REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
AGENCY FOR YOUTH AND SPORT
NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY
DRAFT VERSION 6

Preamble

Considering
- The fundamental values of the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia;
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the International Treaty of civil and political rights, the International Treaty for economic, social and cultural rights, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the European Social Charter, the European Cultural Convention, the policy of the policy of the UN Organization, the European Union and the Council of Europe at the domain of youth,

emphasizing at the same time that the Republic of Macedonia strives toward strengthening the relations and those integration processes as well as toward documents being brought at:
- The World Ministerial Conferences of Youth in 1995, 1998 and 1990 and the World Youth Forum in Portugal – 1998, as well as the European Convention on Informing of Youth;
- by the final Declaration of World Ministerial Conference of Youth by the System of the UN Organization and in accordance with Youth Program until 2000;

and proceeding from the principles of:
- solidarity and equality;
- dignity and equal relations toward and among all;
- building the personal character on the basis of the fundamental rights of freedom, justice and esteeming the dissimilarity;

acknowledging at the same time that:
- the youth is a particular social category and base for the future development of the community;
- the youth strategy is undeniably in connection with the human dimension of the European integrations and a base for building the concept of an active European citizen without underestimating the awareness of youth as an actor of a peaceful, just and equal world;
- the individual has a central place within all institutional and processes of the community;

bearing in mind:
- the percentage of youth within the whole population of the Republic of Macedonia;
- the basic strategy, number and significance of the educational institutions and the State Universities;

- number of young people being engaged in the State bodies and the units of local self-management as well as within **the representative bodies on local and national level**;
- the existence, functioning and the acting domain of the state bodies responsible for youth affairs;
- the sociable life of the young people, their shallingness and desire become associated, their readiness to participate within the activities of the youth associations regardless whether they are a members of such an associations; number, structure and functioning of the youth associations on local and national level; the continuity of their activities;
- the public interest and opinion toward the existence and activities of the youth associations;
- the involvement of the governmental and non-governmental sector within the international youth initiatives.

acknowledging at the same time the main role of young people and youth civil associations in the creation of this Strategy,

the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia adopts

the National Youth Strategy of the Republic of Macedonia

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In accordance with the previous historical, social, political and ethical practice of the Macedonian society, in absence of an internationally acknowledged definition, the term – Youth – in the Republic of Macedonia signifies the particular socio-ethic category of population at the age from 15 to 24 years which is exceptionally vulnerable regarding the socio-economic transformations of the society and, that bears the critical thought and impulse for transformation and further development of such a society.

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Considering the consequences of socio-economic crises in the Republic of Macedonia which disables the normal process of development of one active and responsible individual (extension of the educational period, inability to get an employment, inability to establish a family, economical dependence of parents, that is to say the absence of personal independence), each serious action or youth program should consider the individuals from 24 to at least 30 years of age as well, in order to moderate or overcome the obstacles standing in front of their development as an individuals and responsible citizens of the Macedonian society. According to the conclusions passed at the 1st Forum for National Youth Strategy, as – Youth – in the Republic of Macedonia shall be considered the individuals from 24 to 30 years of age and, therefore, the Strategy shell refer to those individuals.

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The young people are able to assume a responsibility for their own life and, to make their own decisions toward all the issues of their concern at all levels. The stable development and the further strengthening of the civil society as well as the existence of voluntary and social associations are the necessity in order to create a responsible population and a guarantee for the democracy. The real expressive form should be allowed regarding this ability where the youth associations as well as their activities shall have the main role.

2. Education – formal, informal, usual – concept of general education

General objective

Social development through high-quality educational system

2.1 Formal education

2.1.1 Long-term objectives

- developing an active educational strategy corresponding to the needs of youth, the society and the global social technical and technological development;
- promoting equal opportunities for education and cultural understanding of youth due to encourage and motivate their personal and individual development;
- promoting, training and practicing the concept of general education;
- acknowledging, supporting and developing the informal education;

2.2 Programs

Education, professional orientation and informing

2.2.1 The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with other educational institutions in the Republic of Macedonia, employment bureaus, units of the local self-management and the private sector, entrusts to make a program due to provide adequate and up-to-date information in order to:
- motivate the young people to resume their education on a higher level comparing to the current or the one they had been acquired;
- improve the quality of information regarding their education;
- facilitate the selection regarding their further professional orientation.

The implementation of this program starts with the beginning of the school year 2005/2006.

2.2.2. The Ministry of education and science entrusts to make a program for facilitation of the horizontal and vertical educational functionality;

The implementation of this program starts with the beginning of the school year 2005/2006.

Education regarding life: civil education

2.2.3. In cooperation with the local communities, the educational institutions and the non-governmental sector, the Ministry of education and science shall create a program direction that enables the introduction of regular activities out of school, in order to:
- facilitate the social integration of children and youth;
- educate regarding life and creation of active and prepared citizens;
- motivate the creativity and the critical look of the world;

The program directions shall be administered in accordance with the needs and the interests of children and youth and, shall strive to provide them a role of active creators of such activities.
The Ministry of education and science shall make criteria for appropriate and fair awarding and stimulating the teachers and professors involved within planning and carrying out the activities out of school.
A special attention shall be paid on stimulation and motivation of the parents and the non-governmental sector in carrying out the program activities out of school.
The programs and the program directions for activities out of school shall be made at latest until the end of the 2006.

2.2.4. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the educational institutions and the non-governmental sector, shall make a program for inclusion of new regular and elective subjects within the educational program such as: human rights, sexual education, health protection and prevention, on the base of the previous research of the needs and the interests of youth.
The research, as well as the program for new educational activities, shall be made and implemented at latest until the end of the 2006.

Inter-cultural dimension of the education

2.2.5. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the Ministry of culture and the Sector for Euro-integrations, shall make a program for inter-cultural education of pupils and students, in order to:
- validate the diplomas of secondary and higher education, particularly in/from the neighboring and the European countries;
- comply the secondary-school and university program toward standards of the European Union;
- introduce the different cultures through educational visits, exchanges, consultations and similar activities;
- involve the Republic of Macedonia within pupil's and student's programs of training and student's exchange with the European Union.

The program shall be accomplished and start with its implementation at latest until the end of the 2007.

Education – equal access for all

2.2.6. The Ministry of education and science entrusts to make a program that shall enable equal access to education and to the educational system for all young people, through:
- use of the new technologies by enabling the access to up-to-date information in order to create one's own, critical and selective approach toward those information;
- implementation of advisory and supporting mechanisms for children and youth in order to integrate those who are at the edge or had left the educational system earlier, as well as those, who had not entered the educational system at all.
- program that enables the educational program to be followed by the pupils temporarily prevented to join the teaching process due to reasons of health.

The program shall be accomplished and come into force at latest until the end of 2007.

2.2.7. The Ministry of education and science entrusts to make a program that redefines the supporting and criteria for awarding scholarships due to a larger involvement of young people from the rural environments, the marginalized groups and, young people from ethnic communities with special needs in the field of education.
The program for awarding scholarships and financing of the pupils and students must include the participation fee, transportation of pupils and students, school materials and books supply, pupil's and student's lodging in dormitories.
The program for awarding scholarships and financing shall be implemented with the beginning of the school year 2005/2006.

Care for talented and specially gifted pupils and students

2.2.8. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the Ministry of culture and the Sector for Euro-integrations, entrusts to make an action-program for support and stimulation of professional advanced study and develop young and perspective personnel and talents through financing and lodging of students, give the opportunity for practical work during studies, give the choice to resume studies in the country or abroad as well as their fast corresponding employment.
The action-program shall come into force at 1st of January, 2006.

The relation teacher – pupil, evaluation

2.2.9. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the units of local self-government and secondary-school and student's organizations, entrusts to make a program for regular, high-quality evaluation of the teaching staff by pupils and students.
The program is to be applied with the beginning of the 2005/2006 school year.

