

Presentation and Discussion of
Findings and Policy Recommendations from
the YOUNG_ADULLLT research project

Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region
17th May 2018

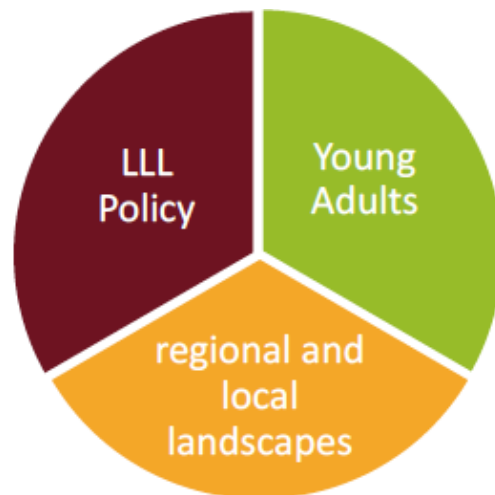


Agenda of the day

- 12.00-12.30 Lunch and welcome
- 12.30-13.15 Presentation and discussion of findings
- 13.15-13.30 Coffee Break
- 13.30-14.15 Presentation and discussion of policy recommendations
- 14.15-14.45 Other topics raised during discussion
- 14.45-15.15 Feedback and reflection on session
- 15.15-15.30 Conclusions and farewell

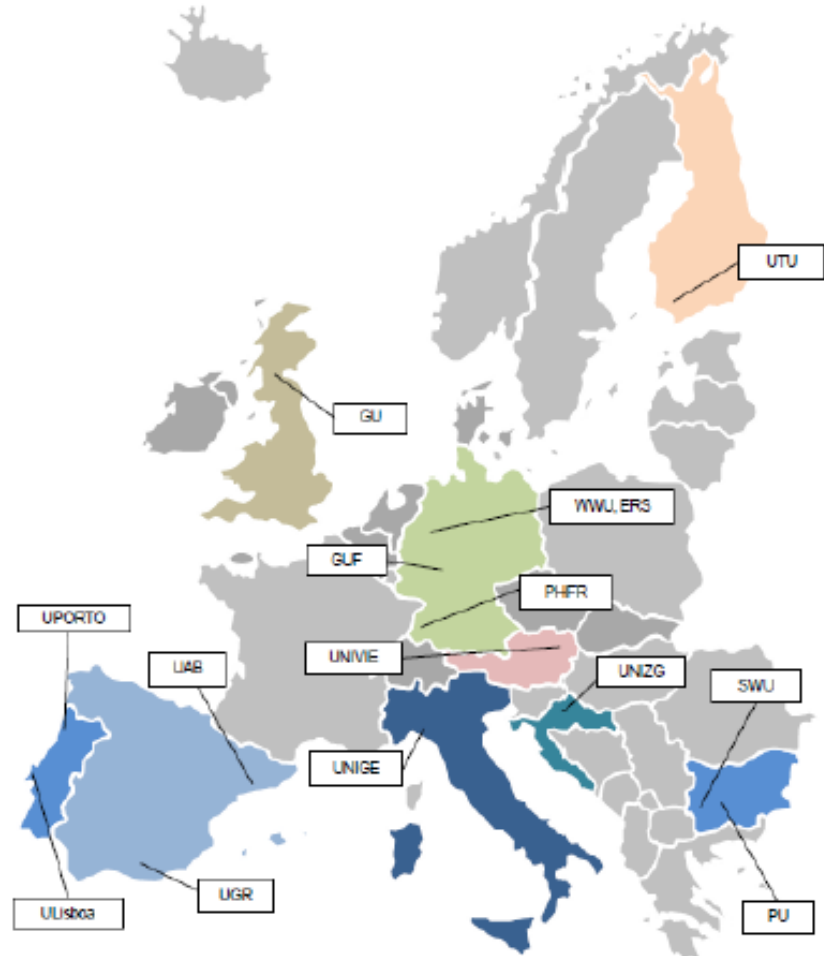
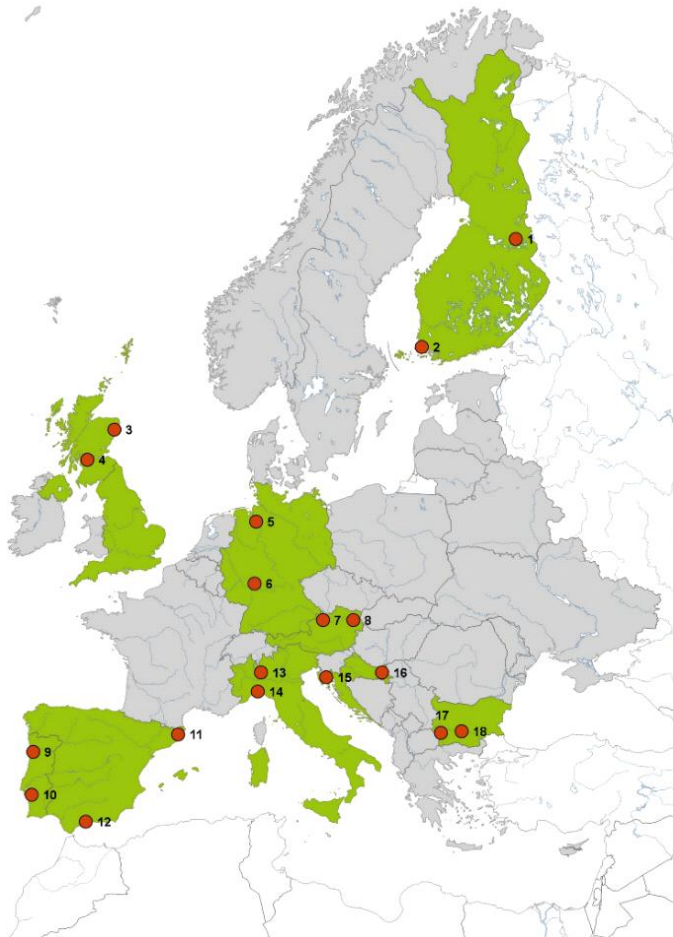
YOUNG_ADULLLT Research approach

