Factsheet: Luxembourg

DEFINITION OF YOUTH

The Youth Law (2008) of Luxembourg defines youth as between 12-30 years.

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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LITERACY RATES

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NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

86.47%

COHORT

Male (15-24) %

Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

TOBACCO USE

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

PREVALENCE OF HIV

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MAJORITY AGE

18

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Minimum Age

18

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The Youth Law (2008) has 10 objectives, which include education, personal, social and professional development, equal opportunities, encouraging creativity and initiative, and promoting non-formal education.

The Youth Law operates under the principles that every young person has the right to the full development of his personality, and that any application of the law should be in the best interests of young people.

Under Article 15 of the Youth Law, the Youth Pact 2012-2014 sets out a series of new policy actions developed by the various ministries in charge of youth issues.

The Pact has five areas of action:
The National Youth Service (NYS) sits within the purview of the Ministry of National Education, Children and Youth. The NYS, established in 1964, has mandated objectives laid out in the Youth Law (2008). The NYS works in four areas: Supporting youth programs; running youth centres; Facilitating the transition to work; and promoting quality development in organisations that work with and for young people.

The General Youth Conference of Luxembourg (CGJL), founded in 1960, is an umbrella organisation of 29 youth groups including political organisations, trade unions, and socio-educational, and leisure organisations.

CGJL projects aim to develop the skills of young people in the areas of participation, non-formal education and active citizenship. The projects also aim to create a platform for young people to express themselves and participate in decision-making processes at the national and European level.

The Draft Budget 2014 – Volume I: The Budget Revenue and Expenditure of the State allocates EUR 10.4 million (USD 14.3 million) to the National Youth Service through the Ministry of National Education, Children and Youth. As reported by Chronicle.lu on 1 April 2014, the budget has been approved by the Eurogroup, but at the time of writing an updated final budget document had not been published. According to the World Bank, Luxembourg spent 9.82% of its government expenditure and 3.75% of its GDP on education provision in 2001.

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