Institutional development and building the capacity

2.2.10. The Ministry of education and science shall make a plan for permanent training of the teaching staff due to its professional development according to the modern pedagogical, methodological and technological achievements, through:
- establishing the system of trainers, teachers and professors;
- permanent training program of teaching staff in the country or abroad;

- obtaining a professional literature and periodical professional journals.
The training plan is to be applied with the beginning of the 2005/2006 school year.

2.2.11. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the units of local self-government and secondary-school and student's organizations, entrusts to establish a coordinative body performing evaluation of the educational process, estimation of the needs and interests of pupils at a regular base, school managements, as well as the link among education and socio-economical development of the society.
Such a body shall be consisted of representatives from the Ministry of education and science, teaching staff and representatives from secondary-school and student's organizations at a parity base.
The Coordinative body shall start its work at latest until the end of 2005.

2.2.12. In cooperation with the units of local self-government and educational institutions, the Ministry of education and science shall establish a network of local training centers for qualification and retraining of youth.
The network shall be supported by the Ministries of education and science, economy, labor and social politics, Agency of Youth and Sport, by representatives of social centers and employment bureaus, syndicate organizations and private sector and, those shall take an active role within its activities.
The objective of the local center's network is:
- up to dating and distribution of information associated with this type of training and with opportunities of potential employment;
- qualification and retraining of young personnel;
- training of small and middle companies;
- training of business management;
- training of self-employment and individual generation of incomes;
The complete working program and the institutional setting of the network and the centers shall start implementing since the 1st of January, 2009.

Participation of Youth within the educational process

2.2.13. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the units of local self-governments and educational institutions shall make program directions due to establish and support parental associations, particularly in secondary schools in order to engage the parents within the realization of the educational process and out of school activities.
The establishment and management of the parental associations is a responsibility of every educational institution respectively and, the management of such is the integral part of their annual programs.
The program directions is to be made within 1 (one) year since the adoption of this Strategy.

2.2.14. The Ministry of education shall make program directions for active participation of pupils and students within making decisions, performance of the teaching plans, protection of rights of the pupils and students, improvement of the pupil's-student

standard, out of school activities and civil education at a school level, local educational strategy and general educational politics of the country, through:
- increase of the number of pupils within the school councils, consequently of the students within the councils and senates of colleges and universities;
- inclusion of secondary-school's and student's associations in creating the strategy at local and national level;
- financial support for structural and project management of the secondary-school's and student's associations through a state budget and the budgets of the local communities.

Informal education

2.2.15. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministries of education and science, culture, ecology, economy, local self-government, labor and social politics and the Agency of Youth and Sport, entrusts to make program directions for financial support and cooperation, at equal base, with associations and institutions developing programs for informal education of Youth, in order to:
- train young leaders;
- train working teams;
- encourage the creativity, self-initiative and independence of Youth;
- encourage the entrepreneurship;
- social cohesion;
- inter-cultural education;
- tolerance and mutual living;

The program directions are base of every state institution respectively, including units of local self-government, for making special supporting plans regarding informal education according to the needs and interests of Youth within that community.
The Government shall adopt these program directions within 1 (one) year since the day this Strategy is to be adopted.

2.2.16. The Agency of Youth and Sport, in cooperation with the Ministries of education and science, labor and social politics and Youth associations, shall make a system for evaluation of the informal education in schools and non-governmental institutions regarding users and teaching staff as well.
In such a way, the evaluation experiences and work is to be acknowledged as:
- complementary qualification while looking for employment;
- teaching staff's working experience registration in their working booklets.

The evaluation system is to be made at latest within 1 (one) year since the day this Strategy is to be adopted.

2.2.17. The Agency of Youth and Sport, in cooperation with the Youth associations and Youth centers, shall develop a system for public presentation and Youth informing regarding the types of programs and the opportunities that the informal education enables, especially at a local level.
The Agency of Youth and Sport, shall establish such a system at latest within 1 (one) year since the day this Strategy is to be adopted.

Legislation

2.2.18. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the Agency of Youth and Sport and secondary-school's and student's associations, shall present a Law on pupils and student's standard, by which the needs and interests of the pupils and students, shall be regulated, in details, the following issues:
- criteria for lodging in the pupils' and students' dormitories;
- living standards and working conditions in the pupils' and students' dormitories;
- organizing the social living, cultural, sports and social activities in dormitories;
- health care of pupils and students;
- awarding scholarships and financing of the students and young talents, advanced studies in the country or abroad;
- position, rights and protection of foreign students;
- students' exchange at the educational institutions' level;
- students' and pupils' organizing, financing and autonomy on their forms of association;
- students' and pupils' libraries, functioning, maintenance, accessibility and literary fond acquisitions;
- reduction of the average number of pupils by sections in order the teachers to be able to pay more attention on smaller groups of pupils, that is to say bringing the relation – pupil/student – professor/teacher – at level 14.4 according to standards of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development member countries;

The Law on pupils' and students' standard shall enter into parliamentary procedure at latest until the end of 2005.

3. Employment – Economic independence

3.1 General goal

Economic development through increase of the opportunities of employment.

3.1.1 Long-term objectives

- set balance and cooperation between education and training and labor market (labor supply and labor demand) and the development of new technologies.
- integration of young people within the working process regardless their socio-cultural origin;
- set partnership between the state organs and the private sector regarding the employment of young people;
- improve the working qualities and conditions regardless their position in the hierarchy of the company in order the foregoing to become more attractive for young people.

3.2 Programs

Harmonization of the system of informal education and professional training according to the needs of the labor market.

3.2.1. The Ministry of education and science entrusts to make program directions that shall enable the units of local self-government, governmental and local institutions, non-governmental and private sector to introduce a 2 (two) weeks of practical teaching according to the type of the educational institution and the educational program.
The practical teaching should be accessible to all students of 3rd and 4th grade in secondary schools and, during the whole higher education.
The program directions are to be made at latest until the end of 2005.

3.2.2. Through the Ministries of education and science, economy and labor and social politics and, in cooperation with the private sector, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia entrusts to make an informing program providing clear and precise information for pupils and students regarding labor supply and labor demand, that is to say the available employment, after completing the appropriate education.
The informing program is to be applied with the beginning of the school year 2006/2007.

3.2.3. The Ministries of labor and social politics and economy entrusts to make promoting materials explaining the functioning manner of the employment bureaus and services, labor market, labor supply and labor demand, basic skills regarding looking for employment as well as fundamental rights of the employees.
The promoting materials are to be available to pupils and students, as well as to the public in general, at latest until 1st of July, 2005.

3.2.4. The Ministry of education and science, in cooperation with the Ministries of economy and labor, social politics and the Agency of Youth and Sport, entrusts to make a program for awarding scholarships and financing of young talented people, in cooperation with the private sector of particular area, with opportunity of getting employ within the company – creditor.
The scholarships' and financing program is to be made at latest until the end of 2006.

Improvement of the quality of qualification and retraining system regarding young people and professional training

3.2.5. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia entrusts to enable a systematic financial support for expanding the qualification and retraining programs of young workers within the working universities, through:
- introducing new subjects/topics and programs regarding business management, self-employment and establishment of small and middle companies;
- introducing practical work for students from the working universities;
- decentralization, through establishment of local centers and working universities concerning qualification and retraining of young people, with financial support of the local self-governments;
- training of young staff and its involvement within the agrarian sector;

The program for financial support and the system of local training centers for qualification and retraining is to be made by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia at latest until 31st of December, 2007.

