

Youth participation

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

Principles for child and youth participation

The “Principles for child and youth participation” of the National Working Group on Youth Dialogue and Youth Participation describe the necessary questions that every high-quality participation project should ask itself from the beginning.

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.

Austrian Youth Strategy

Participation and initiative is not only a field of action of the Austrian Youth Strategy, but opportunities for participation and involvement also play an important role in the Austrian Youth Strategy. Following the credo "not only a policy for, but a policy with young people", the Reality Check represents the minimum level of involvement in the framework of the Austrian Youth Strategy. It is a simple form of how the views and needs of young people can be taken into account into the development of youth objectives and measures of the Austrian Youth Strategy.

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 and the European Solidarity Corps.

European Youth Goals

The 11 European Youth Goals are the result of a Europe-wide participation process as part of the EU youth dialogue, in which around 50,000 young people from Europe took part. The European Youth Goals represent the framework and the vision for future, cross-sectoral cooperation in the field of youth policy.

Further information

- Website youth participation (in German only) www.jugendbeteiligung.at/
- Principles for child and youth participation jugendbeteiligung.at/en/
- Contacts in the provincial youth departments on youth participation (in German only) jugendbeteiligung.at/kontakte/
- Participation and initiative (Federal Chancellery)
www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/en/agenda/youth/austrian-youth-strategy/youth-strategy-fields-of-actions.html
- Austrian Youth Strategy – Reality Check (Federal Chancellery)
www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/en/agenda/youth/austrian-youth-strategy/youth-participation.html
- Youth Dialogue Coordination Austria (in German only) www.jugenddialog.at/
- European Youth Goals jugenddialog.at/youthgoals-2

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