

2.3 National strategy on Youth Volunteering

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Existence of a National Strategy

Currently, there is no standalone youth volunteering strategy in Hungary. A general volunteering strategy, the [National Volunteer Strategy \(Nemzeti Önkéntes Stratégia\)](#) was accepted by the Government Decision no. 1068/2012 (III. 20.) [[1068/2012. \(III. 20.\) Korm. határozat](#)] and has the timeframe of 2012-2020. The Strategy does not concern itself with the specific topic of youth volunteering either. It does not define explicit goals to achieve in connection with young people, yet they are mentioned several times among the target groups. The success indicators to be reached by 2020 identified: 'the participation ratio of young people between the age of 18 and 26 in voluntary activities shall increase by 25% by 2020.' ([Volunteer Act](#))

The review of the [National Volunteer Strategy 2012-2020](#) (Nemzeti Önkéntes Stratégia 2012-2020) has started already in the summer of 2019. In addition to representatives of the Ministry, members of the National Volunteer Council and volunteering experts are actively involved. They completed the revision in 2019 but still there are no public documentation on it. (For more information about the National Volunteer Council please see sub-chapter [2.2 Administration and governance of youth volunteering.](#))

According to the information provided by the Ministry in 2020, the Ministry of Human Capacities ([Emberi Erőforrások Minisztériuma](#)) is setting up the framework for creating the new strategy in 2020. In addition to the active participation of governmental actors, the Ministry also counts on the opinion and work of the civil sphere dealing with volunteering. (For more information about the new National Volunteer Strategy, please see sub-chapter [2.8 Current debates and reforms](#).)

Scope and contents

Not applicable – youth volunteering does not appear in a distinct way in the Strategy. (See 2.3 National strategy on Youth Volunteering - [Existence of a National Strategy](#).)

Responsible authority

As mentioned before, the Strategy does not focus on youth volunteering; there were no specific youth-related tasks assigned to any authorities. However, generally, the tasks having possible connections to youth policy are administered in the Ministry of Human Capacities ([Emberi Erőforrások Minisztériuma](#)).

The Strategy calls for frequent monitoring; the first phase was conducted in 2013. The report ([Batta, 2013](#)) does not explicitly address youth volunteering; it only analyses the role of age. The next wave of monitoring was conducted in 2018. Although the research did not only focus on young people, the flash report deliberately paid attention to the answers of 18-29-year olds. ([Gyorgyovich et al, 2018](#))

Revisions/ Updates

Not applicable. (See 2.3 National strategy on Youth Volunteering - [Existence of a National Strategy](#).)