Stimulation of the employment in the cultural sector

3.2.6. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministry of culture, entrusts to make a program for structural grants and subventions for the institutions from the sphere of culture, in order to:
- introduce a system for early discovery of talented young people direct them toward artistic professions;
- associate the artistic institutions within the system of formal education in the sphere of culture through practical work;
- higher salaries and maintenance of the assets, working accessories and instruments;

The Ministry of culture shall provide an equal treatment as regards the governmental and for the non-governmental organizations from the sphere of culture as well, according to the interest and objectives of the cultural politics of the Republic of Macedonia.
The program for structural grants and subventions is to be applied since the 1st of January, 2006.

Supporting the business of young oriented people

3.2.7. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministries of economy, labor and social politics, finance, education and science and, in cooperation with the private sector, entrusts to make a program for systematic and permanent training and financing of young people that aims to establish small and middle companies, particularly in the agrarian sector.
The program for training and financing is to be applied since 1st of January, 2007.

3.2.8. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministries of economy, labor and social politics, finance and the Agency of Youth and Sport, entrusts to provide a program for grants and training of Youth NVO that carry out programs for informal education within the spheres of self-employment, generation of incomes, improvement of working skills and higher level of competitiveness of Youth at labor market.
The program for grants and training is to be applied since 1st of January, 2006.

3.3 Institutional development in the sphere of employment

3.3.1. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia entrusts to establish an inter-section body consisted of the representatives from the Ministries of economy, labor and social politics, education and science, as well as of the representatives from the private sector, in order to provide a coordination access toward introduction of the new technologies and appropriate academic subjects within the educational process; support through scholarships and financing of young people for their education and advanced studies in the country or abroad; facilitating the transition from education to employment; evaluation of the foregoing processes.

3.3.2. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the units of local self-government entrust to make program directions for establishing and support of local Youth centers concerning the employment, in the frame of the local authorities and in partnership with the local NVO and business sector.
Those centers are to perform training of young people regarding establishment and management of one's own company, activities for generation of incomes and self-employment, acquaintance of young people with the labor supply, qualification required, structure of the labor market, techniques regarding looking for employment.
After being established, the centers are to form groups of trainers that are to carry out a regular training of the center's personnel in order to unify the programs for exchange of experiences and good practices.
The program directions shall come into force to the 31st of December, 2005 inclusive.
The units of local self-government entrust to implement the foregoing within the period 1st of January, 2006 – 31st of June, 2007.

3.3.3. Within 60 (sixty) days since the day this Strategy is to be adopted, the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia shall found a Parliamentary Commission obliged to supervise the mechanisms and instruments for employing young people.
The Commission shall be constituted as well by the representatives from the Ministries of labor and social politics, economy, education and science, Agency of Youth and Sport, NVO concerned with the employment of young representatives of associations and companies from the private sector.

3.3.5. The Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia appeals to all syndicates to form Youth branches in order to take an active participation of young employees within creating of the economic strategy of their organization, as well as their direct involvement within the qualification and reclassification processes of young personnel.

4. Quality of living

General objective

Improving the general quality level, standard and ethical living values of Youth within their living environment

4.1 Quality of living

Long-term objectives

- improving the living quality of young people and their growth as responsible persons;
- improving the living quality of young people through involvement in useful socio-educational activities in their free time;
- improving the living quality of young people through intensifying their care and personal involvement within protection of the natural environment;
- creating spirit of self-confidence, leadership and trust that one's own personal potential within the society could be realized through one's own personal skills;

- developing a serious, wide view and understanding on the world, on its own society and the different cultural values of the people;
- developing higher consciousness for wider European surrounding and integration, based on together respecting and understanding, to be conscious for mutual European culture made by deferent cultural traditions of people;
- improving the consciousness for the responsibilities and obligations to the family, other people and the society, rights and freedom of Youth, which they enjoy.

4.2. Programs

Youth as responsible users of the society goods and active members in the society relations and socio-political processes

4.2.1. The Ministry for education and science entrusts to integrate the program for education of the young people to regular teaching plans and working programs, which shall help to acquire with ripe and critical view on the society around them - critical, solider and scrupulous access to the art, politics, economical processes and the market.
The program shall present the basic principles and starting point for designing the present and future reforms on the educational system.
The Youth program shall start to be implemented from the date of 01.01.2006.
The Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia shall invite all Youth organizations and those working with youth, to integrate similar programs in the frames of their activities and projects.

Education and training for protection of the natural environment

4.2.2. The Ministry of education and science entrusts, in cooperation with the Ministry of the environment and ecology civil organizations to prepare a program for education of pupils and students for:

- rising the consciousness for the needs of the nature, level of pollution;
- practical activities for protecting the nature;
- spread out the information and enabling the active participation of Youth in creating the strategy for protection of the natural environment;
- supplementing the programs for physical education in schools and faculties with activities and concrete actions for students and pupils from the sphere of the ecology and protection of the natural environment;

The Ministry of education and science is to start implementing this program since the 2005/2006 school year.

4.2.3. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministry of ecology and the units of local governance, entrusts to make the program and to provide funds, on competitive basic, for annual financial support of the Youth ecological and sport organizations, with main task of active contribution of young people and their personal psycho-physical growth and protection of the nature.

The supporting program and funds is to be available to Youth organizations at latest until 01.01.2006.

Promotion of sport and sport activities between young people

4.2.4. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the units of the local governance entrusts to make a program and to provide the supporting funds on increasing the number and improving the quality of the infrastructure of sport activities for young population and their associative forms on local level.

4.2.5. The Ministry of education together with the units of the local governance entrusts to prepare complete and unified program directions with purpose of installing proper and good tendency teaching content of the physical education, building sports halls in all schools and faculties, and also support of the regional and governance scholar matches.
Program agendas shall be accepted by the Ministry of education and the units of the local governance not latter then 1 year, from the day of receiving of this strategy.

4.2.6. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, by the Agency of Youth and Sport entrusts, to prepare program for financial support of the youth sport organizations and clubs, as a part of community program for support of sports organization activities.
The Agency of Youth and Sport shall prepare and propose this program during preparations of the budget of the Agency of Youth and Sport for the year of 2006.

4.2.7. The Ministry of Defense entrusts to install special educational program of physical education, sports activities and protection the nature environment for the recruits and professional army.
The Ministry of Defense shall start using the program from 1 of January 2006.

4.2.8. The assembly of the Republic of Macedonia is inviting all GO's and NGO's, as integral part of this programs and campaigns of the young population, to give higher importance on recreation, creative use of free time, sport, and also importance of healthy life styles.

Promotion of cultural exchanges

4.2.9. The Ministry of education entrusts together with the units of the local governance, to install programs for cultural exchange of pupils and students from deferent local communities, which shall result with better introducing deferent cultural values of the country, treating of the cultural traditions, better introducing of their fames and learning of the deferent life stile.
This program shall start to enforce in the elementary and high schools of the school year 2006/2007.

4.3. Solidarity and equal odds

4.3.1. General objective

Encouraging of the solidarity and tolerance, assuring of the promotion for equal odds and treating of all young people.

4.3.2. Long-term objectives

- promoting of the voluntary work
- evolving the sense of solidarity between youth, especially to those which that kind of special treat is necessary, as also to younger children and older generations.

4.3.2. Programs

Training of the voluntary work with young people, in all sphere of society leaving

4.3.4. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia entrusts, over all responsible ministries and government bodies, and also units of the local governance, together with the youth organizations of people, to spread the existing programs, in to all spheres of society living, which content social needs on deferent levels of the population with a purpose of personal commitment of young people on the voluntary base, through:

- creating programs for voluntary work of young people as a part of formal educational system, educational program of those pupil / students (medicals – hospitals; lawyers – courts and work with under age delinquents;
- program for incorporating of the young people as a facilitators of projects for young and adults with economical or social problems: which promotes the principle of solidarity and it promote as a socio – cultural exchange and introducing deferent social society levels;
- training for young leaders and membership in to youth organizations and projects.

