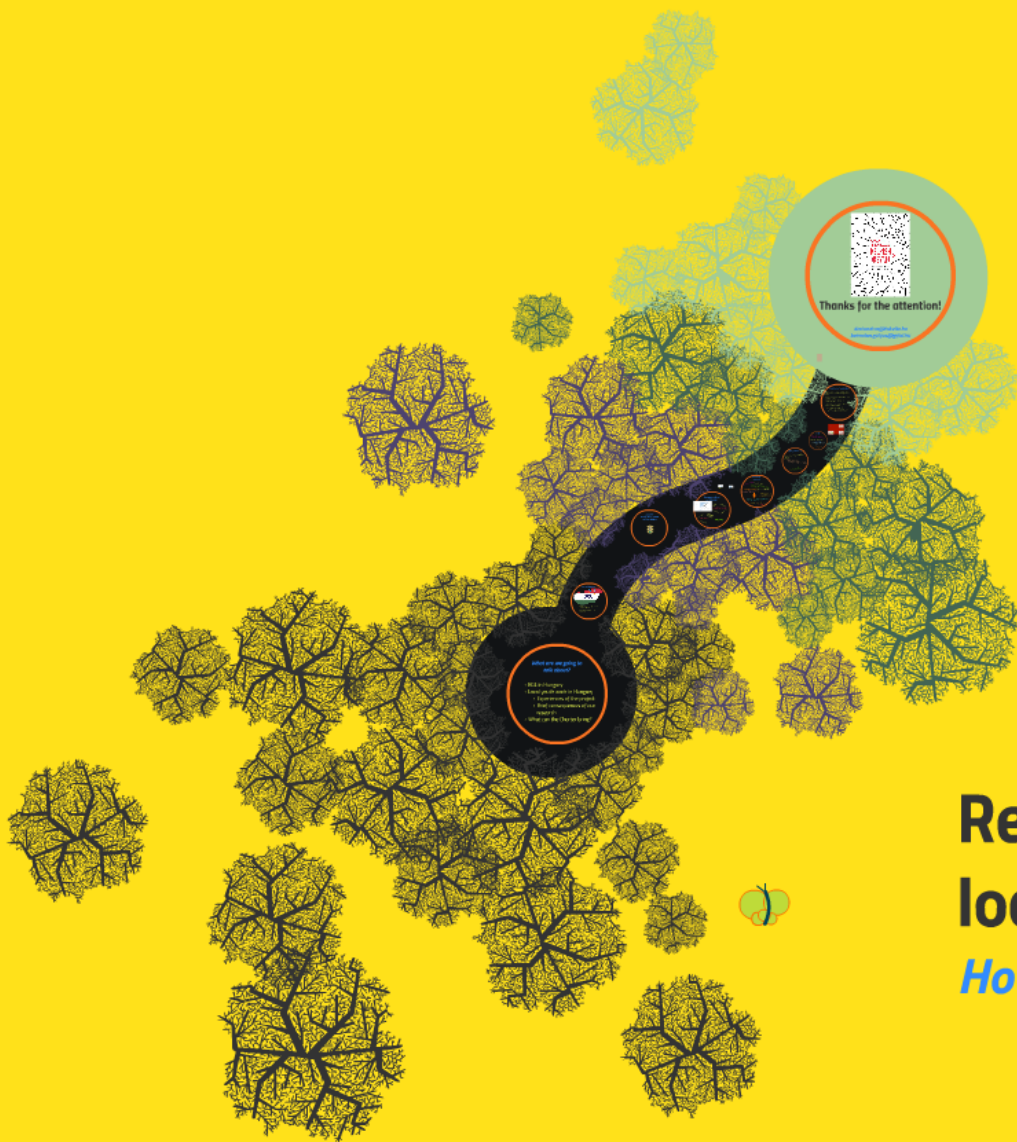




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What are we going to talk about?

- EGL in Hungary
- Local youth work in Hungary
 - Experiences of the project
 - Brief consequences of our research
- What can the Charter bring?

EGL in Hungary

A stylized map of Hungary is centered within a large orange circle. The map is divided into three horizontal bands: red at the top, white in the middle, and green at the bottom. Overlaid on the red band are several colorful, wavy lines in blue, orange, purple, yellow, and green. The text 'EUROPE GOES LOCAL' is written in bold, dark blue capital letters across the white band.

