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# YOUNG PEOPLE

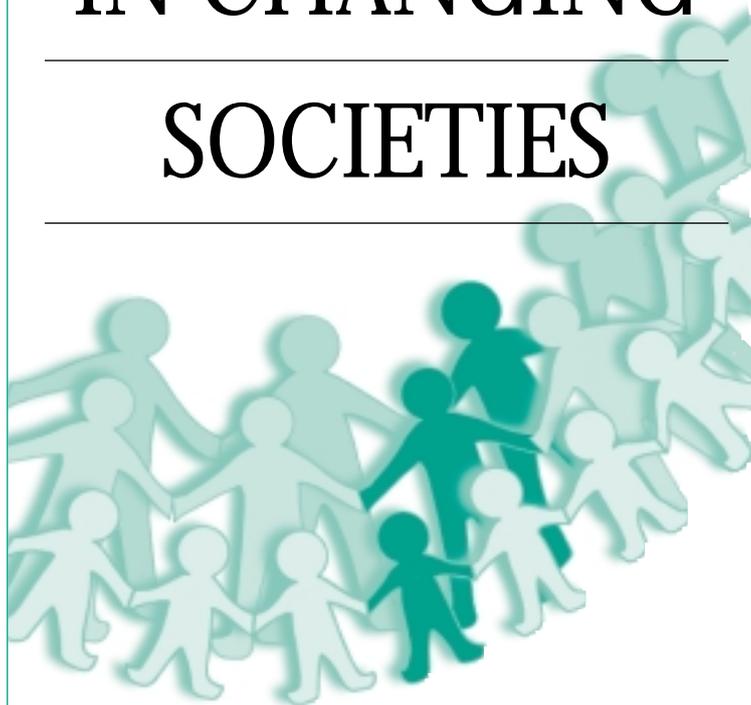
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The MONEE project Regional Monitoring Report of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre is a unique source of information on the social side of the transition taking place in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Each year's Report contains an update on the social and economic trends affecting children and families in the region, in-depth analysis of a particular theme and a detailed Statistical Annex.

This year's Report focuses on the experiences of young people during the transition. It examines the advantages and the obstacles youth encounter as they grow up in rapidly transforming societies. The Report covers a broad range of issues, including the participation of adolescents in education and of young men and women in the political lives of their nations. It examines the special problems of young people in the area of health and in the labour market. It notes trends among youth in conflict with the law. The Report calls for the full implementation of existing human rights agreements. It emphasizes the importance and the benefits of listening to youth and seeking their help in the search for solutions to the problems of young people. This is highlighted by "Voices of Youth", quotations from young people in the transition region as they speak about their difficulties and their needs.

The annotated texts of the focus-group discussions and interviews with youth, which have been arranged for this Report, can be found on the Innocenti Research Centre website, at [www.unicef-icdc.org](http://www.unicef-icdc.org). The website also contains TransMONEE, a menu-driven downloadable database, which includes in electronic format more than 130 indicators that are relevant to children and youth in the 27 countries.

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