Young people today are facing the consequences of major crises over the past decades, as well as the impacts of global transformations including the shifting demographics and a high-inflation low-growth economic outlook. It is in this context that the Recommendation of the Council on Creating Better Opportunities for Young People was adopted at the 2022 OECD Ministerial Council Meeting. The Recommendation promotes a government-wide strategy to improve youth measures and outcomes in all relevant policy areas including employment, entrepreneurship, education, health and social policies, as well as civic engagement and public governance.

The Horizontal Project “A Better Future for Young People in Ageing Societies” supports the implementation and dissemination of the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Creating Better Opportunities for Young People, through the development of an OECD Youth Policy Toolkit. In alignment with the provisions of the Youth Recommendation, the Toolkit covers five main pillars.

1. Skills and competencies
2. Youth labour market outcomes
3. Social inclusion and youth well-being
4. Young people’s trust in government and engagement with public institutions
5. Administrative and technical capacities at all levels of government to address age-based inequalities

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

FIVE MAIN Pillars
In a constantly evolving world, where the challenges and aspirations of youth are continuously changing, having a solid guide to address these issues is crucial.

The Toolkit can provide a clear roadmap for effectively addressing the challenges young people face across multiple policy areas, and offer guidance on how to engage young people in decision-making processes.

The OECD Youth Policy Toolkit is a guide for policy makers and youth stakeholders. It includes good practice examples from OECD member countries on creating better opportunities for young people. Good practices are collected through a call for proposal and desk research, and are selected by the OECD Secretariat based on a set of criteria. Young people are consulted throughout the elaboration of the Toolkit to ensure that the Toolkit responds to their unique challenges and needs.

The Toolkit will take the form of a user-friendly website, and a handbook bringing together good-practice examples in a freely downloadable document. The Toolkit will be launched at the end of 2024.