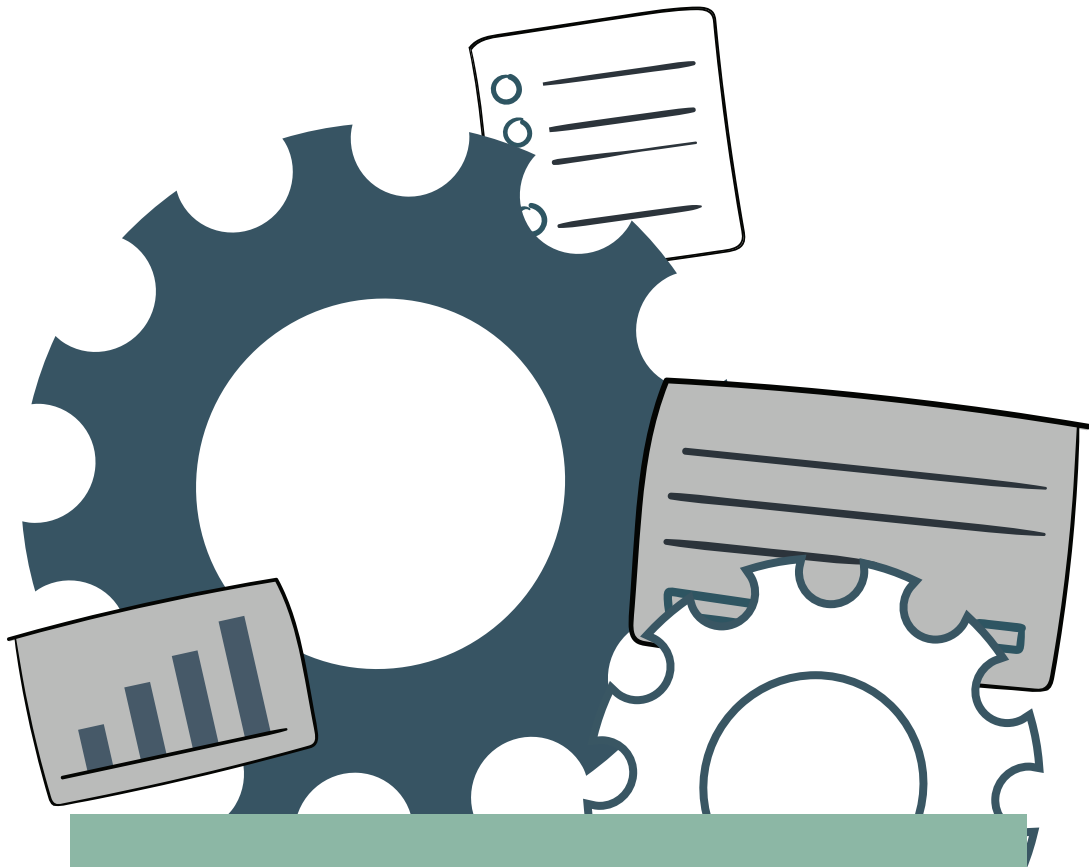




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REPORT

**on the Results of the Study
of Local Youth Policy Programs
Based on Current Needs and
Opportunities**

Kolomyiska Territorial Community
Kolomyisky Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast

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TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CTC – City Territorial Community
LSGs – local self-government bodies
RLA – regulatory and legal act
IDPs – internally displaced persons
ME – municipal enterprise
ME – municipal establishment
MI – municipal institution
YC – youth council
YC – youth center
YS – youth space
NGO – non-governmental organization

INTRODUCTION

Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine has been a major disturbance for Ukrainian society. The war has affected the emotional state, everyday life, public opinion, interpersonal relations, socio-economic situation, employment, general civic activity, life, and civic position of young people. The consequences of these unprecedented changes will affect the development of social institutions in Ukraine for a long time to come.

This study analyzes local programs, regulations, local youth structures, youth civic associations, and relevant structures of local self-government and civil society organizations that work in the community and support youth. The study will help identify shortcomings and obstacles and develop appropriate recommendations on possible ways to address them, which will help to activate the youth movement.