This program is going to be common consensus of all offended parts in the youth sphere, including government bodies, local bodies and non-government sector.
This program shall start to implement from 01.01.2006.

4.3.5. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, entrusts through the Ministry for justice and Agency of Youth and Sport, to prepare and suggest appropriating the law for voluntary work which shall regulate:

- rights, obligations of the voluntaries in deferent kind of programs and activities of the government and non-government character;
- right for monthly expenditures covers for food and transportation;
- right for probationary period and social insurance, duration the voluntary work;
- right for admitting the acquired certificates and recommendations during the voluntary work as a base for higher priced for job vacancies

The law for voluntary work shall be to the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia not latest until 01.05.2005.

4.4. Youth mobility

4.4.1. General objective

Increasing the level of the consciousness of the young people for larger surrounding, international understanding with intercultural education of youth over the personal contacts and experiences;

4.4.2. Long-term objectives

- Developing for the ripe viewing of the world for the period of adolescence, in the situation of the economic limitation, existing visa regime and larger surrounding;
- Meeting other cultural values and cultures;
- Financial and informational – logistic relieves during the traveling in the country and abroad;

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The Government of the Republic of Macedonia should open wide process of introducing of the young people with the process of closer approaching to the EU, and their consultation, as a category of citizens, which mostly matters the involving of the country in the reticence's;

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European citizens concept, and promotions of the European values, should be included in formal educational system and whole public life as a basic condition for educating and training of young generations with positive approach to the engagements of the Republic of Macedonia to the processes of the European integrations;

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The Government of the Republic of Macedonia entrusts through the Ministries for education science and culture, to ensure financial and institutional support for participating or organizing of youth programs for exchange, specially in the sphere of culture, which aim is integration of youth from bordering places to the neighboring countries, for better understanding and introducing between them;

4.4.3. Programs

4.4.4. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the units of the local governance entrusts, in the frames of their budget abilities, and in the frames of existing programs for cooperation and support of youth organizations of people, to ensure higher support of unprofitable bilateral and multilateral projects in the youth exchange which:

- helps in to realizing contacts of youth with deferent cultural background ;
- developing intercultural education;
- managed by the youth and their organizations;
- programs for youth exchange and presents of youth seminars, conferences and other kind of meetings from international and / or intercultural character;

In the realization of this programs by all concerned parts are going to manage by the principles of ensuring of equal situation and status of youth no matter of their background or condition.
All responsible bodies of the governmental and local level entrust to realize this program until the beginning of the budget of year 2006.

4.4.5. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the units of the local governance entrusts, in all spheres of their acting, to install programs and financial support for the projects which shall help to:

- equal access to all information by the youth;
- using modern technology for communications, and new technologies like a measure for meeting and learning of foreign values and cultures

Integration of these measures in the regular programs and activities in the governmental and local organs shall end latest till the end of 2006.

4.4.6. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, entrusts through the Ministry of foreign affair, to take over activities for simplification of the visas regime with the EU for the organized youth traveling, youth exchange, international youth work and youth tourism.
The Ministry for foreign affair shall report for the measures and received results from the Commission for foreign politic by the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia within 6 months by the day of appropriation of this strategy.

4.4.7. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, entrusts through the Ministry of foreign affair and the Agency of Youth and Sport, to start negotiating with the EU for the opening of the youth, educational, cultural programs and grants of the union to become available for young people and their organizations.
The Ministry of foreign affairs and the Agency of Youth and Sport shall give report for the measures and results from the Commission for foreign politic by the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia within 6 months by the day of appropriation of this strategy.

4.4.8. The Ministry for culture, entrusts within 6 months by the day of appropriation of this strategy, to install membership of at least one representative of young people in the working of the National Commission of UNESCO, as also their including in to the team of the national delegation of Republic of Macedonia on the General Assemblies of UNESCO and UN, with consultations of the NGO's.

4.4.9. The Agency of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Macedonia, entrusts to support participation of one representative of the named group "not organized youth" in to the work of European conference of ministries for youth and sport by the Council of Europe, always when the program is giving those opportunities.

4.5. Institutional development

The national youth map promotion, which is going to be in function for releasing of youth mobility, is important for all European countries.

4.5.1. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, entrusts within 6 months by the day of appropriation of this strategy, through the Agency of Youth and Sport and the Ministry of foreign affairs, to approach of signing of framing agreement for the European youth card of Council of Europe, as a measure for:

- inspires young people to complete their cultural, sport and formal education;
- learn more about deferent European cultures;
- facilitate the economical position of the youth;
- organizing and planning for leisure for the youth;

4.5.2. Within 3 months after sighing of the Frame agreement, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Agency of Youth and Sport, shell provide logistic and material support for implementation of Youth card EURO<26 in Macedonia, and also shall provide support of benefits and investments in institutions for culture to the youth, recreational, sport and social sphere, like also and some relives of personal insurance, transportation and accommodation, in case of individual and group traveling, inside and outside the country.

4.5. Youth-hosting independence

4.6.1. General objective

Youth has right for intensive and autonyms life, decent and quality place for living;

4.6.2. Long-term objectives

- eliminating of the condition of financial depends, no matter from the family, or third side;
- independence, developing of sense for active and independent creating of his financial autonomy;

4.6.3. Programs

Simplification of the process for receiving of their own home for young people

4.6.4. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Ministry for labor and social care and the unites for local governance entrusts to promote:

- establishing of special program for advising of the young people and young couples for taking the financial obligations for, and providing of own house;
- special program for the youth support through the formation of personal, descent home and their exemption for taking financial long period obligations (intended and appreciative loans), with special accent on the following criteria:

- changing the conditions and facilitating for materials of financial and legislative conditions for renting apartment, or house in case of youth in the educational process, young couples or self-supporting young parents;
- providing possibility for applying of social apartment and other forms of subvention solving of accommodation problem for the youth with low salary and youth with special kind of needs, where monthly costs of the rent shell be minimally low;
- building of social apartments intended for selling or renting to the young people in process of education, young couples or self-supporting young parents, with support and donation from the government budget;
- approving for privileged loans and credits with acceptable provisions and conditions of repayments in general for young people in process of education, young couples and self-supporting young parents in buying or renting house for leaving.

The implementation of this programs shell start from 01.01.2006.

Training of real-estate agencies (and their personnel)

4.6.5. The Ministry of labor and social politic and the units of local governance entrusts, to prepare whole year program of continual training, for personnel of the real-estate agencies, for higher level of consciousness of the problems of youth and their transformation in to the facilitators of the access to the young people and young couples for their rented or own apartment.
The implementation of this program shall start from 01.01.2006.

4.7. Family care and their protection

4.7.1. General objective

Young people has their rights to be treated and educated in their own families, Republic of Macedonia is responsible to take all measures, aiming to help the family, where the social situation not allowed proper descent education and care to their young members;

4.7.2. Long-term objectives

- institutional support for development of the family as a basic element of socialization of the young people;
- children and youth protection from any kind of degradation treatment.

4.7.3. Programs

4.7.4. The Ministry of labor and social politic entrusts to prepare program and providing finances for getting higher financial benefits and social help for all unemployed parents or those parents with a high risk of losing their jobs, who:

- have a children or youth above the age of 18th;

- have a children or youth with special kind of needs.

The Ministry of labor and social politic shall prepare this program under the principles of equality and solidarity latest till 1 year from the day of implementation of this strategy.

