



ERYICA- European context For Youth Work Policy Development

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What is ERYICA?

- ERYICA is a non-governmental, independent and non-profit organisation, located in Luxembourg
- Working across local levels through our member's and European levels
- We aim to intensify **European and international cooperation** in the field of youth information work and services, by giving visibility to initiatives at a local, national and international level, and by providing its members with opportunities for professional development, exchange and innovation.



Mission, vision and values

- We promote **access to youth-friendly, reliable and comprehensive information** that support autonomy and well-being of young people, while encouraging their active participation in society.
- ERYICA strives to support and further youth information and counselling in Europe and beyond.
- Our values are described in the **European Youth Information Charter**

What is Youth Information?



- Youth information and counselling aims to **uphold the right of young people to full and reliable information**. It helps them to make informed choices, and promotes their autonomy, their ability to think critically, and their active participation in society.

ERYICA network



- 42 members in 26 countries
- 3 types of membership:
 - Full members
 - Affiliated org
 - Cooperating org
- They form the **General Assembly**

ERYICA network



Projects



EU inFORM

Young voters project



YIMinds

Youth Information minding young people's mental health



YInfpioneers

Pioneering youth information services in the Western Balkans



ERYICAdemy

Training of trainers in youth information and counselling



Council of Europe

CoE-ERYICA Partnership Agreement 2023



YInfopeers

Youth Ambassadors and YInfoPEERs



MedYla

Youth information vs. disinformation: Media under the microscope!

