



European
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Investing in

EUROPE'S YOUTH

Youth employment and mobility

“I cannot and will not accept that Europe is and remains the continent of youth unemployment. I cannot and will not accept that the millennials, Generation Y, might be the first generation in 70 years to be poorer than their parents. We will continue to roll out the Youth Guarantee across Europe, improving the skillset of Europeans and reaching out to the regions and young people most in need.”

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 14 September 2016



TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EU

The Commission is today presenting its initiative *Investing in Europe's Youth*, outlining measures to boost youth employment, improve and modernise education, more investment in skills of young people, and better opportunities to learn and study abroad.

KEY FIGURES



1.6 million less
young unemployed in
the EU since 2013



900,000 less
young people not in
employment, education
or training since 2013

THE EU INVESTS IN OPPORTUNITIES

Tackling youth unemployment is mainly a task of national governments. But the European Union can support their efforts, and does so in several ways, by creating education and employment opportunities.

YOUTH GUARANTEE

Quality offer of employment, education, traineeship or apprenticeship for all young people under 25.

- 9 million young people took up an offer under the Youth Guarantee scheme.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Main financial instrument to give a boost to the implementation of the Youth Guarantee in regions where youth unemployment reaches more than 25%.

- ◆ So far, the EU contributed **€6.4 billion** under the Youth Employment Initiative and is planning to increase this funding by another **€2 billion until 2020**.

THE ERASMUS PROGRAMME

Thirty years ago, the Erasmus programme was launched, emblematic of what the EU can and should do for youth and solidarity across Europe.

ERASMUS+

Opportunities for all young Europeans to live, study, volunteer and develop their skills in another Member State.

- 1.3 million young people have benefitted in 2014 and 2015.
- ◆ The EU provides funding of more than **€2 billion per year** for mobility and cooperation.

MOBILITY OF APPRENTICES

Opportunities for vocational education and training learners to go abroad (as part of Erasmus+).

- 110,000 mobile vocational learners went abroad in 2015.
- ◆ The EU will support this with up to **€1.7 billion for the period 2014–2020**.

LAUNCHING ErasmusPro

The Commission is planning to develop a new activity, “ErasmusPro”—Increasing the impact and quality of the mobility experience through new, dedicated work placements abroad. Under this initiative, **another 50,000 mobile apprenticeship placements of long duration (6–12 months)** will become available.

OTHER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SCHEMES

Business-led schemes **Pact for Youth** and **Alliance for YOUTH**, bringing together EU institutions, business, education and youth stakeholders to boost partnerships for youth employability and inclusion; as well as the **European Alliance for Apprenticeships**, an EU initiative to strengthen the quality, supply and image of apprenticeships.

- ◆ **543,000 training and job opportunities** for 2013–2020.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

Europe’s main financial instrument for supporting jobs, helping people get better jobs and ensuring fairer job opportunities for all EU citizens by investing in human capital.

- Supporting 4 million young people by investing in their skills and training in 2014–2020.
- ◆ The total ESF budget is **€86.5 billion** for 2014–2020.