

1.1 Target population of youth policy

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The Flemish Community formally defines 'youth' as the group of children and young people up to and including the age of 30. This is a more gallic-inspired approach (including Belgium and the number of southern countries) in which young people are brought within wider age limits. For that reason, youth is the collective name of, among other things, children and teenagers. This has also been explicated in the Flemish Parliament Act of 20 January 2012 on conducting a renewed policy on youth and children's rights.

At the same time, youth policy in Flanders covers several policy areas, which may be concerned with a specific part of this group, see for example:

- Decree concerning the organization of child care for babies and toddlers: focused on children who are not yet attending kindergarten.
- Decree on Integrated Youth Care: focused on minors (youngsters under the age of 18)
- Decree concerning the system of learning and working: focused on youngsters between the ages of 15 and 25