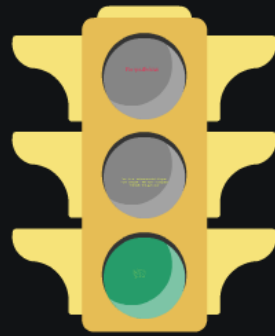
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Supporting Youth Work
at the Municipal Level

Pilot projects: needs based development
+ coaching of youth workers

8 participating municipalities, all with
different focus

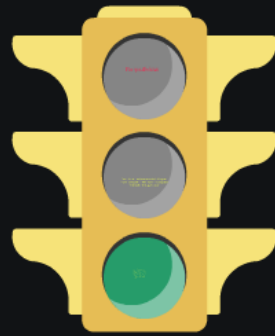
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No youth law

2011 Act on Local Governments in Hungary:
"Sport- and youth-related affairs" as obligatory
tasks of the local government

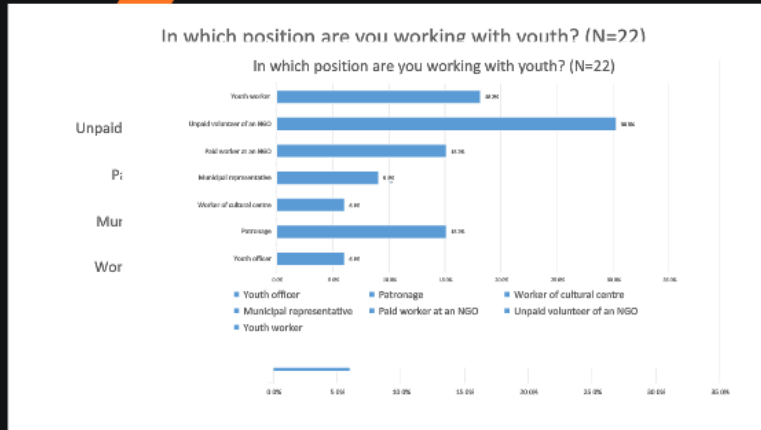
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Charter as reference?

- Diversity of youth work at local level, could be also positive!
- Quality improvements can be only fostered if some policy frameworks are available.
- Charter could stand as reference, but would require pre-conditions to be fulfilled.
- As starter it could boost the importance of youth work as policy field.
- Question is about who would take the responsibility?
- Question of interest? Who's willing to advocate for improvements?

The main results of our mapping



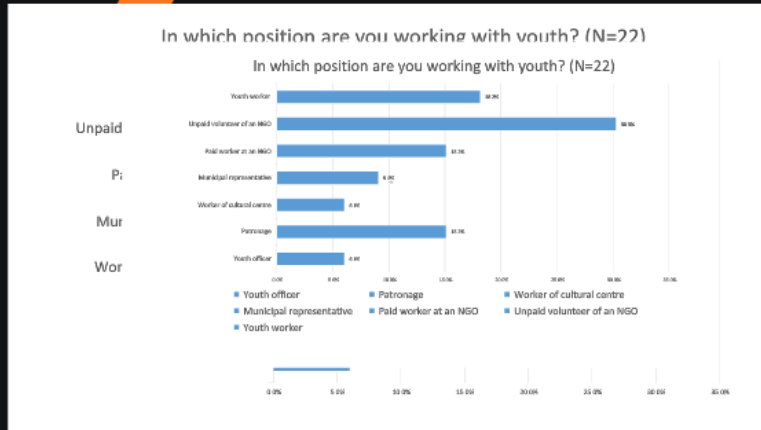
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closed communities

