



Youth Employment Package

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Youth Employment Package - update

✓ Council recommendation on establishing a **Youth Guarantee**: adopted on 22 April 2013

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/13/st07/st07123.en13.pdf>

✓ Quality framework for **traineeships**: Commission proposal end 2013

✓ European Alliance for **Apprenticeships**: launch 3 July 2013

✓ **Mobility** of young workers: implementation of EURES reform ongoing



A Youth Guarantee

- Council Recommendation of 22 April: Member States
 - ✓ ensure that all young people **up to 25**
 - ✓ receive a **good-quality offer** of
 - ✓ **employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship**
 - ✓ within **four months** of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.

Model: fully fledged Youth Guarantee Scheme in Finland



How to deliver a Youth Guarantee?

The Commissions recommended **supporting measures** based on guidelines in six areas (axes):

- strong partnerships between all stakeholders ;
- early intervention and activation;
- supportive measures enabling labour market integration;
- use of EU Funds;
- assessment and continuous improvement of the schemes;
- implementation.

Details on rationale behind these axes can be found in the SWD (2012) 409

Youth Guarantee Schemes have a cost

➤ BUT represent a positive investment:

Cost of Youth Guarantees (ILO 2012)	Economic costs of NEETs (Eurofound 2012)
<i>Eurozone, 15-24 years</i>	<i>26 Member States (all except Malta), 15-29 years</i>
About 0.22% of GDP EUR 21 billion	1.21% of GDP EUR 153 billion



Youth Guarantee Recommendation: Use of EU Funds (Rec 21 – 22 – 23)

Member States committed to:

- Make full and optimal use of Cohesion Policy funding instruments (2014-2020) for supporting the establishment of YG schemes
- Describe in Operational programmes actions to be supported under the ESF investment priority “labour market integration of young NEETs”
- Where eligible make full and optimal use of Youth Employment Initiative to implement YG



Youth Employment Initiative (EUR 6 bn)

- Decided by the European Council on 7-8 February
- To directly support the Youth Employment Package, in particular the Youth Guarantee
- EUR 6 billion for the period 2014-2020: EUR 3 billion from the ESF and a further EUR 3 billion from a new 'youth employment' budget line
- Open to all NUTS2 regions with levels of youth unemployment above 25% (in 2012 Eurostat data)



A European Alliance for Apprenticeships

- The European Alliance for Apprenticeships will be launched in July 2013:
 - ✓ to improve the supply and quality of apprenticeships
 - ✓ change mind-sets towards apprenticeships (business, students, parents)

- Smart use of EU funding: e.g. via ESF Technical Assistance to Member States and Social Partners on Apprenticeship and Traineeship Schemes:
 - ✓ Research on effectiveness of existing schemes (June 2013)
 - ✓ Consultancy Helpdesk 2013/14: youthtrainingdesk@uk.ecorys.com
 - ✓ Conference on good practices (5/6 June 2013)



Thank you for your attention!