The team of the Charity Foundation "Stabilization Support Services" as part of the "Vidnova" – Towards a Locally Led, Inclusive and Transparent Reconstruction Process in Ukraine project, which is being implemented with the support of the international humanitarian organization "People in Need", conducted a study of local youth policy programs based on the current needs and capacities of the Kolomyiska Territorial Community.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CTC

Name: Kolomyiska Territorial Community of the Kolomyiskyi Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast

Cities: Kolomyia is the administrative center of the territorial community.

Villages: Voskresyntsi, Hryushiv, Korolivka, Kornych, Kubayivka, Rakivchyk, Sadzhavka, Tovmachyk, Sheparivtsi.

Address: 1, Hrushevskoho Ave, Kalush, Ivano-Frankivska Oblast, 78203

Phone number: (03433) 5-07-60, (0 800) 50-33-03 (round the clock)

Email address: main@kolrada.gov.ua

Website: <https://kolrada.gov.ua/>

Head of the community: Bohdan Mykolayovych Stanislavskyi

Total area: 166,038 square kilometers

Population: 76,252 people; of these, according to the information provided in response to the request, about 10 thousand were young people aged 16-25 as of June 2024.

Destination to the oblast center (Ivano-Frankivsk) – 57 kilometers.

Youth policy structural units: Department of Culture and Tourism of the Kolomyia City Council.

Advisory and consultative bodies: Youth Council.

IDP Council – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/598780/>

Network of educational institutions: according to open sources – 7 lyceums and 5 branches of these lyceums, Kolomyia private gymnasium “Catholic School of St. Pope John Paul II”, Kolomyia City Inclusive Resource Center, 9 colleges of vocational higher education.

A network of communal institutions in the community aimed at developing the creative abilities of adolescents and young people, their spiritual and intellectual growth: according to information from open sources – Kolomyia Music Studio, Kolomyia Station of Young Tourists, Kolomyia Training and Production Center for Student Creativity, Center for Out-of-School Education, 4 libraries, and Integrated Children and Youth Sports School.

Youth centers and spaces: Youth Space of Kolomyia – <https://www.facebook.com/molod.prostir.klm>

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

Purpose of the study

- Identify key barriers and limitations faced by youth councils, IDP Councils and youth organizations in establishing, participating in recovery and prioritizing at the community level;
- assess the availability, accessibility and impact of local programs and policies in the youth sector (identifying strengths and weaknesses, opportunities for involving young people in consultative decision-making and identifying priorities for local change in the community).

Subject of the study

- local youth policies and programs, with a focus on analyzing mechanisms that promote active youth participation in consultative decision-making and the implementation of recovery initiatives;
- executive structural units of local authorities involved in the development and implementation of youth policy; youth NGOs and advisory bodies; NGOs and associations whose work is aimed at supporting youth in the local community.

Focus of the study

- Existing local targeted programs for the development and implementation of youth policy.
- Current local regulations (decisions, orders, etc.) aimed at developing and implementing youth policy.
- Reports on the implementation of programs/activities at the local level aimed at the development and implementation of youth policy.
- Other local/regional regulations and documents (and their drafts) directly or indirectly aimed at developing and implementing youth policy.
- Institutional support for local youth policy. Presence of structural units of local authorities in the field of youth policy. Advisory and consultative bodies and youth centers with a focus on youth engagement.
- Civic engagement in the youth sector. Youth public associations and activities of other civil society organizations in support of youth.

Objectives of the study

1. Analyze local youth policy programs, determine whether the implementation of local targeted programs aimed at supporting young people is ensured by appropriate financial and organizational resources.
2. Analyze regional and local targeted programs (draft programs, events) on youth involvement in local self-government.
3. Analyze local regulations that provide for measures aimed at integrating young IDPs into the host community, including the inclusion of IDPs and consideration of their needs.
4. Identify possible shortcomings in the implementation of youth policy in targeted programs and regulations.
5. Identify the need for amendments to targeted programs and regulations in the area of youth policy implementation.
6. Research barriers and challenges to engaging young people in decision-making at the local level.
7. Analyze the factors that facilitate youth involvement in decision-making at the local level and the level of youth participation in such decisions.
8. Develop methods and tools for involving young people in decision-making at the local level.
9. Develop policy and practice recommendations to improve youth engagement in local decision-making.

