

## **Insights into evidence-based EU youth policy**

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### **Abstract**

One of the basic principles of the European Union's youth policy has been evidence-based policy and the associated collection of knowledge about the circumstances of young people and youth policy developments. This article discusses what evidence-based policy actually means and how it is characterised by combining theory on evidence-based policy with the development of EU youth policy. The article shows how EU youth policy has developed over the years in pursuit of an evidence-based youth policy. It also looks at the various instruments, e. g. the EU Youth Report, Youth Wiki and the Future National Activity Planner, which serve as the basis for European knowledge building. In a concluding summary, these developments are again classified and an outlook is given with regard to future developments.