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# VOLUNTEERING IN SERBIA REGULATION AND SUPPORT



## THE SERBIAN LAW ON VOLUNTEERING (SINCE 2010)

This law regulates the basic concepts related to volunteering, principles of volunteering, volunteering contract, rights and obligations of volunteers and volunteering organizers and supervision over the application of this law. All terms used in this law are in the masculine gender and include the same terms in the feminine gender in accordance with the law.

[www.paragraf.rs/propisi/zakon\\_o\\_volontiranju](http://www.paragraf.rs/propisi/zakon_o_volontiranju)



## NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2015 - 2025

Republic of Serbia recognizes young people and their specific and important role in the society. Young people are present and future of society, resource of innovations and initiating force of the development of society. Taking all of this into account, it is necessary to invest in the development of the partnership relationships between youth organizations, young people and governmental institutions in order to encourage social integration and secure the involvement of young people in the development of youth policy. The National Youth Strategy sets out the basic principles of action, directions of action and expected results of action of all subjects of youth policy towards the improvement of the social position of young people and creates conditions for the realization of the rights and interests of young people in all areas.

[www.mos.gov.rs/wp-content/uploads/download-manager-files/nacionalna\\_strategija\\_za\\_mlade0101\\_cyr.pdf](http://www.mos.gov.rs/wp-content/uploads/download-manager-files/nacionalna_strategija_za_mlade0101_cyr.pdf)



## REGISTER OF YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS FOR YOUTH AND YOUTH COUNCILS

The register of youth associations, associations for youth and youth councils is regulated by the Youth Law in order to have organized and systematic follow conditions in the area of youth sector and following of implementation of youth policy. Youth organizations, organizations for youth and youth councils must be registered in the Register of youth associations, associations for youth and youth councils in order to apply for funding from the National funding programs published by Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia. Within the page about the Register published on the website of Ministry for Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia is the link with the details about all officially registered organizations.

[www.mos.gov.rs/o-ministarstvu/sektor-za-omladinu/evidencija-udruzenja?lang=lat](http://www.mos.gov.rs/o-ministarstvu/sektor-za-omladinu/evidencija-udruzenja?lang=lat)



## ANNUAL AWARD AND RECOGNITION ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR VOLUNTEERING

Annual award for volunteering was established in 2011 within the celebration of European year of volunteering when Forum for responsible business and Smart collective started to give this reward. From 2017 the reward is given both to organizations and individuals. The reason for the awarding is outstanding involvement, acting and commitment to the promotion of volunteerism and contribution to the society by the example of unselfish acting and distinguishing oneself for this noble cause. [www.odgovornoposlovanje.rs/vesti/fop/prijave-za-nacionalnu-nagradu-za-volontiranje-otvorene-do-12-februara](http://www.odgovornoposlovanje.rs/vesti/fop/prijave-za-nacionalnu-nagradu-za-volontiranje-otvorene-do-12-februara)



## SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERING

Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia supports volunteering and youth activism through several programs from which the following is available to the organizations every year: "Public call for financing and co-financing of program and projects for the implementation of objectives of National Youth Strategy and program "Youth are Law".

[www.mos.gov.rs](http://www.mos.gov.rs)

[www.mladisuzakon.gov.rs/index.php/2013-10-03-13-36-17/774-najava-javnih-konkursa-za-finansiranje-i-sufinansiranje-programa-i-projekata-od-javnog-interesa-u-oblastima-omladinskog-sektora](http://www.mladisuzakon.gov.rs/index.php/2013-10-03-13-36-17/774-najava-javnih-konkursa-za-finansiranje-i-sufinansiranje-programa-i-projekata-od-javnog-interesa-u-oblastima-omladinskog-sektora)

## NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF SERBIA (KOMS)

The National Youth Council of Serbia (KOMS) is an umbrella association of 109 youth associations and associations for youth, which is the highest independent representative body of youth in Serbia. KOMS is in fact an advocacy platform for improving the position of young people and acts as a link between young people, its member organizations and various decision-makers and providers of programs and services for young people (primarily the state and institutions). Therefore, KOMS advocates the improvement of the position of young people in Serbia.

[www.koms.rs](http://www.koms.rs)



## EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Forum of Youth with Disabilities (FMI) is a civil society organization, founded in Belgrade in 2005, and performs its activities on the entire territory of the Republic of Serbia. The vision of organization is a society of equal and active citizens in which persons with disabilities are empowered to live and decide independently, in accordance with their needs and resources. The Forum has successfully implemented about 70 projects, with more than 2,500 direct beneficiaries, contributing to the development of an inclusive society at the local, regional and national levels. The organization represents and support the interests of persons with disabilities in several areas (education, employment, accessibility, entrepreneurship, social policy and social protection), enabling the improvement of the position of persons with disabilities and the creation of equal opportunities.

[www.fmi.rs](http://www.fmi.rs)

## DATA FROM 2014 – 2019

150.000

volunteers (registered),  
with the intentions of higher number according to the data  
from civil society organizations and youth organizations

1.500

registered youth organizations and programs  
providing volunteering

7.000.000

hours of volunteer work

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