4.7.5. The Ministry of justice, labor and social politics entrusts to perform wide regulation for the children and youth rights in the families in the frames of the Laws for the families and succession, with special accent on:

- parents rights and responsibilities in to keeping and protection of their children;
- youth rights and responsibilities in to keeping and protection of their parents;
- fortification of place and role of children and youth in the frames of the family, in case of their negligence and in case of separating of the family of any kind of reasons;
- taking care, sustenance and upbringing of the children with no parents or children whose parents are not living together;
- advising and education for the rights of the children and youth in the family;
- equalizing the rights of the children from the hearth and illegitimatized form of living, with accent for right of succession for the rights of regular and continuous psycho-physical development;

The changes and supplementing of upper given laws shall enter in the government procedure latest till 1 year by the day of accepting of this strategy.

4.7.6. The Ministry of labor and social work entrusts to prepare program for stimulating, with aim for increasing for the level of legal adopting of children and youth without parents and families, marriage pairs without their own offspring, where central place of that kind of legal regulating shall dedicated to their rights and protection of the children as also periodical regular specialized and institutional monitoring in the cases when that is necessary.

The program for the stimulating and adopting shall be accepted by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia latest by 2 years from the day of accepting of this strategy.

4.7.7. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia entrusts, within 1 year to start long period national campaign for protection of children and youth by any kind of teen pornography, sexual abuses, pedophilia and trading with children and young women:

- the most strict law sanctions for this kind of phenomena;
- active process of resolution of youth and children treated on this kind of degradation treatment.
- education and raising the consciousness for the citizens and specially for the youth in this kind of phenomena.

4.7.8. Institutional development

4.7.9. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia entrusts to complete revision and evaluation of the work in the abodes for the children without parents, for the purpose of prepare for the program of work, which shall include:

- defining of new relation between teachers and wards;

- new teaching program which shall guide to social cohesion and integration in the society
- monitoring and installing for new technologies;
- access to whole information for the youth wards;
- program for special mobility of the youth wards aiming for their cultural and ethical growth

Revision and evaluation of the work in the abodes for the children without parents shall start to implement latest by 2 years from the day of accepting of this strategy.

4.7.10. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the units of the local governance, entrusts to form network of local and national advice offices which should offer assistance for all questions connected with the rights, protection and regular developing of the children in the frames of the family;

- questions for the abusing of the children;
- rights of the children and youth, as also rights of the parents;
- legislative frames for intervention in case of abusing, family violence;

4.8. Youth with special needs

4.8.1. How youth with special needs is to be treated:

- youth with physical or psychological development disputes;
- social isolated young individuals which because of appropriate informal social acting or because their individual incompatibility with the society, have achieve the level of disconnection or alienation;
- marginalized young people individual which has been threat by the society on disconnection;
- young people with specific needs, young marriage couples and self-protection parents;
- young people and children without parents, drug and alcohol consumers, sexual, physical and psychological abused young people.

4.8.2. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the units of local governance shell include, in all their programs and youth activities, including all measures installed in this Strategy, on equal bases, all this categories of young people, aiming to help in exceeding of their problems, returning of self-confidence and also in their fully integration with the society as equal and active individuals and citizens;

All programs and activities of community bodies on government and local level shall include measures of prevention, reconciliation, social integration and adaptation in the infrastructure.

5. Health prevention

5.1. General objective

Promotion of healthy lifestyles between young people

5.2. Long –term objectives

- distribution and access to the information aiming to protect their health;
- education of young people aiming to protect their health;
- rising up the consciousness of the population of young people aiming to develop healthy person;
- coordinative access of the government and NGO sectors to protect youth and to promote healthy live stiles.

5.3. Programs and legislation

Fight against HIV and AIDS through informing

5.3.1. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia in cooperation with the Ministries of education science and health, Agency of Youth and Sport, entrusts to prepare programs for regular and complete informing of young people in the schools, faculties and NGO's, like also through the medias aiming to extend on difficult consequences on the health from the modern diseases, like AIDS, HIV and self-consciousness, situation around the world and in our country and way of preventing.
The program shall start implementing latest till 1 year after the day of accepting of this strategy.

Education in the sphere of health

5.3.2. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministries for education, science and health, like also the Agency of Youth and Sport entrusts, together with the NGO's, to prepare programs for education of young people for their personal health and hygiene, aiming to low down the risks on health on the youth through learning and accepting the healthy life stiles, vigilance and care on their own health.
The program shall start implementing latest till 1 year after the day of accepting of this strategy.

Sexual education inducting

5.3.3. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministries of education, science and health, like also the Agency of Youth and Sport, entrusts in cooperation with non-government sector, to prepare programs for inducting sexual education of the young people in the high schools aiming to:

- prevention of appearance for early (disliked) pregnancy of the young people
- prevention from sexual infectively diseases, specially appearance and infectiveness of HIV / AIDS;
- protection and respecting of the person and their privacy;

The program shall start implementing latest till 1 year of the day of accepting of this strategy.

Reducing for the level of consuming alcohol and cigarettes of the young people, specially to those on the age till 18.

5.3.4. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the Ministries of education, science and health, like also the Agency of Youth and Sport entrusts together with the non-government sector, to prepare programs aiming to:

- uprising the consciousness and education of young people for the dangers from the consuming alcohol;
- access to all information about youth defenders;
- programs for greater mobility for the youth defenders for cultural and ethnical development;

The revision and evaluation of the work in the homes with children without parents shall be done within two years from the day this Strategy is accepted.

4.7.10. The Government of Republic of Macedonia and the local self-governing units entrusts to form a network in local and national offices for counseling which should offer help in all the question related to the rights, protection and the right growth of the children within the family;
- questions about children maltreatment;
- the rights of the children and the young, as well as the rights of the parents;
- legislation frames for intervention in the ill-treatment cases, family violence;

4.8. Young with special needs

4.8.1. How shall the young people with special needs be considered:

- young with physical and psychological retardation in their growth;
- socially excluded young people- individuals which because of adequate informal social behavior or because of their individual incompatibility with the society, go to a level of discontinuation or alienation from the mentioned;
- marginalized young people- individuals to whom there is a threat to social exclusion;
- young children with specific needs- young married couples and single parents;
- young children and children without parents, drugs and alcohol consumers, sexually, physically and psychologically abused young children.

4.8.2. The Government of Republic of Macedonia and the local self-governing units shall include, in all its programs and activities for young children, including all the measures which are a subject to this Strategy, on equal grounds, all these categories of young people, in order to help them in solving their problems, returning their self-trust and in their full integration in the society as equal and active individuals and citizens;
All the programs and activities of the state agencies on a state and local level shall include measures of prevention, re-socialization, social integration and infrastructural adaptation.

5. Health and prevention

5.1. General goal
Promotion of healthy life styles to the young people

5.2. Long term objectives

- distribution and access to information in order to protect their health;
- education of the young people in order to protect their health;
- making the population and the young people aware in order to precisely develop them as healthy individuals;
- a coordinated access of the state and the NGO sectors for protection of the young people and the promotion of healthy life styles.

5.3. Programs and legislation

Through information in the fight against HIV and AIDS

5.3.1. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia in cooperation with the Ministry of education, science and health, as well as the Agency for youth and sport is obligated to develop programs for regular and complete information of young people in schools, faculties and non-governmental organizations as well as using means of public information with the intention to point out the severe health consequences from modern diseases like AIDS, HIV and stress, the conditions in the world and in the country and the ways of prevention from the same.
The program shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this strategy.

Education in the health department area

5.3.2. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Ministry of education, science and health, as well as the Agency for youth and sport in cooperation with the youth non-governmental sector is obligated to develop programs for educating young people for personal health and hygiene, with the intention to decrease the health risks of young people through learning and accepting healthy life styles, care and nurturing of their own health.
The program shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this strategy.

Introducing sexual education

5.3.3. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Ministry of education, science and health, as well as the Agency for youth and sport in cooperation with the youth non-governmental sector is obligated to develop programs for introducing sexual education for young people in the high schools with aim of:

- prevention from the presence of early (unwanted) pregnancy of young people;
- prevention of sexual transmitted diseases, especially the presence and transmission of HIV/AIDS;

- protection and respect for the person and its privacy.

