

Evaluation of the youth/youth work policy of governments Essay in search for a concept

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Abstract

This essay develops a system to evaluate the youth (work) policy of governments. It aims to provide a concrete and adequate framework and a methodology to implement this approach. The first chapter offers a critical analysis of the definitions of youth, youth policy and youth work policy, attempting to give some alternatives to definitions used by the EU and the CoE. The heart of this contribution focusses on the notion evaluation of government policy. To tackle a successful evaluation, this essay constructs a coherent set of eight indispensable instruments and describes as a short manual to implement them. At last, the essay lances a call to use this approach in some European countries, to deliver experiences to colleagues in favour for a better youth (work) policy. Maybe a comparable practice in different countries can provide overall knowledge on the conditions and qualities of youth (work) policy in Europe.