divide between active and
passive youth

lack of community spaces

emigration, lack of services

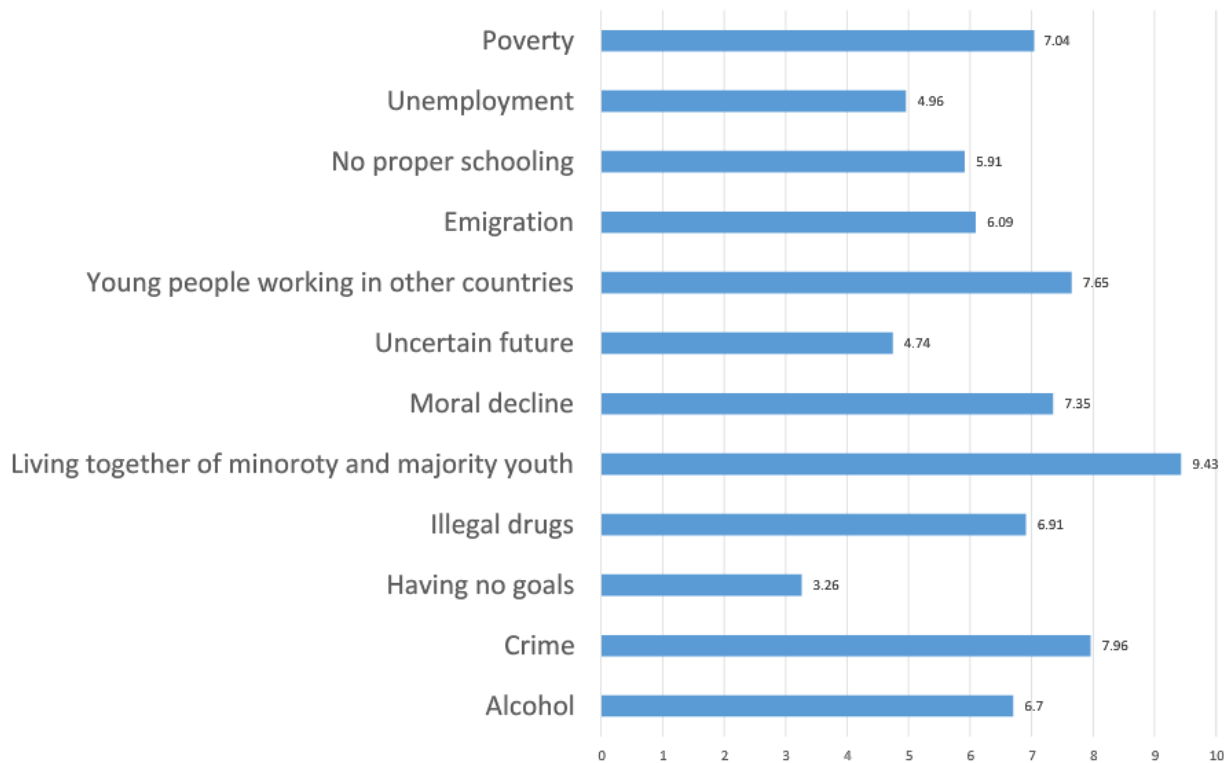
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sport (?)

mommy-hotel

"awesome to be a kid"

Rankings of local problems(N=23)



