://www.youth.is">www.youth.is</a>
President	Andrés Jónsson
Secretary General	Höskuldur Sæmundsson

### Objectives

- Promote co-operation and the exchange of information between member organisations
- Provide member organisations with information on youth work and issues relating to young people in Iceland and abroad
- Strengthen relations between young people in Iceland and young people around the world
- Promote the affairs of young people in the spirit of the United Nations Human Rights Charter
- Represent member organisations in matters of common interest
- Assist member organisations when possible with their work

### Working Languages

Icelandic and English

### Structure

- General Assembly (highest decision-making body, every two years)
- Representative committee (highest decision-making body in-between general assemblies)
- Board (responsible for the management of the organisation)
- Bureau (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and editor)

### Main Activities

- Distribution of information
- Conferences
- Seminars
- Information meetings
- Influence national youth policy
- International co-operation



MSS	
English name	National Youth Council of Slovenia
French name	Conseil national de la jeunesse de Slovénie
Slovenian name	Mladinski svet Slovenije
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President	Matjaz Stolfa
Secretary General	Urban Zorc

### **Brief History**

The National Youth Council of Slovenia (MSS) is a national co-ordinating structure of youth organisations in Slovenia. It was established by 17 organisations in April 1990 after the dissolution of previous structures.

Today, it has 16 member organisations representing various interests and from different political and ideological backgrounds.

### **Objectives**

- Represent youth organisations in Slovenia and abroad,
- Promote the idea of bringing young people together on a voluntary basis,
- Set up a forum for issues of common interest to youth organisations.
- Co-operate in the development of a government youth policy.
- Encourage the active participation of young people in society.
- Promote co-operation at the national and international level.

### **Working Languages**

Slovene, English

### **Structure**

- Bureau ( President, Secretary General, 5 vice-presidents)
- Committees: international co-operation, education and training.
- Working groups: social issues, ah hoc project groups, pool of trainers.
- Standing Committee: 1 representative from each full member, meets at least twice a year.
- General Assembly: decision-making body. Meets at least once a year.

### **Main Activities**

- Education and training for youth leaders and workers
- Seminars and workshops on youth-related issues and "hot topics"
- Bilateral co-operation
- Development of local youth structures
- Information to youth organisations
- Social issues: status of young people in society
- International events
- Youth legislation
- Promotion of voluntarism

### **Publications**

- E-newsletter (monthly)
- Manual for trainers
- Public relations manual for NGOs
- How to establish a local youth council? Manual

NATIONALE JEUGDRAAD (DNYC)	
English name	Dutch National Youth Council (DNYC)
French name	Conseil national de la Jeunesse des Pays-Bas
Dutch name	Nationale Jeugdraad (Jeugdraad)
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Web Address	<a href="http://www.jeugdraad.nl">www.jeugdraad.nl</a>
President	Kido Koenig
Secretary General	Folmer Speerstra

### Brief History

The Dutch National Youth Council has incorporated and intensified the tasks of the Netherlands Committee for Multilateral Youth Work 'Association 31' (Vereniging 31), the National Youth Debate (Nationaal Jeugddebate), Youth Network Netherlands (Jeugd Netwerk Nederland) and the National Youth Council for Environment and Development (Nationale Jongerenraad voor Milieu en Ontwikkeling). It is an association of member organisations that are active in different areas of youth participation and youth work. All the active volunteers within the organisation are aged between 12 - 30 years.

The Dutch National Youth Council started in January 2002. It is an umbrella organisation that supports the voice of and acts as a focal point for Dutch youth aged 12 to 30. Its main goal is fostering youth participation. The Youth Council offers young people opportunities to work together with other young people and youth organisations. It supports the needs of young people on a local, regional, national and international level. It is an organisation of, for and by young people and gives them the opportunity to voice their opinions. The National Youth Council is run by young people, its activities are carried out and/or supported by a staff of young people. The Youth Council also initiates and supports new youth initiatives. It is a serious discussion partner of the government and of other actors in decision-making. As such it can actively voice youth opinions in its work with these structures. The Youth Council believes it is very important for young people to continue voicing their opinions and make sure it is understood what young people think and want. In the end, young people are the only real experts on youth issues.

