Who are they?
Early school leavers are young people who leave education and training with only lower secondary education, or less, and who are no longer in education and training.

How many?
More than 1 in 10 young people. 4 million young people.

What causes early school leaving?
Early school leaving has multiple and often intertwined causes. It results from a combination of personal, social, economic, educational and family-related factors.

What are the consequences of early school leaving?
Schools cannot effectively work alone. They need to move from isolated and short-term actions to engaging in a more holistic and systemic initiatives.

A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO REDUCE EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING

The EU
- Monitors Member States’ progress in reducing early school leaving
- Promotes cooperation and mutual learning
- Offers guidance and tools for schools
- Funds research to identify successful policies and practices
- Provides co-funding for national measures through the European Social Fund and the Erasmus+ programme

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