1. Different orientations, objectives, compatibility and fit of LLL policies
2. Regional and local landscapes of policymaking and enactment on LLL
3. Impact – intended and unintended – of LLL policies on young adults as target groups



9 European countries, 18 Regions, 14 Universities

- 1 Kainuu
- 2 Southwest Finland Region
- 3 Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire
- 4 Glasgow City Region
- 5 Bremen
- 6 Frankfurt Rhein-Main Area
- 7 Upper Austria
- 8 Vienna
- 9 Vale do Ave
- 10 Litoral Alentejano
- 11 Girona
- 12 Málaga
- 13 Milan
- 14 Genoa
- 15 Istria-County
- 16 Osijek-Baranja County
- 17 Blagoevgrad
- 18 Plovdiv



POLICY BRIEFS



young adult 

- Definition and target populations of LLL policies across Europe
- Living conditions of youth across European Regions
- Regional governance of skill supply and demand across European Regions

POLICY MAPPING AND REVIEW
Aberdeen Guarantees

POLICY MAPPING AND REVIEW
Developing the Young Workforce

POLICY MAPPING AND REVIEW
Opportunities for all

- What is it about
- Which is the policy aim?
- How does it work?

<http://young-adult-scotland.org/publications/policy-briefs/>

Objectives of this session

1. Present the main results from the European comparison
2. Discuss with you which of the findings are more relevant for Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region
3. Present the main policy recommendations from the European comparison
4. Discuss the priority and feasibility of recommendations in the Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region



POLICY BRIEF for SCOTLAND

Cards on the table!

- How relevant are these findings for LLL policies in Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region?

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| Not relevant at all | Slightly relevant | Moderately relevant | Very relevant | Extremely relevant |
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- Can you provide any concrete example in Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region?



Our 7 main findings!

1. The main objective of LLL policies has been to equip young people with skills for the world of work
2. LLL policies targeting young people tend to individualise social problems instead of addressing their structural causes
3. The overlaps and contradictions between LLL policies are explained by their spread in different government departments/agencies and the lack of spaces and mechanisms of coordination at regional level
4. The degree of employers' engagement in vocational education and apprenticeship training is insufficient