Methods and tools of the study

Stage 1: Collecting primary data

Analysis of open sources: In-depth analysis of the information available on the official websites of local authorities and local institutions that ensure the implementation of youth policy.

Submitting official requests to the relevant institutions, obtaining additional data necessary for the study.

Stage 2: Analysis of the collected information

Critical analysis and synthesis: processing and analyzing the collected information to identify key aspects, problems, and gaps in youth programs and policies. Use of analytical methods to synthesize data, identify trends, and identify promising areas for further action.

Stage 3: Preparation of recommendations

The final stage of the study focuses on the development of specific, evidence-based recommendations aimed at improving existing programs and policies in the youth sector to meet the current needs of young people and develop their capacities.

Research period: August – September 2024.

RESULTS OF THE REVIEW OF LOCAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH POLICY

Information on Open Sources

In preparing the report, we analyzed open sources and local regulations on the implementation of youth policy in the community, sent relevant requests to local authorities of the Kolomyiska CTC.

Sources of Information:

1. Official website of the Kolomyia City Council
2. Official responses to information requests
3. Local regulations (regulations, programs, decisions, orders, etc.).

There is no separate section containing local programs on youth policy or the section “Youth” on the official website of Kolomyia City Council.

The official website of Kolomyiska CTC does not have any legal acts on the establishment and functioning of the Youth Council in the section ‘Advisory and consultative bodies’.

In the section on HR policy, there is a subsection on ‘My Potential Job Internship Program for Youth’. It contains brief information on the possibility of internships for young people in local self-government bodies, requirements for candidates, and areas of internship. The application form (questionnaire of the future intern) is also available there.

The official website of the city council has information for IDPs in the section “ATC”. The section “IDP Council” contains information on the establishment and composition of the IDP Council, but it is not up-to-date (as of 2023). At the time of the desk research, there is a [decision](#) of the city council dated June 27, 2024, No. 3564-54/2024-54 “On the Establishment of the Council on IDPs under the Kolomyia City Council”, which approved the Regulations of the relevant IDP Council and its members.

Summary Table on the Analysis of Open Sources

Oblast/ settlement, community	Name of the local authority or institution that ensures the implementation of the local policy link to the website (name of the authority, link to the website)	Is there a separate section on the website for youth? (yes/no)	Does the website have a separate section on youth policy programs		Does the website have a separate section on regulations that facilitate the implementation of youth policy?		Availability of information on programs that support the implementation of youth policy		Accessibility of information on legal acts related to the implementation of youth policy	
			Local (yes/no)	IDPs (yes/no)	Local (yes/no)	IDPs (yes/no)	Indicate(easy, medium difficulty, high difficulty, no information available	Available for download (yes/no)	Indicate (easy, medium difficulty, high difficulty, no information available	Available for download (yes/no)
Ivano-Frankivska Oblast Kolomyiska Territorial Community	Department of Culture and Tourism of the Kolomyia City Council – http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/ dt/598756/	No	No	No	No	No	unavailable	Yes	unavailable	Yes

Information on existing programs at the regional and local levels to implement youth policy

1. Oblast targeted social program Youth of Prykarpattia” for 2021-2025 – approved by the decision of the Oblast Council of December 23, 2020 No. 38-2/2020 – <https://orada.if.ua/decision/38-2-2020/>

The goal of this program is to create opportunities for self-realization and development of youth potential, and to actively involve young people in public life.

Main objectives of the program:

- intensification of cooperation between all actors of youth policy in order to promote self-realization and development of youth potential;
- raising the level of competence of young people and the capacity of civil society institutions in the youth sector, developing youth centers, youth work, youth and children’s social movements, promoting the development of youth advisory bodies, pupil and student self-government bodies;
- dissemination of existing and introduction of new models of development, integration and participation of young people in community life using digital tools and with regard to local self-government reform;
- development of civil society, implementation of civic education at all levels, and expansion of informal and non-formal education;
- implementing an inclusive approach and ensuring equal rights, opportunities, and access to services for different categories of youth.