The program shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this strategy.

Decreasing the degree of consuming alcohol and cigarettes between young people, especially those of 18 years old.

5.3.4. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Ministry of education, science and health, as well as the Agency for youth and sport in cooperation with the youth non-governmental sector is obligated to develop programs with aim to:

- razing the consciousness and education of young people for the dangers from consuming alcohol;
- introducing education for young people for the existing legal regulation which sanctions consuming of alcohol;
- razing the capacity and the range of activities of the inspectional supervision, the Ministry of Internal Affairs in relations to putting it in action, the controlling and the punishing of the young people who are consumers of alcohol;
- razing the awareness and training the teaching staff, especially the social workers for solving problems with the consuming of alcohol among the young people;
- introducing programs for re-socialization and integration for the young people with alcohol problems;
- Strengthening the measures for controlling through the banning of the public advertising of the cigarettes and alcohol, especially in the markets;

The program shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Decreasing the degree of drug usage by the young people

5.3.5. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Ministry of education, science and health, as well as the Agency for youth and sport in cooperation with the youth non-governmental sector is obligated to develop programs with aim to:

- razing the consciousness of the entire population for the growing problems with drugs in Republic of Macedonia;
- education of young people for the consequences and the negative influences of drugs;
- promotion of alternative habits for filling their free time;
- investing in systems for permanent, active health treatment and rehabilitation of the addicts, as well as their integration in the society;
- active relationship and volunteer participation of the young people in the war against the production, distribution and consuming of drugs.

The program shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Securing quality health treatment for young people on the ago of 30 without excluding their social status or employment

5.3.6. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Ministry of education, science and health is obligated to introduce regular, thorough examinations, once a year, with the young people at the secondary schools, faculties and military, without a financial burden for the users of this examination.
The program shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

5.3.7. Institutional development

5.3.8. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, through the authorial resource ministries, as well as the units of the local self-governance is obligated to secure financial means for supporting the youth non-governmental organizations especially the ones active at the field of prevention and promotion of healthy life styles, as well as those organization which on a volunteer basis promote recreational and sport activities for the young people.
The program for supporting the youth NGOs shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

5.3.9. The Government of Republic of Macedonia, through the authorial resource ministries, as well as the local self-governance, in cooperation with the non-governmental and the private sector is obligated to secure financial means for building sports facilities, especially in the big urban centers as well as in the far rural areas, with a great concentration of young population.
The project for building sports facilities shall start two years from the day of this strategies endorsement.

5.3.10. The Government of Republic of Macedonia, through the authorial resource ministries, as well as the local self-governance is obliged to approach to create on a nationally based plan for security in the traffic, with which the awareness of the population shall be raised and especially of the young people for the consequences of the improper entrance in the traffic.
The nationally based plan shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

6. Participation and informing young people

5.1. Young participation

The young dimension shall have to be taken under consideration while initially formulating all political activities which define the future politic, social and civil growth in Republic of Macedonia, including this Youth Strategy as well;

The national youth policy should be as a result of the need of the young people, expressed through active participation by their representatives from the governmental and non-governmental sphere, in it being created.

The program shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

6.1. General goal

Encouraging and stimulation the active participation of the young people in all social processes and the processes of making decisions.

6.2. Long term objectives

- encouraging and stimulating the young people to actively involve themselves in the society;
- obviating all obstacles (administrative, the language of the generations, the distrust, lawful, etc.) for an active participation of the young people in the public life in the country;
- establishing channels for participation for the young people and for expressing and adapting their opinion in the state's administrative agencies and the local self-governance;

6.3. Programs

Promoting of the right for the young to united

6.3.1. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Agency for youth and sport and with cooperation with the youth non-governmental sector is obligated to develop an action plan for wide spread knowledge and information of young people for their rights, freedom and responsibilities as individuals and citizens, especially for their right of active involvement in the process of decision making which concerns them and education of young people for their values and role of the civil society:
The action plan shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

6.3.2. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through all resource ministries, the Sector for European integrations and the Agency for youth and sport, is obligated to provide support for youth non-governmental organizations through providing:

- material support for the daily functioning of the administration of the youth citizens associations through the budgets of separate ministries and through the governmental budget directly.
- support for and organizing training for the youth citizens associations with intent in building their capacity and development.
- financial and technical support for the activities and projects of the youth citizens associations from the budgets of adequate ministries and directly from the governmental budget;

The organized program for financing with clearly set criteria in every ministry separately shall be developed one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Education for European values

6.3.3. The Ministry of education in cooperation with the Sector for European integrations and youth non-governmental organizations is obligated to organize a special faculty subject in the high schools and universities, which, according to the type of professional education shall offer training to young people in different areas of European integrations - European values and significance, the rights of the European Union, the process of association, economic questions of the European Union and etc.
The faculty subject shall be implemented two years at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Participation of young people in the work of the Governmental agencies and bodies

6.3.4. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the authorial resource ministries are obligated to develop a program for including youth representatives in the work of all governmental and parliamentary bodies and commissions, public facilities and enterprises which in the range of their work include areas of interest to the young population, through:

- development of co-management structures based on the principle of joint consultation on a national and local level, with intent to involve young people and their forms of joining in bringing all the decisions that concern them, in the mean time respecting the autonomy of the associations and the prerogatives of the public facilities;

The plan for youth participation shall begin to implement one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

6.3.5. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the authorial resource ministries are obligated to develop a national action program which includes methods for elimination of all existing forms of discrimination of:

- young women and women in general, for allowing their complete participation in political, economic, social and cultural life;
- young people no matter of which gender;
- young people with special needs for their integration in everyday life in the country;

6.3.6. Institutional development

Youth politics on a parliamentary level

6.3.7. A special Assembly commission for young is formed, which in its work besides the representatives of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, of the Agency for youth and sport and the ministries which in their programs treat youth problems, members shall be also the representatives of youth coordinative associations with a goal to successfully integrate the youth initiatives and satisfying the needs of young people through regulating legislative sphere.

Youth politics on a governmental level

6.3.8. The Agency for youth and sport should have the primary role in implementing the National Youth Strategy and is responsible for its interpretation and periodic evaluation.
The Agency for youth and sport of the Republic of Macedonia besides the realization of its own year's program shall support the activities and programs of the national youth council and youth communities;

Citizens associations from the field of youth interests

6.3.9. In the absence of a precise definition in the existing law for citizen's associations and foundations, but keeping in mind the legal solutions offered in this act and the everyday practice in youth organizing, the term youth associations means non-governmental, unprofitable and nonpolitical associations of citizens in which the majority of members are young people who democratically lead the association and its program for work and with a goal to achieve projects from the field of youth problematic and which allow access to all the young people on equal basis either as members, interested persons or as participants in the programs of the association;
Youth forms of association work on achieving specific goals of the young people which are the subject of association and are autonomic and independent from outside influences in their work, while in the mean time bringing new ideas and approaches in political debates and political agenda of the governmental institutions which influence the young people.

Youth centers

6.3.10. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia together with the units of local self-governance and youth non-governmental organizations are obligated to develop an action plan for forming a fund for continued financial support of local youth centers which are places for youth activities and programs that interest young people on a local level, for improving the existing youth centers.
The national youth center should be formed two years at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Center for strategic youth researches

6.3.12. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia together with the Agency for youth and sport and the state universities in the Republic of Macedonia are obligated to form a Center for strategic youth researches at the University "St. Cyrillus and Methodius" in Skopje whose basic goals shall be:

- performing courses for creating a capable and qualified personnel for work with and between young people;
- performing researches and analysis of the situation of the young people in the Republic of Macedonia;
- securing information and strategic planning as basis for future interventions in the area of youth politics.

