

YOUTH in the City of Nis

**Youth Office
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1. ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE



- The City of Niš is the regional center of the South-eastern Serbia.
- Our city has a big offer of cultural events, educational capacities, business opportunities, rich history, plenty of possibilities for studies and therefore, the constant circulation of the young.
- There are **60.000 young** people in Niš.
- Since there are 14 faculties within the University of Niš, the city generates a large number of the young.
- The city is lively and full of various opportunities for the young, especially during the summer.



STRATEGIC BACKGROUND



National strategic documents dealing with the youth:

- National Youth Strategy
- National Youth Strategy Action Plan
- Career Guidance and Counselling Strategy
- Law on Youth

Local strategic documents dealing with the youth:

- City of Nis Youth Strategy (2015-2020)
- Local Youth Action Plan (2015-2020)
- Local Youth Security Strategy, adopted in 2013
- Ordinance on Youth Policy, adopted in 2013
- Ordinance on Supporting Talented students, adopted in 2005



3. *YOUTH BODIES*



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3. ABOUT YOUTH COUNCIL



- The Youth Council is commissioned by the local Assembly
- The purpose of the Youth Council is to support, complement and monitor activities directed at youth policy development and implementation.
- Youth Council is a mechanism which enables young people to take an active role in decision making, and for networking and intersectoral cooperation of institutions dealing with the young people.



3. ABOUT YOUTH COUNCIL





3. ABOUT YOUTH OFFICE



- At first the Ministry of Youth and Sports was established on the national level in 2007.
- Afterwards, local self-governments opened youth offices and there are around 150 Youth Offices in Serbia now.
- Youth Office is a place for informing and supporting young people in the City of Niš since 2012.
- As a part of Department of Youth and Sports, the Youth Office improves youth politics in the area of education, sports, free time, increasing employment, information, health, culture, gender equality, preventing crimes and violence.



3. ABOUT YOUTH OFFICE

- Youth Office tends to support active participation of young people in creating healthy environment, social networking, youth politics, productive free time and professional satisfaction.
- According to the Local Youth Strategy **the biggest issues** are:
 1. **Unemployment** – 22,3% of the young aged 15 to 30, are unemployed, according to National Employment Service data from May 2018.
 2. **Safety** – over 50% of the young witnessed some form of violence and the young don't feel safe and protected.
 3. **Inactivity** – the young lack motivation, information, participation, involvement in decision making



4. *MAIN SERVICES*

1. Improving youth politics,
2. Financing youth projects,
3. Supporting youth projects,
4. Providing career guidance,
5. Organizing internships,
6. Supporting volunteering,
7. Providing free seminars for increasing youth competences,
8. Providing space for free seminars,
9. Informing the young.



4. MAIN SERVICES

- Youth Office announces the Public Call for financing projects for the young intended for the civil sector in total sum of 3.000.000 RSD **(25. 500 EUR)** each year.
- Since 2012 until now we have financed over 140 projects, around 20 each year, through our Public Call.
- In 2018 the Youth Office budget was significantly increased by 6.600.000 RSD **(55.000 EUR)** for financing events.
- The total budget of the Youth Office in 2018 is 15.000.000 RSD **(130.000 EUR)**.
- In 2018 we financed around 40 activities.



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5. RECENT PROJECTS



1. *Youth Employment Promotion – GIZ*
2. *Information without Borders for the Young*
3. *U-NI internship*
4. *Public Call for financing youth projects*
5. *The Start Up Course*



5. RECENT PROJECTS



1. One of the most important projects is **Youth Employment Promotion** - Program for Sustainable Growth and Employment in Serbia - in corporation with the German Association for International Corporation – GIZ.

- The main goal - provide support to the young for building capacities to find a job and be recognized on the job market. Also they help them to create and use opportunities intended for self-employment. A **virtual company was established**, that simulates real working environment and tasks. From 50 people that attended the virtual company, 23 of them found a job in 2018.



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5. RECENT PROJECTS

2. Information without Borders for the Young – in partnership with the NGO the Youth Educational Center and supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports – Youth Office capacity building and creating the info center for providing and sharing all information important to the young.



5. RECENT PROJECTS

3. U-NI internship

– is a one month internship for the University of Nis students, in the public sector. Since 2015 the City of Nis and the University of Nis are implementing this project in which there were more than 250 interns so far. Every intern gets a certificate, a possibility to get the recommendation letter and additional 3 points for extracurricula academic activities.





5. RECENT PROJECTS



4. Youth Office in cooperation with the Regional Development Agency "South" has been implementing **The Start Up Course**, since 2014.

Participants get knowledge how to start their own business and how to draft a business plan.

They learn about SWOT analysis and the business registration process.

Until now more than 450 young ambitious people participated in The Start Up Course.



6. IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



1. *Youth Tailored Career*
2. *Establishing the Youth Club*
3. *Youth Career information Campaign*
4. *IT project - Chance for All*
5. *Science isn't Scary*
6. *European Quadrille Dance Festival*

6. IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

1. Youth Tailored Career (*Karijera po meri mladih*) - Youth Office capacity building for providing career guidance to the young.

This projects was realized in cooperation with the Belgrade Open School and the financial assistance of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.



6. IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

2. Establishing the Youth Club in the Youth Office supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in 2015.

The main goal is to encourage young people to be active, participate, volunteer, share experiences and Build the better future together.



6. IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

3. Youth Career Information Campaign - professional orientation, 2013/2014. in cooperation with GIZ, supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Career informing and guidance is provided in the Youth Office according to standards of the program – personal development, building capacities for learning and employment, planning and organizing future career.



6. IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

4. IT project - Chance for All – in partnership with the leading partner - NiCAT (Nis Cluster of Advanced Technologies)

They organized the IT Cluster Academy which lasted for 5 months.

Project „**IT – Chance for All**“ represents a course of hi-tech education and internships based on recruitment needs of businesses with the aim to employ or increase employability of the unemployed in Nis region. Project is implemented by NiCAT, GIZ ACCESS and supported by the Development Agency of Serbia.



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7. INTERNSHIPS

- Apart from the **U-NI Internship** there is the **Youth Office Internship** – Every year the Youth Office provides an opportunity for domestic and foreign students to work in the office and share their experiences for a couple of months in the area of project management, PR, event management, etc.
- We also collaborate with international NGO **AIESEC** in order to host international interns.



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