

Work Package 5

The analysis of policies and practices to deal with the issue of youth and unemployment at the EU level will reside on similar research tools than the analysis of **state policies** and practices at the national (city) level. On one hand, we will analyze policy documents concerning measures to fight youth unemployment and social exclusion (e.g. official documents of the EU institutions; statements by consultative bodies, national governments, and think tanks). On the other hand, interviews with **key informants** (EU-level members of the public administration, practitioners active in non-profit, and civil society organizations at the EU level) will be conducted, using semi-structured questionnaires and qualitative techniques of text analysis based on the methodology of grounded theory.

This workpackage will be independent from, yet interrelated with research at the national level. On one hand, the analysis of documents and the conception and examination of interviews will follow proper research questions and steps, given the fact that EU deliberations and policy-processes follow a proper dynamic and agenda. On the other hand, this work will be interrelated with research conducted at the national level. For this purpose, findings from the previous workpackages (in particular WP1 and the focus groups in WP 6) will be used to specify documents and interview questions to be analyzed, and the analytical and empirical answers to be drawn from them. At the same time, the analysis of the EU level will be implemented from the beginning and across the workpackages. In particular, both the organizational and the individual surveys will include questions specifically addressing the role of EU policies and practices aimed at fighting the unemployment of youth as well as their social exclusion.