Training



YIntro



Advanced
YIntro



Digital
YIntro



JIMMY



YoMIM



MedYla



DesYIgn



eParticipation



ALTYO



infoPEERs



INFObassadors

WG & Task Forces



Francophone



Ibero-Insular



Nordic-Baltic



ECOMS



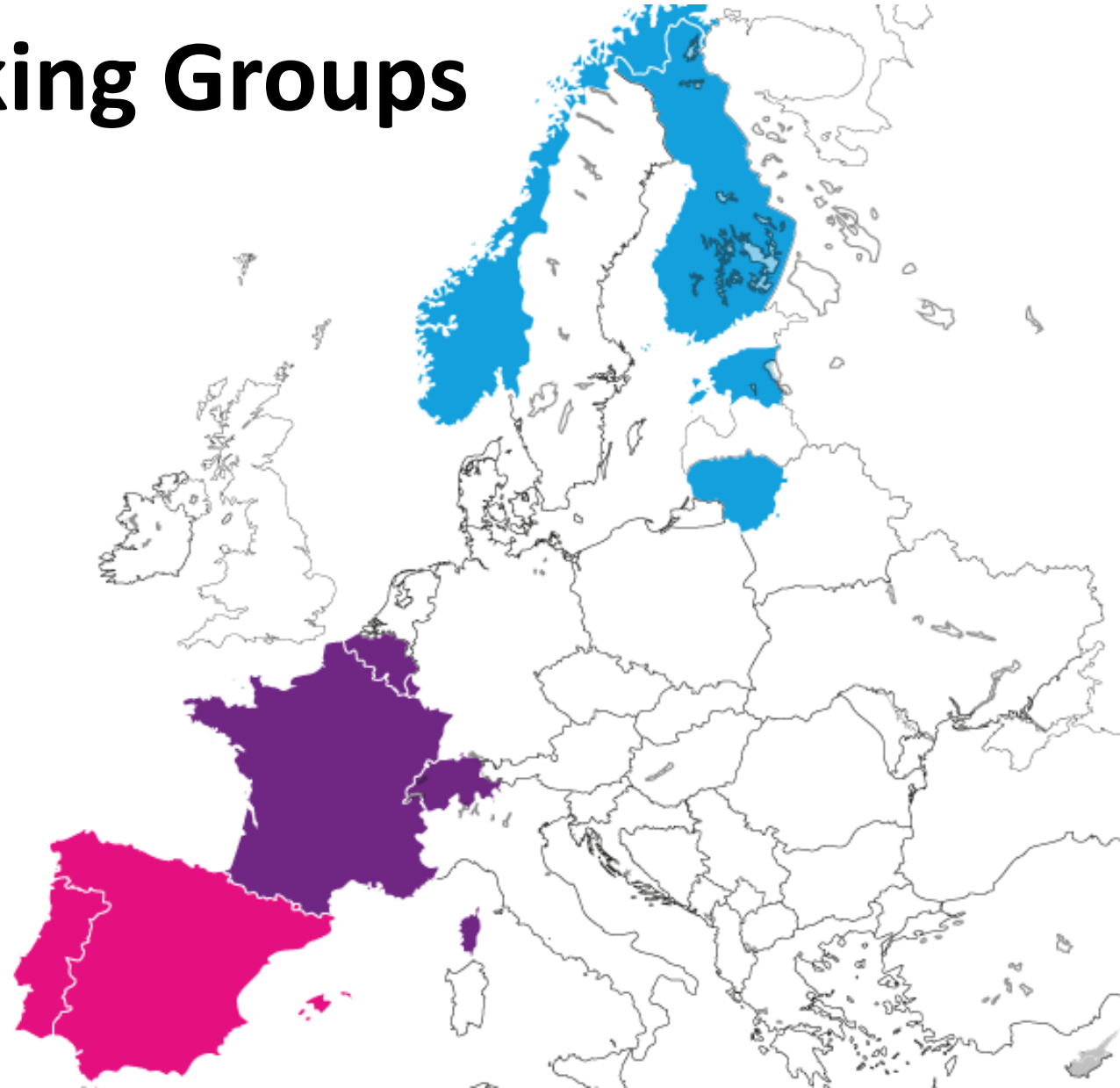
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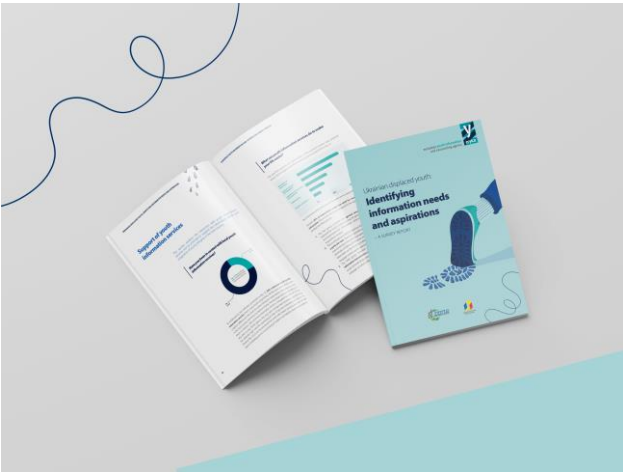
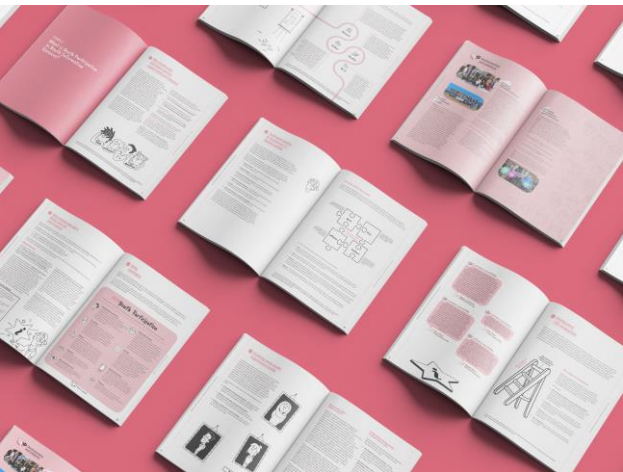
European Youth Information
Quality Label

