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### Synergies between public policies and programmes

The national strategy for the development of public policies in the field of creativity and culture is based on an **inter-ministerial and inter-institutional approach**.

The scope of action and coverage of most programmes and measures goes far beyond the strictly cultural sphere and is the result of **partnerships and synergies established between a diverse set of entities in different fields and levels of action**.

The main synergies between programmes and public policies in the field of youth focus in the field of **education, employment and entrepreneurship and social inclusion**.

In the **field of employment and entrepreneurship**, the wide range of support programmes for entrepreneurship and self-employment stand out, which offers funding sources for young people to develop their business ideas and creative capacities, particularly through the [StartUp Portugal](#) programme and [Youth Guarantee](#).

In the field of **social inclusion**, the “Choices Programme” ([Programa Escolhas](#)) stands out, which has been promoting and supporting projects in the field of social inclusion to strengthen equal opportunities and reinforcing social cohesion by supporting local institutions.

The “Choices Programme” is a national government programme, created in 2001, promoted by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and integrated in the High Commission for Migration ([ACM, I.P.](#)). Among the projects that it supports, some aim at the development of personal and social skills through cultural and artistic activities in a *feature of social intervention*.

## **Partnerships between the culture and creative sectors, youth organisations and youth workers**

### **Children and Young People Forum**

[The Children and Young People Forum](#) was established in 2010 under the Commemorative Platform for the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The purpose of the forum is to develop a network, by creating a space for dialogue, exchange of ideas, knowledge and views between organisations working with children and young people.

The objective is to contribute to the defence and promotion of social, cultural, economic and civil rights of children and young people.