(2016 representative research on

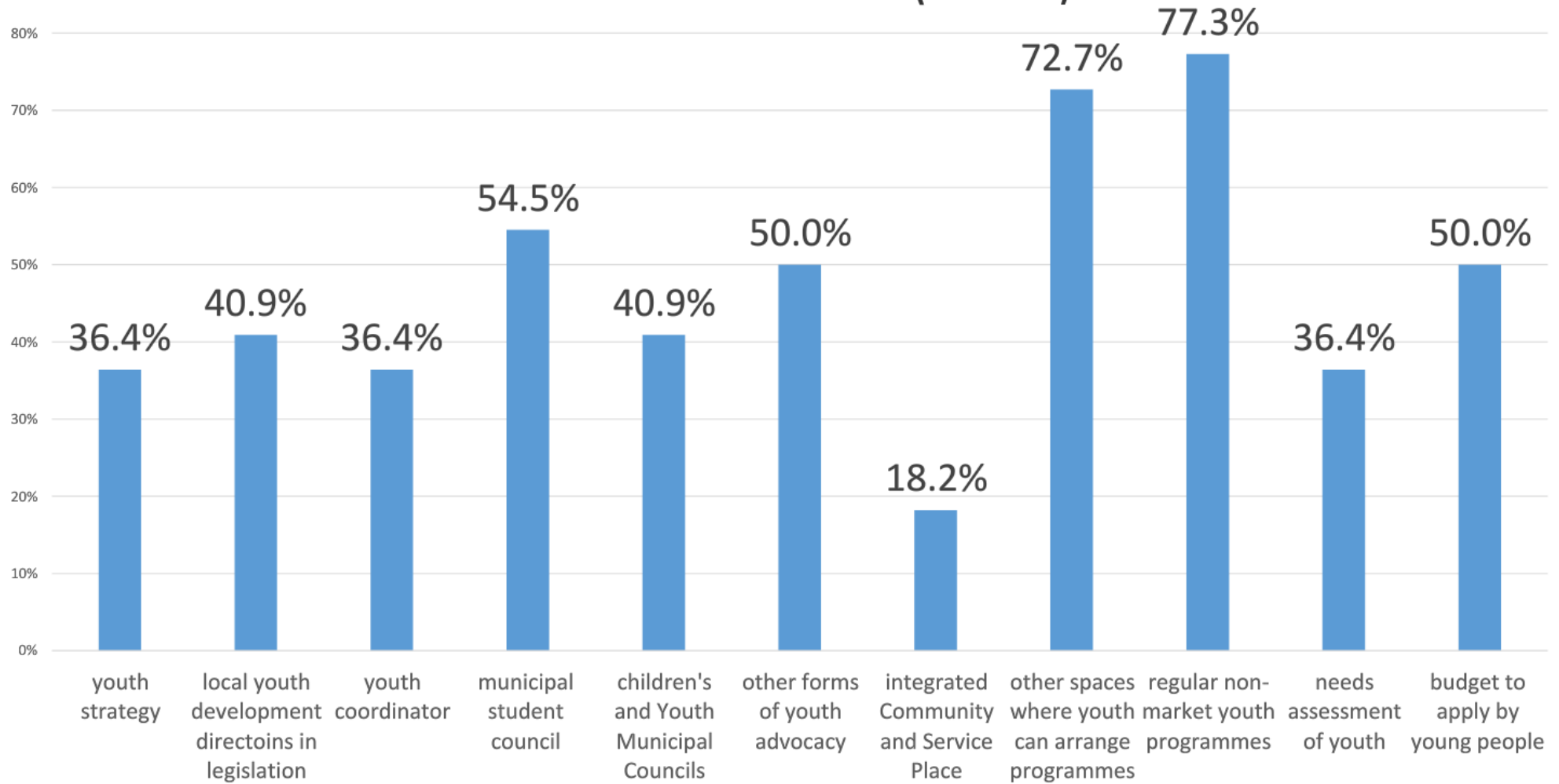
15-29 youth:

Poverty: 43%

Uncertain future: 37%

Having no goals: 19%)

Is there... (N=22)



Frames of leisure time

cities nearby //internet

Lack of initiative

'húsz és harminc éves kora között zsörtölődik azon, hogy miért nincs semmi. Aztán rájön harminc éves korában, hogy csináljuk meg'

Lack of infrastructure or: lack of outreach

*'nem volt kultúra, ami úgy igazából bevonzza őket.
Volt egy büfénk, ez működött egy évig és nem sikerül'*

'Ami nekem új tapasztalat és tök érdekes, hogy az online hirdetéseink alapján nem a gyerekek azok, akiket közvetlenül elérünk, hanem a szüleiket'



opportunities of the formal education
sport and community centers

generational conflicts
rebellion

Advocacy (youth)

'annak a tíz embernek a gondolatát már nagyon jól ismerem (...) de kevés egy húszezeres településen az a tíz ember a véleménye.'

'Kérdezgettem őket, hogy milyen rendezvény legyen, kit hívjunk meg fellépni és nincs ötletük sem igazából'

(professionals)

'én is mondtam amúgy, hogy volt már olyan, ami nemzeti szinten stratégia, de hát amíg nincs kőbe vésve, és nem számon kérhető, tehát egyes számú példa, ami nem kell, az annyira nem fontos.'

'a szavazóbázis megtartására fizetnek nagyon sokat, semmi más'

- reaching out
- needs based
- proper youth
- involvement
- decision mak
- strengthenin
- framework

???



- lack of infrastructure
- no attractive alternative to cities/ internet
- incidental expertise of professionals, accidental commitments instead of conscious professionalism
- lack of strategical planning

- reaching out to children
- needs based policies
- proper youth professionals
- involvement of young people do decision making and planning
- strengthening the legal framework

- inflexibility of decision makers
- inauthentic professionals
- lagging behind new technologies
- Only focusing on professional sports

Practical consequences

Local youth workers often lack formal education in the youth field, background in the civil/volunteer sphere is more common.

No policy frames and neither resources of youth work is available at national level.

Unclear tasks, responsibilities and expectations among all stakeholders.

Politicians' demand for immediate results, without considering the professional's advises.

Work overload of professionals at youth field.

Spectacle instead of actual community building: sport as a new focus of human development at national level.



Thanks for the attention!

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