Regional Working Groups

- French speaking WG
- Ibero-Insular WG
- Nordic- Baltic WG



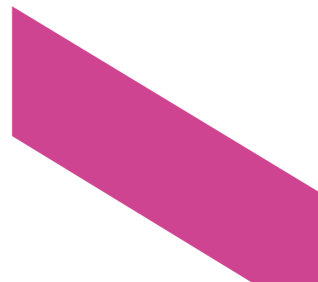
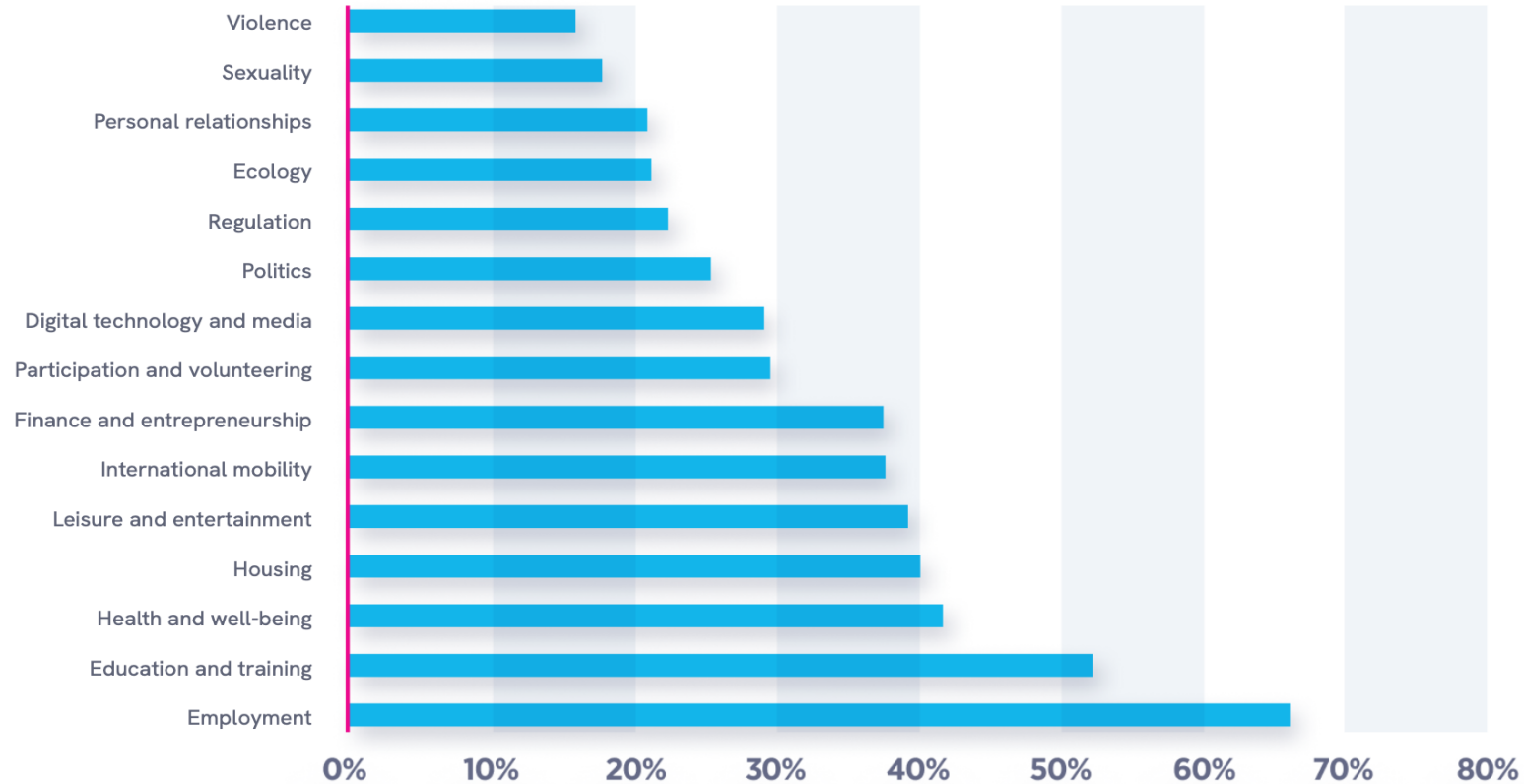
