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## GOVERNMENT DECREE ON YOUTH WORK

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### Chapter 1 State subsidy for youth organisations

#### Section 1 – *State subsidy to national youth organisations*

National youth organisations which can be approved as organisations entitled to state subsidy under the Youth Work Act (235/1995) are national organisations and their district organisations and national youth work service organisations whose primary mission is to carry out youth activities.

#### Section 2 – *Definitions*

For the purposes of this Decree,

1) a *national youth organisation* means a registered association;

a) which operates on the national level or which is a registered federation of local associations or registered district organisations and

b) which has at least 3000 person members and of whose total membership at least two thirds are under 29 years of age, or whose district organisations or member organisations, such as local associations, have a total of at least 3000 person members and of whose aggregate membership at least two thirds are under 29 years of age;

2) a *district organisation of a national youth organisation* means a registered organisation whose members are local youth associations and whose operational area is approved by the Ministry of Education;

3) a *national youth work service organisation* means a registered association whose primary mission is to produce publishing, educational, research services which promote the overall development of youth work or activities or other services which promote the overall development of youth work or activities.

#### Section 3 – *Approval as a subsidised organisation*

To be approved as an organisation or a youth work service organisation entitled to subsidy under the Youth Work Act, an organisation must submit an application to that effect to the Ministry of Education. The application shall be accompanied by an account of the

applicant's organisation, membership, operations and finance as determined by the Ministry of Education.

## **Chapter 2 National youth centres**

### *Section 4 – National youth centres*

National youth centres mean centres owned by local authorities, youth organisations, youth work organisations and other organisations which are approved by the Ministry of Education under the Youth Work Act as entitled to state subsidy on the following grounds:

- 1) the centre has appropriate premises and facilities for national use;
- 2) the centre primarily serves national youth activities, school camps, nature schools and youth tourism;
- 3) the centre produces services relating to youth work and youth activities, school camps, nature schools and youth tourism; and
- 4) the centre is not-for-profit by nature and possible surplus income is used to develop the centre and its services.

### *Section 5 – Use of state subsidy*

State subsidy may be granted to national youth centres within the limits of the appropriation annually earmarked for the purpose in the state budget towards establishment costs incurred from the construction, purchase, renovation and furnishing of the centre and towards the operational costs of the centre.

## **Chapter 3 Committee**

### *Section 6 – Appointment, composition and term of the committee*

The committee preparing state subsidies to be allocated to national youth organisations and national youth work service organisations shall have a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a maximum of seven other members. The Government shall invite persons versed in youth activities as members after having heard youth organisations.

The term of the committee shall be four years.

The committee shall be an expert body subordinate to the Ministry of Education. The committee may appoint subcommittees and ad hoc working groups from amongst its members to prepare matters.

### Section 7 – *The committee's mandate*

The committee shall

- (1) submit a proposal to the Ministry of Education concerning the allocation of the performance-based subsidies to national youth organisations and youth work service organisations as referred to in Section 8 of the Youth Work Act;
- (2) put forward proposals for the development of the subsidy system and, when necessary, arrange training relating to the subsidy system to national youth organisations and youth work service organisations.

### Section 8 – *Other provisions on the committee*

The committee shall have a quorum when the chairperson or the vice-chairperson and at least half of the other members are present.

The representative of the Ministry of Education shall have the right to attend and speak at the meetings of the committee.

The committee shall have a secretary hired by the Ministry for the committee's term. The secretary to the Advisory Council for Youth Affairs may also serve as secretary to the committee. Clerical tasks relating to the committee shall be performed at the Ministry of Education.

The fees payable to the committee's chairperson and other members, the secretary and experts shall be determined by the Ministry of Education. In other respects, the committee shall be governed by the provisions concerning state committees.

## **Chapter 4 Coming into force and transitional provisions**

### Section 9 – *Coming into force*

This Decree shall come into force on the first of September 2002.

This Decree repeals:

- (1) the Youth Work Decree of 24 March 1995 (410/1995); and
- (2) the Government Resolution of 15 June 1995 (873/1995) on the committee preparing subsidies to youth organisations.

Measures required to implement this decree may be taken before its coming into force.

Section 10 – *Continuation of entitlement to state subsidy*

A national youth organisation, its district organisation or a national youth work service organisation which is entitled to state subsidy before this Decree comes into force shall continue to be entitled to subsidy.