



Introduction

In Bulgaria there is a youth law adopted by the National Assembly published in the state gazette, issue 31 20.04.2012, article 1, amendment to article 19

"The age range of the law is from 14-29 instead of 15-29"

Article 2. A new text is added in chapter 6.

43a. Each youth should complete voluntary service of 30 hours per year in public benefit.

(1)voluntary service is implemented in youth organisation or organisation working with youths, accredited to work with volunteers

(2)each volunteer is provided preliminary training before the beginning of the voluntary service by the organisation where they will serve.

(3)each volunteer will be assigned a mentor who will assist and supervise acquiring or improving his competences and skills by means of non-formal educational methods.

(4)after completing 30 hours voluntary service each volunteer fills out a short report in the National Information System.

(5)each volunteer receives a highly recognized certificate for implemented voluntary work generated by the National Informational System after having submitted the report.

(6)the financial resources for implementation of voluntary service for acquiring a certificate are ensured on annual basis from the national budget as proposed by the minister of youth and sports according to article 8, para 3

(7)the implementation of voluntary service will be supervised by an expert from the regional administration who will be responsible for the collection and summarizing of information for all organizations which are engaged with the implementation of voluntary service in the respective administrative region.