The center shall thrive towards the development of its own international dimension, cooperating with other Universities and Institutions specialized for youth researches and youth formations.
The center for strategic youth researches shall be formed two years at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Political rising generations

6.3.13. A special interest for realization of the youth politics represents the inclusion of the political rising generations in its implementation, as democratic forms of association of the young people on political basis, in the mean time recognizing their interest in resolving and improving the general situation in the Republic of Macedonia in all the levels and for all the generations;

Forms of joint coordination and cooperation

6.3.14. The Agency for youth and sport of the Republic of Macedonia shall form a national advisory committee, composed of representatives from all the relevant ministries and Governmental agencies which satisfy youth needs, as well as representatives of youth associations, on parity basis, which goal shall be:

- Consultations in relation with determination of basic directions and methods in defining and implementing system integrated developing strategies and programs for young people;
- Development, implementation and evaluation of the Srategy for forming youth centers and services;
- Consultation and building propositions in relation with the legal regulative from the domain of this youth politic;
- Strategy for development, strength and self-control of the youth associations and networks.

The national advisory committee shall be formed two months at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

6.3.15. The Agency for youth and sport shall publish a regular year's National report for the position of the young people in the Republic of Macedonia, through which shall be followed the results from the all round acting for implementation of this Strategy for youth, through the statistical data for the general position of the youth in the country and the same shall serve as a starting point in grading the success of the same as well as evaluation for the priorities for the next development period.

6.3.16. The Agency for youth and sport in cooperation with the Ministry of justice and the youth non-governmental organizations shall initiate legal solutions in the existing laws with which the youth work shall be recognized as planned, systematic educational process which brings the personal and social development of young people, a process which was firstly implemented by the youth volunteer groups and associations.
The law for youth work shall be proposed to the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Training of youth leaders and governmental officials

6.3.17. In accordance with this Strategy, the term "training" shall mean a system of training volunteers, youth leaders and governmental officials for the development of their skills and introduction to the basic principles of youth work shall a goal to provide work with young people and with the community as a whole in a way which understands active participation of young leaders, youth in general and the community.
The Agency for youth and sport, in consultation with all the ministries and governmental institutions which work with young people, shall develop an action plan for implementation of the training system in every institution separately, with a goal:

- development of effective and responsible youth leaders and teams;
- development and organization of associations, centers and clubs;
- courses for leaders of youth associations;
- training for special skills, like organization of projects, management, financing, structural development of the organization;
- courses for work with young people intended for public and **social** workers which work in the youth sphere;
- interactive courses for public officials and youth leaders in the sphere of joint cooperation and implementation of this Youth Strategy;
- International cooperation, participation in international organizations and organization of projects of international character and youth exchanges.

The action plan shall begin to implement two years at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

7. Information of young people (youth information)

7.1. General goal

Securing pluralism in the information for the young people and the information itself with a goal to open more opportunities for the young as well as the straight forming of their position and opinion.

7.2. Long term objectives

- the right of **unlimited** access to free, independent, clear, easy accessible and quality information;
- to provide logistics, democratic and financial support for inspiring pluralism of information for the young people;

7.3. Programs

Improvement and protection of the image of young people in the media

7.3.1. The Agency for youth and sport of the Republic of Macedonia in cooperation with the media is obligated to develop program recommendations for:

- improvement of the image and sight on young people which the media have today;
- following a correct usage of young people in advertising;
- securing the participation of young people in the creation of the image which the media impose on them;
- Protection for the personality of the young citizen;

The program recommendations shall be worked out and supported by the Medias one year at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Openness and transparency of the governmental institutions

7.3.2. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the units of local self-governance are obligated to take over measures and activities with which to the young and their forms of association shall be allowed access to all the information necessary for satisfying their interests, which are under the jurisdiction of the Government and the unit of local self-governance.
Governmental agencies and bodies, the Government and non-governmental institutions and organizations are obligated to offer all the necessary information to the youth information centers, which are in the domain of their work and concern the interests of young people.
In the process of creating, distribution of information shall be taken care for equal position of all young people no matter what their economic situation is.
The program for regular and complete information of the young people shall begin to be implemented six months from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

7.3.3. Institutional development

Forming of the youth informational services

7.3.4. The Agency for youth and sport and the units of local self-governance in cooperation with the youth non-governmental organizations shall form and with continued financial support shall support informational services for young people with the goal to relief the access to information for free work places, educational, recreational and cultural institutions and facilities, expanding the options for mobility, training, over-qualification and journeys, cultural and sport rewards.
Special attention shall be given by the organs of the local self-governance in the forming of an informational center for help and counseling for all the young people who are in trouble or demand assistance of any kind, as well as special network of advisory centers for young people with special needs.
The Agency for youth and sport and the units of the local self-governance shall form a network of at least 30 informational centers 3 years at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

8. Culture

8.1. General goal

The young people shall be allowed expand the possibilities for personal understanding and evaluation of the Macedonian, European and world cultural heritage

8.2. Long term objectives

- stimulating the young to participate in artistic activities, presentation of projects as well as part of their education, profession and free time;
- stimulating the creative capabilities of the youth in the area of the culture;
- stimulating the intercultural understanding of the young people

Basis through which the young people shall be able to express themselves and their creative possibilities

8.2.1. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia through the Ministry of education and science is obligated to develop a program which, through faculty and regular subjects, shall allow the young people a creative expression in the sphere of the music, media and arts; organization of language courses; and support for the participation of young people in the media.
A program like that shall include certain interventions in the infrastructure of the schools as well as access from the teaching staff and the students to modern means of expression, communication and free access to modern technology.
The Ministry for education and science shall begin with implementation of the activities from this program 3 years at the latest from the day of adoption of this Strategy.

Forming of the cultural politic of the Republic of Macedonia shall take into consideration the importance of the young people in all the aspects of the cultural-artistic life

8.2.2. The ministries for culture, education and science, the Agency for youth and sport and the Sector for European integrations of the Republic of Macedonia shall prepare a program and criteria with which in its own programs for financing of NGO's and projects, shall allow increased support for organizations and projects which are involved in creative activities, are supporting talented and artistic potentials of the young people;
Programs and criteria shall start to be implemented from the budget year 2006.

The organization of programs which are thrived towards the increasing cultural understanding and participation between young people

8.2.3. The Ministries for culture, education and science, the Agency for youth and sport and the Sector for European integrations of the Republic of Macedonia shall prepare a program and criteria with which in its own programs for financing of NGO's and projects, shall allow increased support for organizations and projects which contain:

- expanding of the opportunities for personal understanding and evaluation of the Macedonian, European and world cultural heritage;
- intercultural character and expressed individual creativity of young people
- strengthening of the cultural tolerance, democracy, respect for human rights and the governance of the law between the young people.

Programs and criteria shall begin to be implemented from the budget year 2006.

9. Local youth labor

9.1. General goal

As an general dispute for the future growth of the young people, the National Youth Strategy in the Republic of Macedonia are thrived, on one hand, towards detailed regulation of the interests and needs of the young people by the local authorities, and on the other hand, towards the active participation of the young people in the politic, economic and cultural life in their local areas.

9.2. Life long objectives

- The transfer of the youth labor from central level to a local level through widely set concept for local navigation of the youth questions: a delegated decentralization and discretion of the local autonomic authorities;
- establishing and testing mechanisms for implementation of the local youth labor and local youth action plans;

9.3. Programs

Accessing toward international acts and documentation for young people on a local basis

9.3.1. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, in the proposal by the Ministry of Justice and the Agency for youth and sports shall adjust the Macedonian legislative to the appointments by the European document for participation of the youth in the local and regional life in Europe, within one year from the day of the adopting of this Strategy.

