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CURRENT CONTEXT -STATE POLICY AND PRACTICE

- Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth - [Youth Agency](#)
- Ministry of Education and Science - [Vocational skills Agency](#)
- The concept document on “Youth Policy of Georgia 2020-2030” has been approved by the Parliament of Georgia.
- Certificate Program in youth work has been developed with support of the Youth Agency - [50 youth workers](#) from all regions of Georgia (except the occupied territories) were trained with the framework of the mentioned programme and become [certified youth workers](#).
- In 2019, the Youth Agency started working on [municipal youth policy](#) – research studies were conducted in 31 municipalities; based on which municipal youth policy started in 31 municipalities.
- Within the 3–year EU funded project Skills4Success, 20 mobile youth workers operate in 4 regions and 10 municipalities in Georgia

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CURRENT CONTEXT - EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- Within the ongoing UNDP funded project "Creating Better LLL Opportunities through Local Partnerships" youth work activities are implemented in 7 professional educational institutions and 2 schools.
- No university in Georgia offers academic programs in youth work
- Two attempts of Georgian HEIs to receive Erasmus+ support in Development of Master program in Youth Work

Challenges of bringing youth work education in Georgian HEIs:

- Do we need youth work education at the university - different perspectives;
- Lack of human resources at the universities capable to teach youth related subjects;
- Lack of organizations for practical placement for students;
- Labor market for the graduates of academic programs in Youth Work



Thank you !