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How youth policy is funded

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Youth organisations have three main financial sources:

- the Children and Youth Fund
- the National Cooperation Fund
- the EU youth programmes.

The **Children and Youth Fund's** [[Gyermek és Ifjúsági Alapprogram](#) (referred hereinafter to as GYIA)] budget from 2018 to 2021 was HUF 80.0 million each year (about EUR 257 000), which was higher than the 2017 budget (about EUR 208 700).

The **National Cooperation Fund's** [[Nemzeti Együttműködési Alap](#) (referred hereinafter to as NEA)] budget for 2020 was HUF 7 723.2 million (about EUR 21.4 million). In the budget recommendation for 2021, its budget is 9 287.6 million (about EUR 25.8 million).

It must be noted that in the case of the first two sources, only a part of the budget is channelled into youth

policy. GYIA also funds children's projects, while NEA is a general funding scheme for civil society.

What is funded??

Since some frameworks can have similar aims with their activities, but certain frameworks might entail diverse aims, it is not really possible to group the different budget lines by topics.

The budgetary allocations for the last two years:

	2020		2019	
	million HUF	million EUR	million HUF	million EUR
National Cooperation Fund	7 723.2	21.4	4 405.8	12.3
Support for Elisabeth children and youth camps (in 2020)/Support of Elisabeth Programme (in 2019)	4 375.6	12.2	4 405.8	14.2
National Talent Programme	3 163.8	8.8	3 187.6	8.8
Support of young people's first language exam	1 985.5	6.6	2 788	8.9
Support of young people's first driving licence	1 138.7	3.8	1 676	5.4
Child and youth profession development objectives	538.3	1.5	1 183.9	3.8
Support of New Generation Centre	300	0.8	300	0.8
Support of equal opportunity and volunteering programmes and tasks	107	0.3	85	0.2
Lithuanian youth support of Children and Youth Fund	80	0.2	80	0.2

Support of family and youth policy developments, services and programmes	35.1	0.097	35.2	0.098
Stephen Báthory Fund for the Cooperation of Hungarian and Lithuanian youth	3.0	0.008	3.0	0.008

National Cooperation Fund

Within the National Cooperation Fund, which implements the support of civil society organisations, the Board for the Future of the New Generation is the decision-making body on youth specific grants.

The budget lines indicate the concrete directions of support. The board for the Future of the New Generation can decide on the support of the following activities from the two sources of grant:

1. support for the participation of Hungarian civil society organisations in international civil networking and national/international events and festivals support for international members' fees, support for programmes that promote European integration;
2. support for scientific research, monitoring activities, and registration tasks related to the civil society;
3. support for activities and institutions related to service provision, consultation, education, development and support in connection with the civil society
4. support for the production of publications, electronic and printed professional media that deal with the civil society
5. project co-financing support for civil society organisations;
6. grant to donation distributor organisations in line with the decision of the Council of National Cooperation Fund and the decisions of boards about ensuring automatic funding based on uniform assessment criteria;
7. supporting civil interest representation activities.

Children and Youth Fund

The other main source of funding, with an allocation of HUF 60 million (about EUR 190 000), is the Children and Youth Fund (GYIA). It's 2016 and 2017 project was titled 'Create a community!'. The project aimed to support

'series of programmes (minimum 4 events) implemented at national or international level with the inclusion and active participation of the youth groups, which form an integral part of the professional activities of youth communities and organisations, contribute to the implementation of youth initiatives, the creation and strengthening of communities, support the social participation of young people, promote the love of home and country, and ensure usefully spent leisure time.' ([Gyermek és Ifjúsági Alapprogram](#))

In 2018 the title of the tender with the allocation of HUF 80.0 million (about EUR 257 000) was 'Youth in the

Year of Families', and it aimed to strengthen family values among young people.

Financial accountability

Financial accountability of national and EU projects is administered through the System of Electronic Tender Management and Cooperation (EPER). The monitoring is administered by the Human Capacities Grant Management Office ([Emberi Erőforrás Támogatáskezelő](#)), hereinafter referred to as [EMET](#)). EMET also coordinates the external audits of

- the State Audit Office of Hungary,
- the Hungarian State Treasury,
- the Directorate General for Audit of European Funds,
- the European Commission and
- the Ministry of Human Capacities.

In National Cooperation Fund (NEA) projects, the beneficiaries submit a financial and a content report, and there are on-the-spot checks as well. The monitoring of Children and Youth Fund (GYIA) is carried out by the Council of the Fund, which 'contributes to the monitoring and evaluation tasks' in line with Regulation 2/1999 of 24 September [[2/1999. \(IX. 24.\) ISM rendelet módosítása](#)].

Use of EU Funds

Although there is detailed information available about EU grants, it is almost impossible to filter out and summarise grants that were specifically dedicated to youth policy.

The most important EU funded project of the 2014-2020 budgetary cycle is the Youth Guarantee programme ([Ifjúsági Garancia](#) program), which, all in all, uses around HUF 200 Billion (around EUR 620 Million) from different projects funded by the Competitive Central Hungary Operation Programme and the Economic Development and Innovation Operation Programme. (For more related information, please see sub-chapter [3.2 Administration and governance](#).)

Another key project is the 'Complex development in the field of youth – New Generation Reloaded'. The project is funded through the Human Resource Development Operational Programme (EFOP, HRDOP) in the convergence regions (HUF 3.5 billion, about EUR 11.24 million) and the Competitive Central Hungary Operation Programme (VEKOP, CCHOP) in Central Hungary (HUF 1.5 billion, about EUR 4.8 million).

Other relevant projects include:

[HRDOP-1.2.11-16](#): Opportunity at home (aiming young people living in the countryside areas to stay in their local communities)- HUF 10,66 Billion (around EUR 33 Million). (The last application date was 01/02/2019).

[HRDOP-1.3.8-17](#): Volunteering personalised (aiming young people freshly finishing secondary studies to

engage in voluntary activities) - HUF 4 708 218 251 (around EUR 14.6 Million). (The last application date was 02/05/2019).

[HRDOP-1.2.2-15](#): Supporting youth programmes (aiming to support community activities of youth via strengthening local communities and volunteering) - HUF 1 168 882 218 (around EUR 3.6 Million). (The last application date was 07/03/2018).

[HRDOP-1.3.5-16](#): Strengthening social engagement through developing the communities (aiming to foster social cohesion and combat discrimination through intergenerational cooperation) – HUF 14 240 794 690 (around EUR 44.1 Million). (The last application date was 12/09/2018).

[HRDOP-3.2.14-17](#): Success through language learning (aiming to develop secondary students' language competence): HUF 2 564 482 835 (around EUR 7.95 Million). (The last application date was 26/10/2017).

[HRDOP-3.3.6-17](#): Development of experiential education programmes and experience centres in the field of natural sciences: HUF 4.5 Billion (around EUR 13.9 Million). (The last application date was 08/05/2019).

Please refer to the specific sub-chapters for more detailed data on spending.