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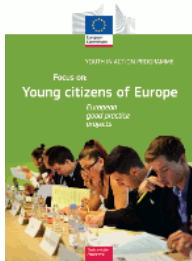
Child labour in Europe: a persisting challenge

“Many observers thought that child labour was a thing of the past in Europe. However, there are strong indications that child labour remains a serious problem and that it might be growing in the wake of the economic crisis”, says Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, in his [Human Rights Comment](#) .

The prevalence of child labour in developing countries is a well-known problem – according to the International Labour Organisation today more than 250 million children between the ages of 5 and 14 work. In trying to map the situation in Europe, however, it was found that information is very sparse. In fact, it seems to be a taboo subject. But we have been able to accumulate enough information to see a grim picture.

According to UNESCO, in Georgia 29 percent of children aged 7-14 are working. In Albania the figure is 19 percent. The government of the Russian Federation has estimated that up to 1 million children may be working in the country. In Italy, a study of June 2013 indicates that 5.2 percent of children younger than 16 are working. But from most other countries no data are yet available. ([more...](#))

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The publication "Young Citizens of Europe" presents European good practice projects

2013 has been designated the European Year of Citizens, to raise awareness on the rights and responsibilities of EU citizens and to encourage discussion at every level of society on the future of Europe. This comes at a time of global crisis. Young people have been particularly hard hit by the crisis and, in some Member States; youth unemployment is exceeding 50%. Yet the role of young people remains crucial in preserving the shared values on which Europe has been built and in ensuring its future.

The projects presented in this brochure describe a fascinating panorama of activities undertaken by groups of young people or young individuals in the EU and beyond, which reflect their active, critical and responsible citizenship. They were all supported by the Youth in Action programme, in the form of Youth Exchanges, European Voluntary Service projects or training and networking projects for youth workers and youth organizations.

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The Forum will specifically endeavour to:

- enhance the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning especially in the context of social inclusion, building on the synergies between international, national, regional and local levels;
- raise the quality and visibility of non-formal learning and youth work at the local level and foster exchange of good practice of youth work between Eastern Partnership and Youth in Action Programme countries;
- showcase current youth cooperation within the framework of the Youth in Action Programme's Eastern Partnership Youth Window and explore opportunities offered by the future EU programme for education, training, youth and sport.

For more information see attached file and visit this website: <http://www.youthforum2013.eu>