

## “Participation of Young People in Youth Information Work”

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<p><b>DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE OR PROJECT INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTLY IN AN ASPECT OF YOUTH INFORMATION WORK</b> included in Compendium of Projects prepared for the European Seminar</p>
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Ref: **06-03**

Organisation: **JUGENDINFO.CC**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA + Eurodesk**

1. **Name of Initiative** (project, activity, service or product):

**03 - AUSTRIA: National Youth Portal**

2. **Description of Initiative or Project** (please give a short but complete description, including the aim of the initiative or project):

In developing the Austrian Youth Portal ([www.jugendinfo.at](http://www.jugendinfo.at)), youth participation was the main aim. As young people are especially talented in using new technology and also know exactly how a web-site for the young should look like, the Youth Unit of the Youth Ministry decided to launch a pilot project. **For the first time, an official website of an Austrian ministry is developed by young people themselves.**

With the help of experts, they not only developed the **technical structure** but also the **graphic design**, according to the **WAI guidelines**, so that also disabled young people will be able to use the Austrian Youth Portal in future.

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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<b>4. Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:</b>	
Name:	Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection; Unit V/5 Youth Policy
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<b>5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):</b>	
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<b>6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?</b>	
Currently about 120 young Austrians from all over the country worked on the new website. The young people are members of Austria's largest Online-Community "reflex.at".	
<b>7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative?</b> <i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i>	
Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Regional <input type="checkbox"/>
National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	European <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken</b> <i>(please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):</i>	
It started in autumn 2004, was launched on 12 August 2005, and is still continuing.	
<b>9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?</b>	
Through this project the young not only improve their knowledge and understanding of creating websites including the technical details, but they also become sensitized regarding the needs of their disabled fellows.	
<b>10. Report – Publication – Other Product</b> <i>(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):</i>	
The following material is available concerning this initiative: <i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i>	
Report <input type="checkbox"/>	Publication <input type="checkbox"/>
Other Product (specify) ...web portal... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Title:	Austrian Youth Portal: www.jugendinfo.at
Language(s):	German
Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:	---
Can be obtained from (address of organisation):	---
<b>11. Additional Information:</b>	
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This description form has been completed by:

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