### Objectives

- to look after the interests of young people and their organisations, for and by young people on the themes and within the structures where they consider this necessary and desirable
- to represent young people in its work with the authorities and society in a way that does justice to the interest of youth participation and within the mandate as determined by the members of the Youth Council to stimulate and support the participation of young people on all levels of society
- to inform young people and their organisations of themes and developments in society, especially those subjects that are of interest to young people
- to pursue an enduring society
- to pursue a democratic, tolerant society.

**Working Languages**

Dutch and English

**Structure**

- Board (chair, secretary, treasurer and 6 members involved with the activities of the 6 programmes)
- 6 advisory committees on the issues mentioned below.
- General Assembly (statutory meeting twice a year, the board is able to call for extraordinary GAs), the GA consists of representatives of the member organisations (one vote each) and a representative of the platform for local youth participation (also one vote), which holds an extraordinary position as it is part of the Dutch NYC itself.

**Main Activities**

- General youth policy and youth participation
- Education and social affairs
- Youth culture and leisure time
- Sustainable development
- Political youth participation
- International youth participation

**Publications**

See [www.jeugdraad.nl](http://www.jeugdraad.nl).



NAYORA	
English name	National Assembly of Youth Organisations of the Republic of Azerbaijan
French name	Assemblée nationale des organisations de jeunesse de la République d'Azerbaïdjan
Secretariat	Youssif Safarov 21, Baku 1025, AZERBAIJAN
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E-mail	<a href="mailto:secretariat@nayora.az">secretariat@nayora.az</a>
Web Address	<a href="http://www.nayora.az">www.nayora.az</a>
President (Chairman)	Fuad Muradov
Secretary General	Nijat Mammadli

### Brief History

In November 1995, 10 youth organisations inaugurated the National Assembly of Youth Organisations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA) in order to co-ordinate the activities of youth NGOs and help them develop and to create new ones. Since then, NAYORA has increased its membership to 41 youth organisations, which it represents at the national and international level.

### Objectives

- Co-ordinate the activities of youth organisations.
- Represent member organisations at the national and international level.
- Carry out joint work to solve the problems of young people and to protect their rights.
- Lend assistance in creating and developing youth NGOs and encourage young people to actively participate in the democratic process in Azerbaijan.
- Promote co-operation with international youth structures and other organisations abroad.

### Working Languages

Azeri, English

### Structure

- General Conference (elects the president, 6 vice-presidents, 5 members of the Control Revision Commission)
- Control Revision Commission
- General assembly (general consultation body, meeting once a year)

- Bureau (decision-making body between the meetings of the Assembly, consists of 12 members)

NCYOG	
English name	National Council of Youth Organisations of Georgia
French name	Conseil national des organisations de jeunesse de Georgie
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Web Address	<a href="http://www.ncyog.ge">www.ncyog.ge</a>
Chairman	Levan Japaridze
Secretary General	Michael Devdariani

### Brief History

From the beginning of 1994, non-governmental youth organisations in Georgia made a number of attempts to create national youth councils in Georgia but only succeeded in doing so on 22 October 1994. Five months later, the NYC split into two different councils. On 3 September 1995, after negotiations between the two Georgian NYCs, a decision was taken to merge and become one single NYC. This is considered to be the founding date of the national council of youth organisations in Georgia. Today, the NCYOG represents 65 non-governmental youth organisations. Membership is open to any non-profit making, non-governmental youth organisation in Georgia.

### Objectives

- Facilitate active co-operation between member organisations.
- Provide legal protection for member organisations.
- Promote the concept of democracy and pluralism amongst young people.
- Involve young people in public democratic activities and prepare young leaders.
- Help member organisations to achieve their goals and establish outside contacts.

