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### **Forthcoming policy developments**

During 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic hit the Czech Republic and as the Youth Policy field was already in turbulent conditions, structural and personal changes undergoing at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports moved the activities of the Youth Policy to the operational level. By the end of 2020, the Youth Strategy terminated without any other strategic follow-up. The fields of Non-formal education and Youth Organizations were added as a part to the Education 2030+ Strategy with the aim of ensuring the predictability for youth organizations. Administratively the agenda is connected with the primary education field, which opens questions about the main focus group and options to target the 15+ old young people and their activities and participation.

### **Ongoing debates**

There is no official public ongoing debate about the post 2020 Youth Strategy. Aspects of Non-formal education are followed up within the scope of the Education 2030+ Strategy.

Since 2021, new benefits for the long-term voluntary youth workers on summer camps came into force and the guidelines for the implementation are in the preparation of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs as well as The Czech Social Security Administration. The main goal is to support them [with 5 more off work days for their voluntary summer youth work](#) and covering them social security support during that time.