

Analysing Social Research Inquiring Instruments Underlying Youth Policies in Albania

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Abstract

The research on youth development stages, where in particular the study of the characteristics of Albanian society and of the specific conditions that affect youth development, is limited and devoid of a consequent view on youth issues. This absence has a direct impact on the processes that guide the country's youth policies from a strategic perspective. This paper focuses on the influence of social research on evidence-based decision making, with particular regard to youth policy. The question that the paper emphasizes is: “What are the social research inquiring instruments underlying the guiding processes for the conception, strategic planning and implementation of youth policies?” The exploratory survey questionnaire was the research instrument to collect data from a sample of 287 respondents (n = 287), randomly selected from senior executives, central and local government employers, and youth organizations practitioners working in the field of youth policy. The paper helps to understand the function of empirical processes in analyzing the issues of young people and in finding answers to the solutions that follow youth policies.

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