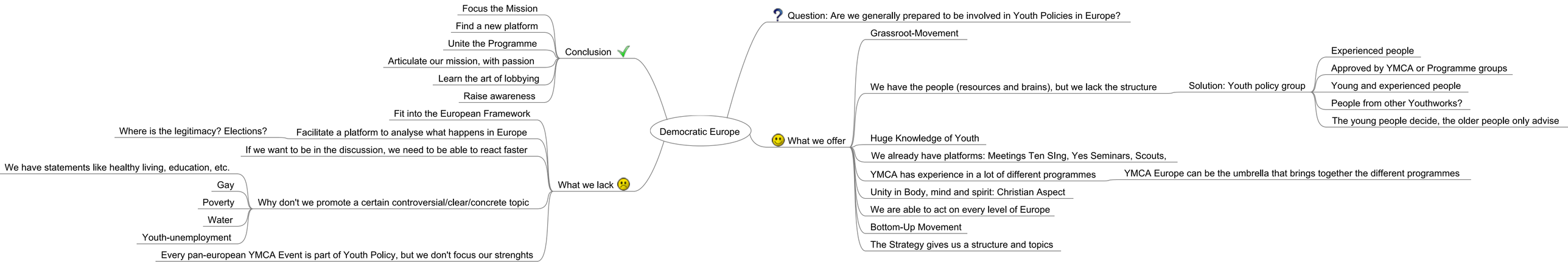
Democratic Europe
Question: Are we generally prepared to be involved in Youth Policies in Europe?
What we offer
Grassroot-Movement
We have the people (resources and brains), but we lack the structure
Solution: Youth policy group
Experienced people
Approved by YMCA or Programme groups
Young and experienced people
People from other Youthworks?
The young people decide, the older people only advise
Huge Knowledge of Youth
We already have platforms: Meetings Ten SIng, Yes Seminars, Scouts,
YMCA has experience in a lot of different programmes
YMCA Europe can be the umbrella that brings together the different programmes
Unity in Body, mind and spirit: Christian Aspect
We are able to act on every level of Europe
Bottom-Up Movement
The Strategy gives us a structure and topics
What we lack
Fit into the European Framework
Facilitate a platform to analyse what happens in Europe
Where is the legitimacy? Elections?
If we want to be in the discussion, we need to be able to react faster
Why don't we promote a certain controversial/clear/concrete topic
We have statements like healthy living, education, etc.
Gay
Poverty
Water
Youth-unemployment
Every pan-european YMCA Event is part of Youth Policy, but we don't focus our strenghts
Conclusion
Focus the Mission
Find a new platform
Unite the Programme
Articulate our mission, with passion
Learn the art of lobbying
Raise awareness