2. Target program “Culture, youth, tourism of the Kolomyiska TC” for 2022-2025 – approved by the decision of the City Council of September 09, 2021 No. 1549-23/2021-23 – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/380126/>

Main objectives of the program:

- preservation and development of cultural, artistic and educational institutions, updating their infrastructure and tasks in accordance with modern requirements, expanding the range of services and improving their quality.
- Strengthening budget support for the development of culture, creating favorable conditions for the development of cultural and creative initiatives, taking into account local features, solving problems of national and cultural development, preserving national and cultural heritage, and meeting the intellectual and spiritual needs of the population;
- ensuring appropriate financial, legal, organizational and social conditions for artists, cultural workers, cultural and artistic organizations and institutions to work better, more dynamically, more successfully, and gain favor and recognition not only in Ukraine but also abroad;
- promoting the formation of talented artistic youth, supporting professional creativity and the implementation of educational cultural and artistic activities for children and youth;
- replenishing the collections of museums and libraries;
- developing and regulating an effective model of church-state relations in the Kolomyiska TC, which, taking into account the spiritual and religious traditions of the Ukrainian people and the experience of democratic countries, would best meet the current realities of religious and church life and the prospects for its further development;

- strengthening cooperation between local authorities, religious and public associations on a parity basis for the benefit of society;
- establishing civilized, democratic forms of coexistence between the authorities and the church in Kolomyiska TC;
- providing systematic financial and material support to religious communities and associations of citizens;
- formation of a holistic national spiritual and cultural space;
- activation of spiritual and cultural creativity;
- increase tourist flows to promote further development of the tourism sector, provide the territorial community with stable income, increase the level of employment of the community's population in the tourism sector, and improve the quality of tourism services;

Main strategic objectives of the Program in the field of youth policy:

1. introducing a mechanism of institutional support for youth and children's civil society organizations;
2. training for representatives of civil society institutions in the youth sector, including youth and children's organizations;
3. financial support for the implementation of their projects;
4. raising the level of volunteering culture among children and youth through:
 - increasing the capacity of organizations that work with volunteers;
 - training of representatives of organizations that cooperate with volunteers and professionals who talk about volunteering; implementation of measures aimed at developing a culture of volunteering among children and youth;
 - introducing a mechanism to support such organizations;
5. intensifying the involvement of young people in decision-making (including raising their awareness of participation tools) through
 - promoting the establishment and development of youth advisory and consultative bodies, pupil and student self-government bodies;
 - use of electronic forms of democratic governance (petitions, inquiries, etc.), various forms of participatory public budgets, etc;
 - increasing the level of mobility, in particular through scientific exchanges within Ukraine and in partnership with other countries;
6. development of youth centers by increasing their capacity and quality;
7. raising the level of civic competencies of young people and understanding the need to learn throughout life, integrate into public life, adapt to the challenges of the modern world, make a conscious choice of life path, and develop a responsible attitude towards their own health, family planning and parenthood, and the environment.

8. maximizing the spiritual and physical development of young people, fostering a sense of civic identity and patriotism, and a desire to actively contribute to the strengthening of statehood in Ukraine;

9. promoting the realization of creative potential in the interests of the development and self-realization of the individual, the development of moral and legal culture.

3. Program “Development of the Center for Military and Patriotic Education and Pre-Conscription Training for 2022-2025” – approved by the decision of the City Council of September 29, 2021 No.1177-19/2021 – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/366219/>

The purpose of the program is to improve and develop a coherent national policy of national and patriotic education through the formation and strengthening of Ukrainian civic identity on the basis of common social and state (national) values (identity, freedom, unity, dignity) and universal values, principles of love and pride for their own country, its history, language, achievements and achievements in the field of culture, economy, science, sports, effective assistance to public authorities and local governments in the protection and preservation of national.

