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# Experimental Fund for the Youth

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# Aims

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Created in december 2008 by Martin Hirsch  
(High Commissioner for the Youth)

- ▶ Encourage innovative programs for the youth
- ▶ Experiment and evaluate them

# Means

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- ▶ 230 million euros (53 from private donors)
- ▶ A team of 12 person
- ▶ Sets strong methodological requirements for evaluation

# Rules

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1. Thematic tenders (dropping out, housing, discrimination, etc.)

*Project holders (NGO, municipality...) answer jointly with an evaluator*

*Present program + evaluation protocol*

2. State led programs

*Tender for a national evaluator*

# Outcomes

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Within 18 months, has funded 350 projects

Variety of institutions and evaluation methods

Numerous topics

# Some randomized evaluations on national-wide programs

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- ▶ Guaranteed income for the youth engaged in social programs
- ▶ School boards for children of poor background
- ▶ Subsidized driver licence
- ▶ Micro-credit