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55 out of 170 countries.  

Year: 2013  

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Department of Youth within the Ministry of Youth and Sport has responsibility for youth affairs and policy in Serbia. The Department of Youth works in several areas, including: the development and implementation of youth policy, strategy and programs; encouraging youth participation; supporting volunteering; cooperation with youth organisations; supporting youth groups and events national and internationally; monitoring the role of young people in Serbia; promoting the development of youth policy, offices and work at the regional and local level.

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The Serbian Youth Umbrella Organisation (KOMS) is, [...]

Projects have included mobilising youth votes, training on youth policy & advocacy, awareness campaigns, youth research and participation at events. KOMS is a member of the European Youth Forum.

BUDGET & SPENDING

In the Revised Memorandum on Budget and Economic and Fiscal Policy for 2011 with Forecasts for 2012 and 2013 (2010), the Ministry of Finance projected a budget of RSD 4.5 billion (USD 53.6 million) for the Ministry of Youth and Sports in 2013. No documentation on the specific budget for youth in Serbia could be found online. According to the World Bank, Serbia spent 10.62% of its government expenditure and 4.82% of its GDP on education provision in 2011.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP

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