Objectives and priority areas of the Program:

- Formation of national and patriotic mentality, national dignity, respect for the cultural and historical past of Ukraine, readiness to fulfill constitutional and civic duty to protect the national interests of Ukraine among young people;
- awareness by young people of their role in protecting national security, territorial integrity, sovereignty and unity of the Ukrainian state;
- improvement of pedagogical forms and methods of teaching youth the basics of military affairs;
- formation of the desire to acquire military knowledge, an appropriate level of physical fitness and endurance;
- raising the prestige of military service, military professional orientation of young people, formation and development of motivation aimed at preparing for the defense of the Ukrainian state and service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other military formations, and military service under contract;
- planning comprehensive and effective measures at the public level to promote and advertise a positive perception of military service with the involvement of interested structural units of local self-government bodies;
- conducting training and military exercises on the territory of the Center (Kubaivka village);
- organization of children’s military sports summer camps on the territory of the Center;
- patriotic education of the youth of Kolomyia territorial community;
- promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

4. Education Development Program of the Kolomyiska Territorial Community for 2022-2026 – approved by the decision of the City Council of December 21, 2021, No. 1655-25/2021-25 – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/383448/>

Program purpose:

- reforming the education sector to ensure accessibility and openness of education;
- improving the quality of education, updating the content and modernizing teaching technologies;
- ensuring innovative development of the sector through the training of successful teachers of a new formation;
- development of motivation for students and teachers to achieve success through material incentives;
- ensuring the harmonious development of a person as the highest value of society;
- improving the process of implementing inclusive education in preschool, general secondary and out-of-school education institutions;
- strengthening the educational and material base of educational institutions, effective use of existing and attraction of new resources;
- integration of community education into the international educational space.

Program objectives:

in the field of general secondary education:

- bringing the network of general secondary education institutions in line with the needs of the community;
- creating conditions for equal access of citizens to quality education, continuity and continuity of the educational process;
- ensuring that lyceums provide specialized education;
- qualitative renewal of library collections of educational institutions;
- equipping educational institutions with modern means of information and communication technologies;
- increasing the level of provision of general secondary education institutions with modern teaching aids in natural and mathematical disciplines;
- creating conditions for identifying and educating gifted children and realizing their potential;
- moral and material incentives for the professional activities of teachers.

In the field of out-of-school education:

- expanding the network of extracurricular education clubs by areas and profiles;
- strengthening the material and technical base of out-of-school education institutions;
- creating conditions for children and youth to have access to quality out-of-school education;
- raising the level of educational, teaching, methodological and scientific and methodological support for the activities of out-of-school educational institutions;
- implementation of STEM education;
- creation of New Ukrainian Extracurricular Education;
- deepening international cooperation on extracurricular education.

5. The Turbota social support program for 2024-2026, approved by the decision of the City Council of November 09, 2023, No.. 3182-49/2023-49 – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/555695/>

The purpose of the Program is to address urgent issues of organizational, logistical, medical and social services for people in difficult life circumstances, and to coordinate the actions of executive authorities, NGOs, and charitable foundations whose work is socially oriented.

The main goal is to introduce an integrated approach to providing social assistance to those who need it most in the Kolomyia City Territorial Community.

Main objectives of the program:

- Creating a comprehensive system of social protection for people in need of social support;
- improving the system of social assistance to the most vulnerable groups of the population, strengthening targeting;
- improving the quality of social services for people in difficult life circumstances.

INFORMATION ON CURRENT REGULATIONS (DECISIONS, ORDERS, APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES, ETC.) AIMED AT DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING YOUTH POLICY

Decision of the Executive Committee of the Kolomyia City Council dated June 10, 2024. No. 111 “On Approval of the Regulation on Student Internships under the ‘My Potential Job’ Program” – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/595935/>

Institutional support for local youth policy

Department of Culture and Tourism of the Kolomyia City Council – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/598756/>

According to the regulation, the department, within its competence, ensures the implementation of state policy in the field of culture and arts, library and club business, protection of cultural heritage, art education, nationalities, religion, tourism, youth policy, and provides general management through structural units and subordinate institutions and establishments to ensure that they meet state requirements in these areas.

The main tasks of the department in the field of culture and arts:

- 2.3.1 Organizational and financial support of initiatives, events and projects in the field of youth.
- 2.3.2. Organizing forums, conferences and youth exchange programs.
- 2.3.3 Submission of proposals for creating favorable conditions for the development of youth infrastructure in Kolomyia community.
- 2.3.4. Organization of training, retraining and advanced training of employees of institutions, organizations and subordinate enterprises.
- 2.3.5. Participation in national and international projects in the field of youth.
- 2.3.6. Organizing and co-organizing youth mass events.
- 2.3.7. Assistance in international cooperation on youth issues.
- 2.3.8. Formation of a vision for the development of street children’s infrastructure.