### Working Languages

Georgian

### Structure

- Kriloba (General Assembly), highest decision-making body of the council, meets at least once every two years
- Assembly (Executive Committee), represents the Council, meets at least once every three months
- College (Bureau), co-ordinating body of the Council
- International Affairs Committee
- Social Affairs Committee
- International Committee
- Caucasus Regional Committee
- Human Rights Committee
- Education, Culture, Science and Sports Committee

### Main Activities

- Seminars
- Conferences on issues such as youth for a democratic state, youth for tolerance and co-operation, youth for peace in the Caucasus.

### Publications

None

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NYCA	
English name	National Youth Council of Armenia
French name	Conseil national de la Jeunesse d'Arménie
Secretariat	15 Koriunstr., Yerevan 375009 ARMENIA
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Web Address	<a href="http://www.nyca.am">www.nyca.am</a>
President	Mher Ghazaryan
Director	Markos Shirinyan

### Brief History

The National Youth Council of Armenia was founded in 1997, comprising NGOs, student organisations and political youth organisations. It was registered on 6 December of the same year with the Ministry of Justice.

### Objectives

- Promote the consolidation and strengthening of Armenia.
- Promote a deepening of the democratic processes, and the establishment of a legal state and civil society in Armenia.

- Assist in the development and promotion of youth policy in Armenia.
- Promote the involvement of young people in tackling national tasks.
- Work to disseminate the notion of the protection of human rights (particularly those of children and youth).
- Consolidate Armenian youth around the concepts of patriotism, freedom and democracy.

**Working Languages**

Armenian

**Structure**

- General assembly (supreme body)
- Council of representatives (consultative body)
- Board of NYCA (main executive body)
- General Secretary
- Revision Commission

**Main Activities**

- Round tables
- Ecological camps
- Seminars
- Conferences



NYCI	
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President	Kevin Hickey
Director	Mary Cunningham

**Brief History**

The National Youth Council of Ireland is the representative body for voluntary youth organisations and services in Ireland. Ireland is in the unique position of having the youngest population in the European Union - 41% of all people are under 25 years of age. The NYCI was founded in 1967 when the principal voluntary youth organisations joined together under this umbrella group.

### Objectives

- Promote the development of services for all young people.
- Promote and safeguard their interests and concerns.

### Working Languages

English

### Structure

- Annual assembly (highest decision making body, meets every year)
- Board
- 2 standing conferences: youth work services + youth affairs
- various committees

### Main Activities

- Representation
- Support and training
- Political lobbying
- Research and policy development
- Organisation of seminars
- Projects
- Information campaigns

### Publications

- Youth agenda (monthly newsletter)
- Newsletters on youth arts and health education (twice yearly)
- Education resources around thematic areas

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NYCR	
English name	National Youth Council of Russia
French name	Conseil national de la jeunesse de Russie
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Web Address	<a href="http://www.youthrussia.ru">http://www.youthrussia.ru</a>
President	Alexander Sokolov
Secretary General	Dmitry Barsukov (executive secretary)/ Denis Barinov (international secretary)

### **Brief History**

National Youth Council of Russia was founded on 10 January 1992 on the initiative of 8 non-governmental organisations. Foundation of National Youth Council was supported by the RF President Decree 1075 “On immediate actions on development of youth policy in the Russian Federation”, dated 16 September 1992. National Youth Council was registered in Ministry of Justice of Russian Federation (Register-certificate 1195) on 21 August 1992. A statute was reregistered on 8 September 1997. The status of the organisation is all-Russian.

Nowadays National Youth Council unites 41 all-Russian and inter-regional organisations and 32 Regional youth councils (Rountables) as its members. Therefore National Youth Council of Russia is the most representative structure of youth and children non-governmental organisations in Russia. It is recognized both by the national state authorities and by international structures: Council of Europe, UNO, INGOs - European Youth Forum, World Assembly of Youth, etc.

