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# ***QUESTIONNAIRE***

## ***“VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES”***

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## 1 Statistics

### 1.1 Which types of voluntary activities exist in your country for young people?

Voluntary activities	Voluntary service	Civic service
Yes	Yes	No

**1.2 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary activities per year, totals and by gender. In case the statistical information covers a different age group than 13 to 30 years old, please indicate the source and which age group is covered.**

The total number of people from 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary activities per year is 140735. This total reports to female and male voluntaries (male – 64738) and (female – 75997).

**1.3 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary services in your country per year, in totals and by gender**

The total number of people from 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary services in the country per year is 665. This total reports to male and female volunteers (male – 163) and (female – 502).

**1.4 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary service abroad (excluding European Voluntary Service), totals and by gender.**

The number of people from 13 to 30 who engage in voluntary service abroad (excluding European Voluntary Service) is 32 volunteers. This total reports to male and female volunteers (male – 13 ) and (female – 19).

**1.5 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who engage in national voluntary civic service, where it exists. Provide total and gender specific numbers.**

No data available

1.5.1 Number of young people from the ages of 13 to 30 who carry out their service abroad.

Provide total and gender specific numbers.

No data available

1.5.2 *Is the national voluntary civic service open to young people from outside the country?*

No

1.5.3 *If yes, provide total and gender specific numbers of young people (13-30 years old) from outside the country participating in your national voluntary civic service.*

No data available

**2 Range of voluntary activities: Tick the voluntary activities engaged in by young people and then indicate the approximate number of people involved.**

	Exists	Number of people involved
a. Community activity	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	6755
b. Participation/self-governance	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	3984
c. Emergency response	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO No	
d. Community peacekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO No	
e. Social assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	21439

f. Personal assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO No	
g. Children and youth	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	11029
h. Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	42396
i. Human rights, advocacy and politics	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	4794
j. Economic justice	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO No	
k. Development aid	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	5752
l. Humanitarian aid	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO No	
m. Religious volunteering	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO No	
n. Education	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	6692
o. Arts/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	6892
p. Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	23021
q. Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Yes	5569

### **3 Finance**

#### **3.1 Amount of finance that is annually available for voluntary activities and allocation of this finance**

The amount of finance that is annually available from Instituto Portugues da Juventude (IPJ) to Voluntary activities is 1.500.000 €

#### **3.2 Main public and private sources of finance**

No data available

### **4 Main actors of voluntary activities of young people (all levels: national, regional, local, e.g. Ministries, organisations, etc...with description of main activity, contact person, address, telephone and fax number, e-mail, website)**

#### **4.1 Governmental actors**

324 public services of national and regional level, mainly municipalities and city councils.

#### **4.2 Nongovernmental actors**

238 Youth associations, 207 Non Governmental organizations (NGO`s), 69 Youth groups, 37 Students associations, 1 University, 719 Associations and other private entities and 128 others.

### **5 Legal basis/legislation for voluntary activities in general and for young people in particular**

#### **5.1 Is there a specific legal status for volunteers or are they assimilated to other categories of people (students, workers, trainees etc?)**

The legal status for volunteers is established in Lei n.º 71/98 de 3 de Novembro and Decreto Lei 389/99 de 30 de Setembro)

## **5.2 How are volunteers and volunteer organisations taxed? Are they conceded tax exemption?**

In Portugal a person's tax status depends on the nature of the activity and of his/her relationship with the organization for whom they volunteer. As long as a "volunteer" and "volunteer organisation" relationship is maintained in accordance with the law, no employment relationship will exist between them so there is no obligation of social security contributions or taxes.

## **5.3 Describe if volunteers are protected by social or health insurance, or if their activities are recognised by the pension system.**

Yes. The law established a social insurance if required by the volunteer and the organization.

## **5.4 Legal situation of unemployed young people participating in voluntary activities**

There is no discrimination in the law regarding this subject.

## **6 What Programmes and plans are there in your country on volunteering (national, regional, local)**

The IPJ has a main programme in partnership with other public and private organizations whose main purpose is to prevent fire and protect nature; it's the project "*Voluntariado para a Floresta*". Apart from this, the IPJ is putting its experience for promoting volunteering projects, selecting, training and managing groups of young volunteers for public and private organisations willing to develop joint projects.

## **7 Relationship between different types of voluntary services**

**7.1-What is the relationship between military service, civilian service, civic service and voluntary service in your country?**

There is no relationship between those different services. The military services has its own legislation.