The official website of the city council does not contain information on the official website of the Department of Culture and Tourism.

There is the Department of Sports – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/498859/> and the Department of Education – <http://nbkolrada.gov.ua/dt/598762/>, but the regulations of these departments do not include tasks for working with young people (excluding teenagers).

Summary table of the analyzed local regulations:

Oblast/ settlement, community	Total regulations (including draft regulations)		Of these, by topic		
	Regional and local programs	Local regulations	Programs to support youth policy	Regulations aimed at supporting youth policy	Draft regulations to support youth policy
Ivano-Frankivska, Kolomyiska CTC	5	2	2	1	0

Summary Table on the Inclusion of IDPs in Programs and Local Regulatory and Legal Acts, Consideration of Their Needs and Interests

Oblast/ settlement, community	Programs and regulations to support the population			Programs (including drafts) and regulations to support IDPs	
	Total	of which contain- ing measures and provisions to support IDPs	of which require changes or additions	Total	of which require changes or additions
Ivano-Frankivska, Kolomyiska CTC	1	0		-	-

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE ANALYSIS OF LOCAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH POLICY

Based on the results of the desk study of the implementation of youth policy in the Kolomyiska Territorial Community, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- The community is working on the implementation of youth policy and active participation of young people in community life;
- The Department of Culture and Tourism is responsible for the implementation of youth policy;
- the official website of Kolomyia City Council does not have a separate section on youth policy implementation. Programs related to youth policy are not easy to find on the website. There is a section with information on the possibility of internships for students in the executive bodies and municipal enterprises of Kolomyia City Council;
- There is a Youth Council in the community. The official website, however, does not contain information on its creation and work. A search engine found the Facebook page of the Kolomyia Youth City Council – <https://www.facebook.com/molodiznaradaklm/> It is difficult to analyze the work of the Youth Council through open sources;
- Since 2024, the practice of internships for students in the executive bodies and utilities of the Kolomyia City Council has been introduced;
- The community is implementing the targeted program “Culture, Youth, Tourism of the Kolomyiska TC” for 2022-2025;
- There is a youth space in the community;
- In response to a request, we learned that there are at least 10 NGOs working in the

Recommendations

Одним із пріоритетних завдань органів державної влади щодо забезпечення One of the priority tasks of the state authorities to ensure economic development, open society, and Ukraine’s integration into the global community is to improve the work in the main areas of the state youth policy and ensure full-fledged work with young people. The social well-being of young people is one of the main indicators of society’s development. The development and functioning of a territorial community cannot be successful without an effective model of youth policy and work.

To strengthen the implementation of youth policy in the Kolomyia City Territorial Community, we recommend that

1. Establish a working group to develop a sound strategy for the development of youth policy in the Kolomyiska CTC with the mandatory involvement of young people.
2. Develop and approve a targeted Program to Support Youth Policy on the Territory of the Kolomyiska CTC for 2025-2030.
3. Amend the current target program “Culture, Youth, Tourism of the Kolomyiska CTC” for 2022-2025 (Subprogram 7. Youth of the Kolomyiska CTC) to include changes that provide for the integration of young IDPs into the community, social integration of young people with disabilities.

4. On the official website of Kolomyia City Council, create a section of documents on the establishment of the Youth Council of Kolomyia City Council, its composition, where the work of the council is constantly covered.
5. Consider the possibility of reformatting the city council departments: we propose to reorganize the Department of Sports into the Department of Youth, and Sports. If possible, the new department should include a youth worker position.
6. Update the information on the official website of the city council in the section "Information for IDPs" (regarding the Regulation on the IDP Council and its composition; the option "Placement in educational institutions" does not contain any information at all, etc.)
7. Promote the creation of youth spaces both in Kolomyia and in the villages of the community.
8. Organize the exchange of best practices with other communities, regions, and countries on the implementation of youth policy in the community.
9. Consider the possibility of informal meetings of the community head, representatives of local businesses, and community members who are interested in youth.

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