



**RESOLUTION ON**

**Better and Overall Support for Youth Policy**

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1 **Introduction and background**

2 It is evident that today we have a situation which has deteriorated within the last year.  
3 The crisis has evolved not only financially but also mentally. The levels of  
4 unemployment even in welfare states have risen dramatically therefore many young  
5 people are feeling insecure about their present and future. It has touched the national  
6 policies and the capacity of other actors to put their contributions towards  
7 development of youth NGOs and their work. In many cases nongovernmental  
8 organizations are struck the most as they loose the financial tools and mostly political  
9 support for their activities, which play an important role in the empowerment of a  
10 young individual to have a successful and appropriate life.

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12 **Situation of youth NGOs**

13 Nongovernmental youth organizations have been recognized as an important and  
14 equal partner with the public institutions to ensure that a young person is ready and  
15 capable of entering the social life. Youth NGOs take responsibility to educate and  
16 provide an environment where young people can develop their capacity and skills.  
17 The work within nongovernmental area allows young people to make their own  
18 choices and to take responsibility for their actions as well as creates possibilities for  
19 recognising and identifying personal potential. One of the strengths of Youth NGOs is  
20 that each young person is enabled to choose freely their interest areas and in this way  
21 provide measures and tools for building personal leadership. Furthermore, Youth  
22 NGOs have a preventative function as keeping young people from delinquency by  
23 providing free time occupation activities. The potential young people acquire in Youth  
24 NGOs is important for their personal and professional ability development.

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26 **Approach: keeping the overall support for Youth NGOs**

27 Nowadays in the times of crisis Youth NGOs feel a crucial lack of support for the work  
28 that they are constantly doing with young people in empowering them, bringing  
29 them social capacities and educating them to be fully involved into society matters.  
30 We as young people feel that youth policy as such has been pushed down as a priority  
31 by accomplishing short term non-visionary goals. We strongly believe that investing in  
32 young people is crucial for a state and society to develop properly and in a long term  
33 perspective constant support is needed. We urge the national states and transnational  
34 organizations to keep the overall support for youth policy and to keep it within main  
35 priorities of the political agenda.