### **Objectives**

National Youth Council of Russia serves as a system of coordination and consultation for youth and children organisations. The main aim of National Youth Council is to support and coordinate activities of Russian youth and children organisations in order to encourage protection and realization of their interests as well as rights of children and youth.

### **Working Languages**

Russian

### **Structure**

The General Assembly meets twice a year, elects the chairperson of NYCR, vice-chairpersons and members of the Board for two years, also elects the Control Commission.

### **Main Activities**

- Cooperation with legislative bodies;
- Interaction with executive bodies on youth;
- Preparation of educational seminars, giving opportunities to participate in training-courses (including those organized by Youth Directorate Council of Europe);
- Publishing references, information and other issues on and for youth and children organisations;
- Developing public relations and promoting work of children and youth organisations.
- Representation of Russian children and youth organisations interests on the international level.

National Youth Council is a full member of European Youth Forum - pan-European platform for National Youth Councils and International non-governmental youth organisations in Europe. It has the observer status in World Assembly of Youth.

The highest decision-making body of National Youth Council of Russia is General Assembly, which is held once in three years. In between General Assemblies the Board of NYCR (21 member-organisations' representatives) run the overall management. The Board meets not less than twice a year.

### **Publications**

Youth News (1998)

Youth of Russia and European Union (1999)  
Youth Opinion (in Russian) (2006)

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ÖJV	
English name	Austrian National Youth Council
French name	Conseil national autrichien de la Jeunesse
German name	Österreichische Kinder- und Jugendvertretung
Secretariat	Praterstrasse 70/13, A-1020 Vienna, AUSTRIA
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Web Address	<a href="http://www.jugendvertretung.at">www.jugendvertretung.at</a>
President	Dudu Küçükgöl
Secretary General	Benedikt Walzel

#### **Brief History**

ÖJV (the former ÖBJR) is the umbrella organisation of 22 democratic children and youth organisations. It was founded as ÖBJR in 1953 and renamed in January 2003. The ÖJV is a charitable, non-profit organisation. Its purpose is to represent the common interests of Austrian children and youth organisations worldwide. The ÖJV opposes all militaristic, racist, nationalist, fascist and totalitarian tendencies in society and engages in activities to curb these using democratic means.

#### **Objectives**

- Promote mutual understanding and co-operation.
- Promote the education and development of young people on a personal, social and cultural level.
- Present proposals on matters concerning children and youth policies at the international level and also present statements within the scope of legal expertise procedures.

#### **Working Languages**

English and German

#### **Structure**

- Board (seven members)
  - General assembly (held every two years)
  - Working Commissions
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RADA	
English name	Belarusian Union of Youth and Children's Public Associations BUYCPA "RADA"
French name	L'Union biélorusse des groupements publics de jeunesse et d'enfants
Secretariat	
Phone / Fax	+375 17 234 83 43
E-mail	<a href="mailto:Info.rada@yahoo.com">Info.rada@yahoo.com</a>
Web Address	<a href="http://www.rada.by">www.rada.by</a>
President	Svetlana Koroliova (chairperson)
Secretary Executive	Liudmila Yasinskaya (international secretary)

### Brief History

The Belarusian National Council is the non-governmental union of Belarussian youth and children's associations established in April 1997 at the Constitutional Congress. The Agreement founding the Belarusian Youth Council was signed by 22 national youth and children's organisations and one regional youth council of youth and children's organisations.

### Objectives

- Bring together and co-ordinate the activities of Belarusian youth and children's NGOs in defending the rights and interests of young people and children.
- Build beneficial co-operation between Belarusian youth and children's organisations.
- Co-operate with the national youth councils of other countries.

