

“Participation of Young People in Youth Information Work”

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<p>DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE OR PROJECT INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTLY IN AN ASPECT OF YOUTH INFORMATION WORK included in Compendium of Projects prepared for the European Seminar</p>
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Ref: **06-23**

Organisation: **IJAB**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA + Eurodesk**

<p>1. Name of Initiative (project, activity, service or product):</p>
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23 - GERMANY: National Youth Portal

<p>2. Description of Initiative or Project (<i>please give a short but complete description, including the aim of the initiative or project</i>):</p>
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www.netzcheckers.de is the youth portal of the federal initiative „Jugend ans Netz” (“Young people to the Net”). Its objective is to create an extensive on-line network of information, communication and consultation for young people in Germany. It aims to reach as many youngsters as possible in order to strengthen their media competence. The project is designed by young persons for young persons, and it offers varied youth-oriented information and consultation, as well as active joining-in, communication and entertainment. This interactive offer enables internet beginners to put texts, pictures, video and audio contributions on the page and to join discussion chat rooms - just like professionals. Apart from changing topics and creative tools, new information on virus protection, dangers and risks of the Internet can be found. Young people move their ideas creatively, strengthen and develop their medial, communicative and social competence.

A co-operative network of over 70 interlinking partners in youth welfare and youth information has been developed through the participation of young people in their locality and their fields of interest.

3. **Form of Youth Participation in Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative :**

(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)

This is:

- a) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in the identification of the information needs of young people in their locality or field of interest**
- b) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in the designing and preparation of information magazines and materials** (for a young public)
- c) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in informing or advising other young people**

d) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in managing or evaluating youth information centres or other services** (such as a youth card)

e) An initiative or project that addresses **another aspect of youth participation in youth information work** (please specify the aspect):

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4. Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:

Name: IJAB e.V. – Projektbüro Jugend ans Netz
Address: Godesberger Allee 142-148, D-53175 Bonn, Germany

5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):

Name: Daniel Poli
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6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?

A growing community of over 15,000 registered young people and over 70 content partners who are engaged in local networks of youth information and participation on the Internet.

7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative?
(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)

Local Regional National European

8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken *(please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):*

The youth portal www.netzcheckes.de was officially started in November 2004 and is part of the federal initiative „Jugend ans Netz” (“Young people to the Net”) which was founded in 2002.

9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?

Over 15,000 young people are registered at the youth portal and there are over 2,000 daily visits. Many young people participate as young journalists, take part in activities like uploading their own photos or self composed music. With this project we built one of the largest networks in youth information in Germany on the Internet. Thus the youth portal “netzcheckers” facilitates a new form of information network: youth information through participation.

10. Report – Publication – Other Product *(if there is a report, publication or other “product” relating to this initiative, please state where it can be obtained or consulted, and in which language):*

The following material is available concerning this initiative:
(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)

Report Publication Other Product (specify)

Title:

Language(s):

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:

Can be obtained from (address of organisation):

This description form has been completed by:

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