

10.4 Quality and innovation in youth work

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Quality assurance

Quality assurance is ensured by having the [Youth Worker Occupational Standard](#). The standard sets the detailed description of the work that is being delivered by the youth workers as well as the key competencies that the youth worker should possess – both general and specific competencies. Except for the Standard, no other quality assurance system was put in place.

Research and evidence supporting Youth Work

No particular project has been initiated on researching upon youth work and its outcomes in Romania. The Institute of Educational Sciences (IES), ([Institutul de ?tiin?e ale Educa?iei – ISE](#)) had been implementing national and international projects in the field of youth and education through the Youth Research Laboratory, but the [cooperation of the Ministry of Youth and Sports with the youth research community in the Institute was rather reduced](#) until the Institute reorganization in November 2019.

The non-governmental organizations were interested into finding out more about the current state of affairs when it comes to youth work. Consequently, within the project '[Sustainable policies and standards in working with young people in Romania](#)', the team [researched upon the current occupational status](#) of the youth worker and the needs to have a standardized and updated status.

Participative youth work

No special provisions on participative youth work exist in Romania. As stated in [Section 5.4](#), the local authorities are to consult with young organizations in matters related to young people but

neither the local consultations nor the meetings of the Consultative Council on Youth Issues (CCYI) at the Ministry of Youth and Sport have been specifically targeting participative youth work.

"Smart" youth work: youth work in the digital world

No special provisions or training activities on smart and digital youth work implemented and run by the state authorities exist in Romania.