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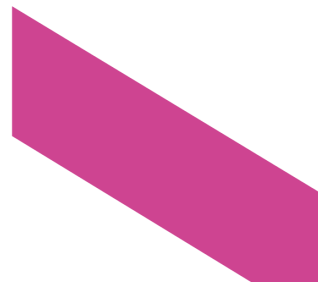
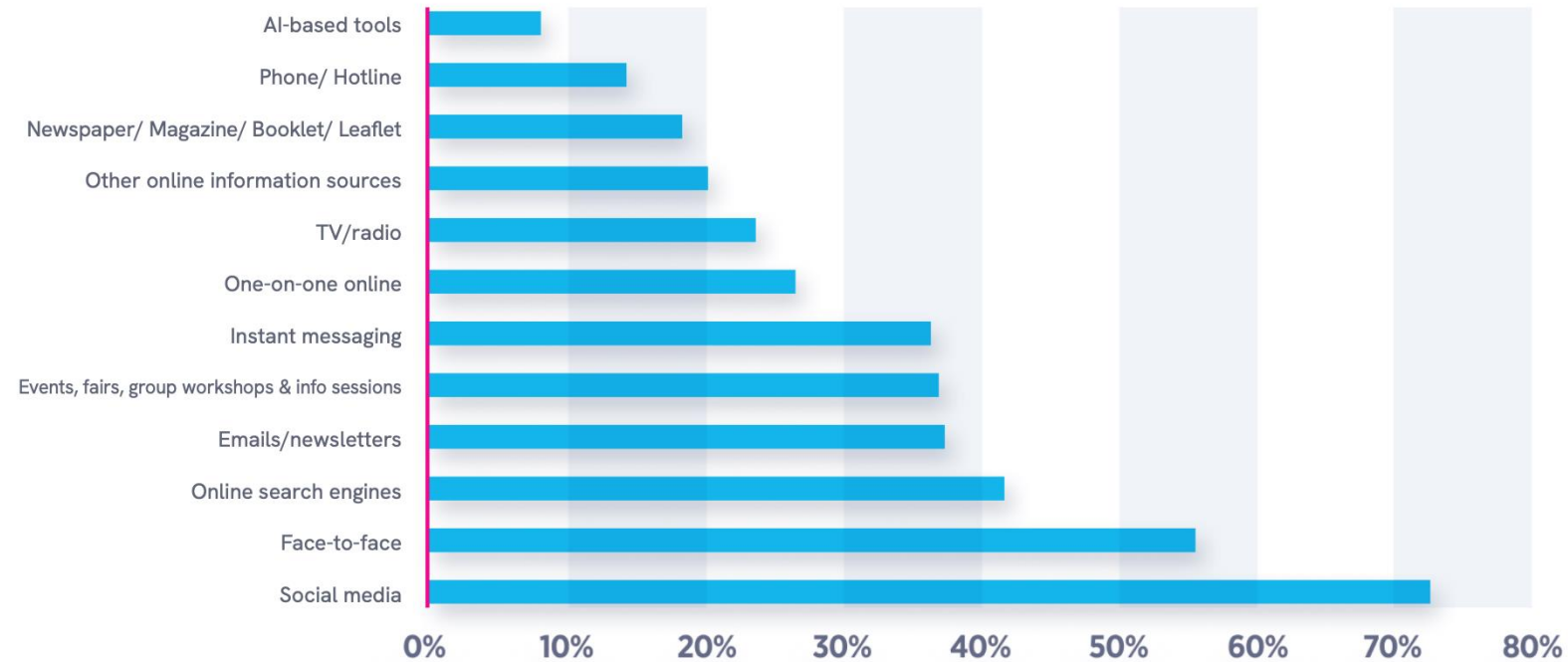
Partnership/cooperation