### Working Languages

Russian, Belarusian, English

### Structure

- Assembly of representatives of BUYCPA "RADA" (highest body)
- Presidium + Secretariat

### Main Activities

- organise informational, consultative and methodological assistance for the members
- establish a databank and other information resources to facilitate the efficient operating of its members
- organise and hold seminars, symposia, fora, exhibitions, courses and conferences to exchange experiences
- represent and defend the rights and legal interests of its members
- develop, carry out and finance projects

- set up representations in other countries
- organise fund-raising activities

**Publications**

"Co-Action": a magazine for Belarusian youth NGOs

RMS	
English name	Youth Council of Slovakia
French name	Conseil de la Jeunesse de Slovaquie
Slovakian name	Rada mladeze Slovenska
Secretariat	Stromova 13 , SK-811 04 Bratislava SLOVAKIA
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President	Jan Gombala
Executive Director	Ondrej Gallo

**Brief History**

In June 1990, several youth organisations decided to establish the youth council of Slovakia, following the example of democratic European countries. Since its creation, the RMS has been recognised as a youth policy- making body in Slovakia. It has an important impact in Slovakia, as it is the only representative of non-governmental youth in Slovakia.

**Objectives**

- Support the promotion of civic associations, working with and for young people, organising educational and training activities
- Represent young people's interests to the government bodies
- Umbrella organisation of 42 children and youth organisations providing various services to them including trainings, consultations and lobbying towards the government.

**Working Languages**

Slovak

**Main Activities**

- Co-operation with Ministry of Education (RMS has representatives in the advisory body of the Minister)

- Seminars, training courses, support to members



VJR	
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French name	Conseil national de la jeunesse flamande
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President	Stefaan Marien
Secretary General	Rob De Donder

### Objectives

The Flemish National Youth Council (VJR) is the official advisory body of the Flemish government on all matters concerning children and young people. The VJR represents children, young people and youth organisations in Flanders and promotes their interests and reinforces their voice so they are heard and can actively influence policy. The Flemish Ministers are required to consult the VJR on any decision they take affecting children and/or young people but the VJR may also offer advice at its own discretion.

### Working Languages

Dutch, English

### Structure

- General Assembly (24 members : 12 individual youngsters and 12 youth workers)
- Board (6 people elected by the GA for 3 years)
- Working areas: cross-sectoral youth policy, youth work policy, international affairs

### Publications

- monthly e-mail newsletter
- 'Spread your wings' one time newspaper about international youth policy

## CANDIDATE members

CTR	
English name	The Romanian Youth Council
French name	Conseil de la jeunesse roumain
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President	Bianca Nesiú-Bedreag
Secretary General	Iulian Dascalu

### Brief History

The Romanian Youth Council is a non-governmental organisation. It is a legal entity set up through the free association of its members, in accordance with the Romanian Constitution and the country's laws.

It is a forum representing youth organisations in Romania in its contacts with government structures and with national and international institutions or fora.

### Objectives

To support the development of youth organisations in Romania, sustain their professional, social and cultural programmes and activities and represent Romanian youth organisations and civil society at the national and international level.

### Working Languages

Romanian

### Structure

- General Assembly (supreme deliberative body)
- Permanent Bureau (decisional management body)
- Administrative Council (executive management body)
- Control and Arbitration Commission
- Auditing Commission

FNG	
English name	National Youth Council of Italy
French name	Conseil national de la Jeunesse d'Italie
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President	Cristian Carrara
Secretary General	Matteo Costantini

### Brief History

The Forum Nazionale Giovani is the only National Youth Platform in Italy. It gathers 44 National Youth Organization with the aim of providing a space of dialogue and sharing of experience in order to help the process of building National Youth Policies in Italy and ensure the participation of young people to the decision-making processes at different levels.

Membership includes not only Youth Organization but also Regional Youth Consultation Bodies (Campania, Basilicata and Piemonte Regions).

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## OBSERVER members

RDJ	
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French name	Conseil de la Jeunesse germanophone
German name	Rat der Deutschsprachigen Jugend
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