Factsheet: Portugal

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

There is no clear definition of youth. However, the European Youth Card is available to all citizens between 12-30 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

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Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LEGAL.

Source: UNISDLG

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

0.72

40 out of 170 countries.

Year: 2013

Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

LITERACY RATES

99.59%

Both sexes (15-24) %

Year: 2015

Source: UNESCO

NET ENROLMENT RATE

81.87%

Secondary School

Both sexes %

Year: 2006

Source: UNESCO

PREVALENCE OF HIV

Male (15-24) %

Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

Source: World Bank

TOBACCO USE

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

YEAR: 2004

BUDGET & SPENDING

What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or the youth sector in the aggregate of all government spending?

Source: World Bank

POLICY & LEGISLATION

The Youth Portal, launched in 2003, provides information on all matters related to youth, including education and training, international mobility programmes, sexual health and employment. The drafting of the Portugal White Paper was launched in 2011. It aims to develop a national document setting out a comprehensive strategy in the field of youth. According to the 2012 briefing, it provides: "a unique opportunity for all youth associations and young people to contribute to the development of a Global Strategy and Plan of Action for Youth". However, the Commission for Youth Policies stresses the importance of mainstreaming existing programmes across ministries, and progress on the formulation of a national youth policy remains unclear.
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UNCLEAR

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Source: World Bank

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

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YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The National Youth Council (CNJ) provides a national forum for members of Youth City Councils (CMJ) to discuss the situation of youth across the country. The CNJ also mediates with government institutions, either in an advisory role or representing young people in relevant forums, such as the National Education Council. The National Federation of Local Youth Associations (FNAJ) serves as an official network for local youth organisations to discuss and coordinate activities and is an official government partner in organising volunteering or other youth events.

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