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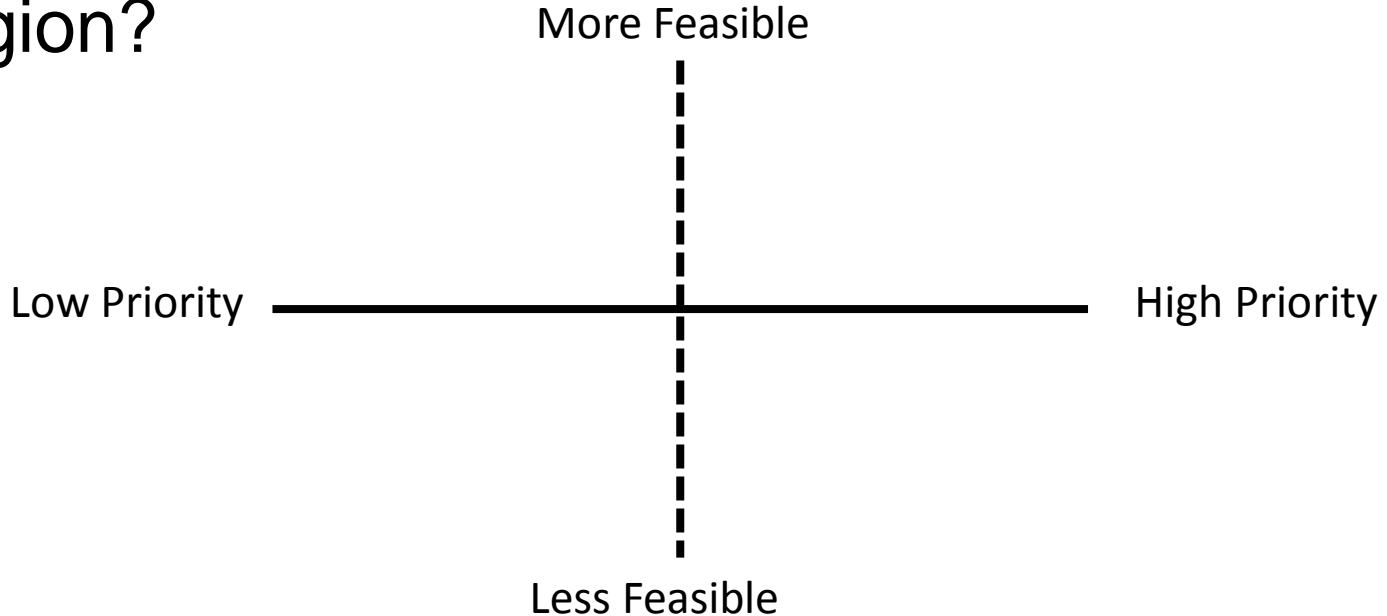
5. The voice/opinion of young people is not heard in the monitoring and evaluation of LLL policies
6. The use of data serves the purpose of monitoring and controlling the management of resources, but there is no data available on the effectiveness of LLL policies
7. LLL policies are mainly developed to reintegrate young people into 'standard' and 'normal' life courses instead of considering diverse educational and life trajectories

Coffee or tea?



Again, cards on the table!

- How feasible are these recommendations to be implemented in Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region?



- Do you think this is a priority for Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region?



Our 7 Policy Recommendations

1. Beyond the economic and employment focus, LLL policies should consider a more comprehensive and holistic development of young people
2. LLL policies should be accompanied by an ambitious program of reforms to promote decent working conditions for young people
3. National LLL policies should give more autonomy for regions to define their own objectives and targets
4. LLL policies should accommodate the needs of young people with diverse social profiles and in different life circumstances instead of defining very specific target groups



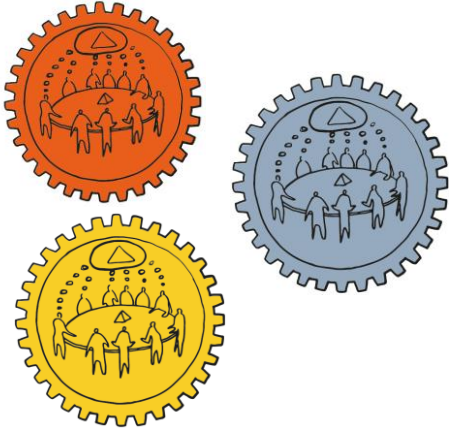
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5. LLL policies should pay less attention to employers' demands and more to the voice and the experiences of young people
6. LLL policies should incorporate mechanisms of bottom-up accountability and create spaces for the systematic collection of qualitative feedback from stakeholders
7. LLL policies should pay more attention to the inequalities of access and the quality of the learning in apprenticeships

Have we missed something?

- What other improvements are urgent regarding LLL policies in Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Region?
- Could you think of any further policy recommendations?
- Any lines for further research we should be addressing?

Can you help us improve?



- Did this session help you think differently? If so, how?

- Any surprising outcomes?

Or just tell us whatever you think we can do better giving us some...

