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“Young people’s autonomy”: seminar presentation at the “Perspectives on Youth” conference

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Conference report

Márton Medgyesi (TÁRKI Social Research Institute) presented results from the UPLIFT project at the „Perspectives on Youth” seminar entitled “Young people’s autonomy” organised between 7-9 November 2022, by the European Commission and the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre Budapest, in Hungary. The seminar’s main objective was to discuss how economic independence and autonomy of the young can be promoted in times of economic crisis, labour market precarity and political and social uncertainty.

The seminar brought together 35 participants from various EU member states and with different backgrounds, including young people, youth work practitioners, policy-makers and researchers. The seminar covered issues such as youth unemployment, labour market precarity, job quality, social problems among the young (in-work poverty, housing, financial literacy) and the role of policy instruments to tackle these problems.

Márton Medgyesi’s presentation entitled “The effects of the local labour market, housing context and social services on well-being among youth in European cities” summarised results from Chapter 6 of the Synthesis Report of WP2 (Deliverable 2.4.). The presentation highlighted that place matters for the well-being of young in Europe: local economic and welfare structures have an important effect on satisfaction with financial situation among young people. Economic competitiveness increases well-being among the young if accompanied by declining unemployment, but can also have negative effect on youth well-being in cities through rising housing prices. Good quality local services (education, health, public transport) also contribute to increase well-being and to moderate the occurrence of low financial satisfaction among the young.