Local Youth Strategies

9.3.2. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, going by its expertise and knowledge for local chances and needs of the local authorities and the local NGO youth sector, calls upon them, within their framework of their supervisions and budget capacities, to set a local youth strategy, through adaptation or modification, through their discretion, in this Strategy, for the local needs and interests of he young people, as well as for the local developing needs and priorities of the municipalities.
The process of adapting of the local youth strategy in all units of the local self-governance shall end within 3 years from the day of the adaptation of this Strategy.

Duties of the local youth strategies

9.3.3. The local strategies for young people, depending on the need and interests of the young people and the growing priorities of each municipality, shall include:

- training programs for employment;
- counsels for the employment and the choice of career;

- training in the developing of youth self-employment, opening small and medium sized enterprises, generating outcomes;
- giving scholarships and practical work for the students of the local universities and faculties;
- programs for putting young people in dormitories: heading a policy about the kind and the cost of the renting or buying of the apartments, the building;
- programs and campaigns for informing, rising the awareness, training young people and the population for supporting volunteer work, promotion of solidarity, uniqueness, inter cultural education and cooperation.
- programs for including and reintegrating the young people in marginalized groups;
- informational or training programs for promotion of healthy life styles between young people especially about sexual education, prevention of premature pregnancies, prevention form sexually transmitted diseases, war against drugs, traffic accidents;
- programs for returning to schools for those who have abandoned them for different reasons (adaptation problems, drugs, alcohol, premature pregnancies, religious of social reasons);
- programs for rising the awareness, training and concrete actions for protecting the human environment, as a promotion for a school subject for protecting the human surrounding or the local programs for working places connected with the protection and the nourishment of the surrounding nature;
- in accordance with the cultural needs and the features of the community, creating programs in a form of grants, credits, scholarships, courses for training, cultural and recreational activities in which the young people shall be a priority to, as expositions, concerts, competitions, seminars, round tables, excursions, studies etc.
- support, building, reconstruction and care for the local sport infrastructure in a special emphasize in a free and equal approach to all young people for their usage, organizing different sport activities, competitions, support for sport associations and organizations;
- organizing programs for exchange of young people with another local communities, as well as programs for exchange and cooperation between young people with regional communities of other countries;
- support for the associative life of the young people through support for their organizations from different budget levels,
- coordination between the local carriers of the youth activities in order to implement the programs and activities of the local action plan for young people;
- programs for youth informing, as an consolidation of the youth informing services, creating research centers for informing and documentation, promoting youth magazines, youth programs on radio and TV.
- programs for underage delinquency prevention;
- creating and supporting local infrastructure which shall be given to the youth organizations;
- campaigns against racism, intolerance and xenophobia;

- recruiting personnel who shall do counseling for the young people, in all areas of their lives, animators and teachers, youth leaders, trainers, etc.
- activities and programs for improving of the general positioning of the young people, within the observations of each unit on a local self-governance, and in accordance with the positive regulations of Republic of Macedonia.

9.3.4. Institutional development

Local youth coordinative representative bodies

9.3.5. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia is calling upon the local youth organizations to approach toward the formation of local youth coordinative representative bodies in the youth organizations and their members, which :

- present a volunteer forum for associations and groups of young people in order to exchange ideas, experiences and opinions and develop a local youth policy, in accordance to the needs of the local environment;
- stimulates a good practice and a successful work for the young people through an exchange of information and experience;
- recognize the needs of the young in a given local surrounding and prepares a strategy and action for meeting those needs;
- prepares and implements joined programs and researches on a youth level;
- head towards developing of the active role of the young people in their own local surrounding on all levels of their participation;
- have a active cooperation with the local surrounding and primary schools, and with a purpose to develop extra educational activities for the youth people;
- bring an active improvement for the growing of the whole local community.

Support of the local youth organizations

9.3.6. The Government of the Republic of Macedonia call the units of the local self-governance, to enable material and financial support for the local youth coordinative representative bodies, associations and centers for an informal education for the young people with a goal for an active participation by the young people and their forms of bringing each other together in the developing of the local community.

Co-management on a local level

9.3.7. The units of the local self-governance are being called to form special administrative bodies for designing, following and implementation on the different local programs for young people, within the local administration, with a participation of the young people and youth organizations, on an equal and parity basis.

Coordination and exchange of experiences

9.3.8. Coordination of the local youth policies with the National Strategy should be based on a horizontal and vertical connection and a coordination of all concerned actors through

- establishing a joined body at all local administrative bodies or officials who work with and for young people with the Agency for youth and sport;
- establishing a technical committee in each area especially by the local officials or administrative bodies in coordination with adequate ministries which implement the national program.
- a formal connection of the Agency for youth and sports with the Community of the units of the local self-governance of Republic of Macedonia;

10. Financing

The youth communities should possess a basic financial fund for projects and administrative work, which allows a continuation of their activity and contribution in the developing of the society

10.1. The Agency for youth and sport of the Republic of Macedonia shall offer directions, infrastructural and project support for the development of the youth communities, respecting the principles of open possibilities, free choice, autonomy and responsibility by the young people and their organizational forms of socializing, through:

- activities and projects form the sphere of social youth protection ; youth standards;
- support of programs and life long projects which head toward improvement of the general position of the children and the young people in all spheres of the social life, as this Youth policy;
- affirmation of the youth policy and development of the youth structures;
- international support, in the sense of promoting the young people's interests of Republic of Macedonia, implementation of positive experiences in Republic of Macedonia, youth exchanges and processes of inter cultural learning;
- promotion of life long values between the young people and projects which stimulate European integrative processes;
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10.2. The Strategy must foresee an active support of the work of the youth communities through state, public and private national and local funds for support of the short-term projects and contribution to the administrative expanses of the organizations;

10.3. A special contribution in the financing of special segments of the Strategy, as the result of inter-sartorial cooperation, decentralization and competencies, adequate ministries shall have the funds and local authorities, the later especially in creating and support of the concrete activities, programs and instruments of implementation.

10.4. The youth policy of Republic of Macedonia must head towards on securing financial support for the youth initiatives with a national character as well through the Fund for Recreational and Educational activities of the Republic of Macedonia form the outcomes from the Luck Games in republic of Macedonia;

10.5. Stimulation of the private capital for financial support of the youth activities, with lowered taxes in the height of the given donations and sponsorships;

10.6. The Agency for youth and sport is obligated for preparing a special act which shall include the basic criteria for financial support of the youth forums in bringing together and youth initiatives in republic of Macedonia.

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- the existence of a liberal law for formulating youth communities;

11. Temporary and final specifications

All the carriers of the National Youth Strategy in Republic of Macedonia should initiate special legal solutions (or change in the existing) in accordance with the prerogative segments of the youth issue, with a special emphasis on the student and high school youth and standard, primary, medium and high education, judicial, the culture as well as the youth activities and structures;

A special care should be paid to the legal regulating of the corpus of social rights, social and economic state and status of the young population;

The youth policy shall head towards on the adaptation of the Law for promotion and protection of the youth interests as well in Republic of Macedonia, defining the position and role of the young people, obligations and the protection as citizens, but the population enjoys as a special category as well;

The goal of the National Strategy should be the endorsement of the bilateral and multilateral deals for support and joined programs, which on a project basis shall be implemented by the youth communities of the signing countries: these programs subjected on the joined grade and critics by the recourse governmental agencies and youth communities;

The society should thrive towards acknowledging the youth volunteer work and the youth leaders as a planed, systematized educational process which stimulated the personal and the social development of the young people, a process which is initially implemented by the youth volunteer groups and communities;

Such strategies shall be basis for a further perfection of the whole legal system in Republic of Macedonia in accordance with the borders and the protection of the rights of the children and the young people in the Republic of Macedonia.