**7.2 If a voluntary civic service does not exist, are there plans to create one? Please provide a description.**

No data available

**8 Development of voluntary activities, including standards/instruments aiming at securing and enhancing quality in voluntary activities**

**8.1 Does a strategy (plan) for the development of voluntary activities of young people exist in your country? If yes, please give a short description.**

**8.2-Which other means, measures and instruments does your country apply in order to develop the voluntary activities of young people?**

The IPJ has done several partnerships with different organizations to promote voluntary activities (i.e. "Voluntariado para as Florestas" and "SNS Jovem - Young volunteers in the national health system") and also voluntary projects in different areas like sport, culture and leisure activities (Gymnestrada 2003, to Euro 2004, to UEFA CUP 2005 among others). This kind of projects developed among public opinion a different perception of voluntary role in society.

**9 Removing obstacles to young people's voluntary engagement**

**9.1 How is young people's voluntary engagement facilitated?**

There aren't any obstacles for young people voluntary engagement.

**9.2 What obstacles still exist?**



There aren't any obstacles

**9.3 What recent (this year) measures have been taken to remove obstacles to young people's volunteering? (legal, administrative measures, etc...)**

## **10 Promotion of voluntary activities of young people**

**10.1 Information channels and contacts for voluntary activities of young people (organisations, links, contact persons, etc...)**

The IPJ has two information and promotion channels:

[www.juventude.gov.pt](http://www.juventude.gov.pt)

[www.voluntariadojovem.pt](http://www.voluntariadojovem.pt)

Young people can also get all the information in IPJ regional services. The public promotion of the projects is also made in national, regional and local media (newspapers, radio and television) and using all the youth associations that are registered in IPJ

**10.2 Promotion activities for voluntary activities (events, support for promotion actions, contact persons)**

See previous answer.

**10.3 Initiatives to promote voluntary activities among young people from disadvantaged backgrounds**

There are youth associations that work all over the country. Some work with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. They are the best information and divulgation vehicle to this target group for all the programmes and activities from IPJ.

## **11 Recognition of voluntary activities of young people**

**11.1 How (by which means) are voluntary activities of young people recognised?**

*Initiatives for the recognition of voluntary activities of young people (at all levels: national, regional, local; credits or other forms of recognition in the educational field; institutions, enterprises, organisations, etc...that recognise voluntary activities (“best practice list”), contact persons, ...)*

No data available

### **11.2 Do certificates on the voluntary activities of young people exist?**

Yes

### **11.3 By whom are the voluntary activities of young people recognised**

The voluntary activities of young people are recognised by the institution where their work is developed and at some cases by the society in general.

### **11.4 Does society as such recognise voluntary activities of young people? If so how (by which means)?**

In Portugal the National Day of the Volunteer and several events and awards are the way of recognising voluntary activities.

## **12 Co-operations and networks, exchange of volunteers, transnational and international cooperation**

### **12.1 Co-operations and networks in favour of voluntary activities of young people at all levels (international, European, national, regional, local) with short description of the networks, their members and activities; description of how they enhance the development, facilitation, promotion and recognition of young people's voluntary activities**

No data available

**12.2 What are the possibilities for exchange for young volunteers: at all levels (transnational, national, regional, between communities). Give information and contact addresses**

No data available.

**12.3 Collective volunteering projects (where large numbers of volunteers jointly assist in cultural or sporting events, or where they help in humanitarian/natural disaster situations)**

*12.3.1 Collective volunteering projects (where large numbers of volunteers jointly assist in cultural or sporting events, or where they help in humanitarian/natural disaster situations)*

No data available

*12.3.2 Are there any possibilities for involvement of international volunteers in these projects? Please describe.*

No data available

**12.4 International solidarity volunteer service**

**12.5 Does an international solidarity volunteer service (e.g. in human/natural disaster situation, civil protection, humanitarian aid, development, assistance, capacity-building etc.) exist?**

No data available

*12.5.1 Please list some major NGOs and/or NGO platforms active in the field of international solidarity service in non-EU countries*

In Portugal there is the ONGD Plataform that gathers and represents all the non governmental organizations working with countries in development.

*12.5.2 Please describe in how far the government/state administration is involved in organising, supporting and implementing international solidarity service in non-EU countries.*

No data available

### **13 What recent surveys or research has been carried out on the topic of voluntary activities?**

From the Observatório Permanente da Juventude ( Youth Permanent Observatory) we have information about several studies:

Delicado, Ana, ***Caracterização do voluntariado em Portugal***, Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa, 2002;

Delicado, Ana, ***Caracterização do voluntariado social em Portugal***, Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa, 2002;

Santos, Lurdes, ***Written Report - O Voluntariado Jovem em Portugal :perfil do voluntário jovem***, Serviço de Documentação da Universidade de Lisboa, 2002