Topics of interest of young people (YouthInfoQuest, 2023)



Preferred channels of communication (YouthInfoQuest, 2024)



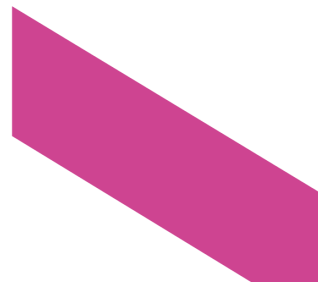
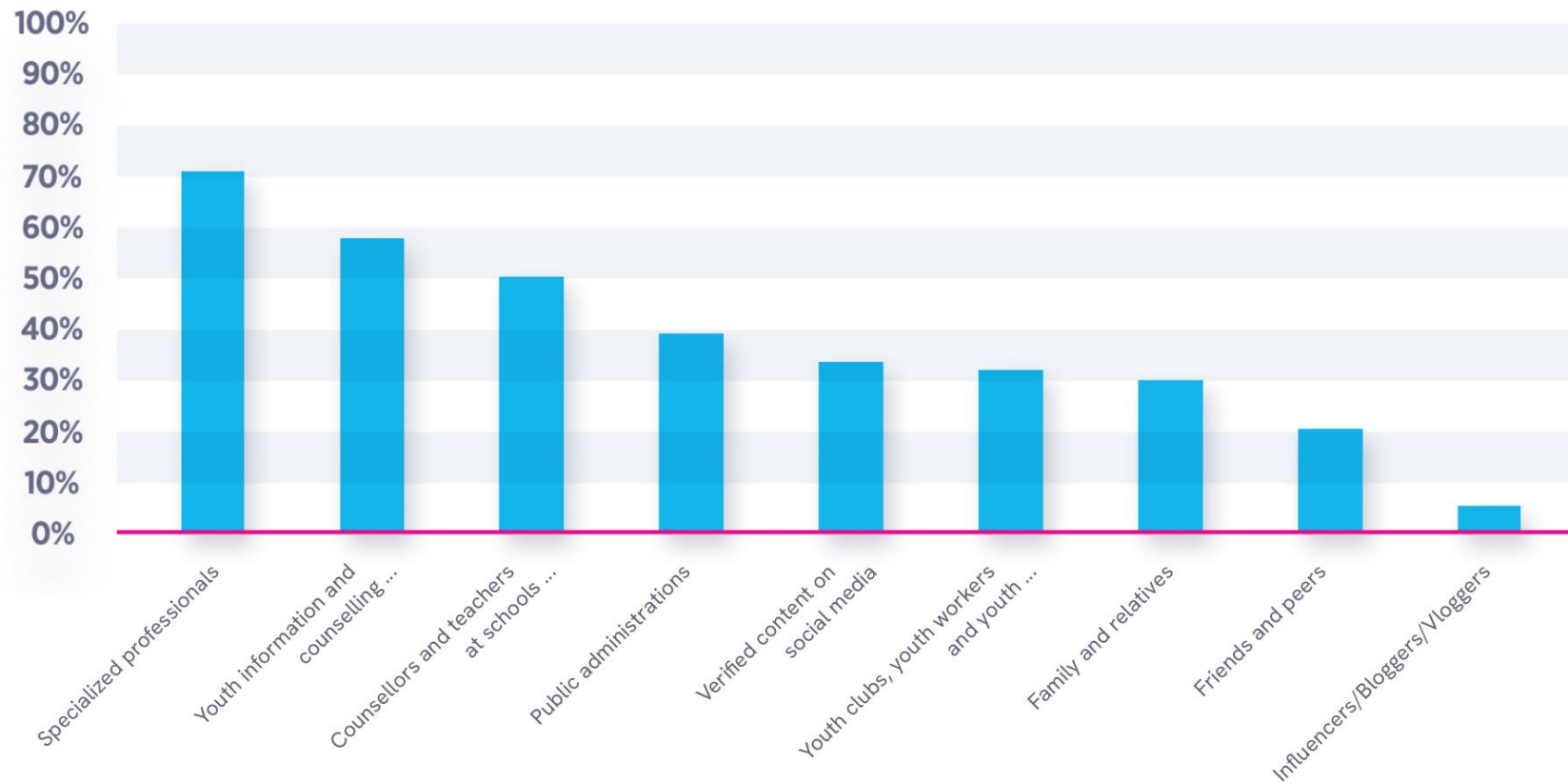
AI



- In the age of AI, access to trustworthy mental health information is more vital than ever—automated content cannot replace human guidance, especially for young people.
- Do you mind?



Most reliable sources of information (YouthInfoQuest, 2024)





Role of Youth Information in Local Youth work

- Youth information services act as a bridge between local realities and European opportunities
- Provide support in different areas (education, employment, mental health, participation, mobility)
- Embedded in municipalities, youth centres, and NGOs- accessible and inclusive
- ERYICA provides specialised trainings for youth information workers-building professional standards
- Check if ERYICA has a member in your country and reach out
- If not, let's explore together how to develop structured youth information services

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Gaps and needs



Lack of structured youth information services in many areas

Limited awareness among municipal youth workers and decision-makers

Need for more training and support on connecting youth-work and youth information

Fragmented or inconsistent services limit access to rights and opportunities for young people



Integration into Youth Strategies

Recognise	Recognise youth information as a public responsibility
Embed	Embed it into national and local policies
Use	Use a European Youth Information Charter as a quality framework



Thank you!

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