

Youth Guarantee in Denmark





National objectives

Ministry of Education:

Objectives:

95 % of school-leavers shall complete either an upper secondary school or a vocational education in 2015

60 % of school-leavers shall complete a higher education in 2020

In 2020 25 % of young people, who leave secondary school shall pursue vocational education

Ministry of Employment:

Objectives:

Young people under 30 years of age without vocational education, who receive education benefits have to start and complete a vocational or higher education, if they have the ability to do so

Unemployment rate 18 – 29 years July 2014: 8.9 % *

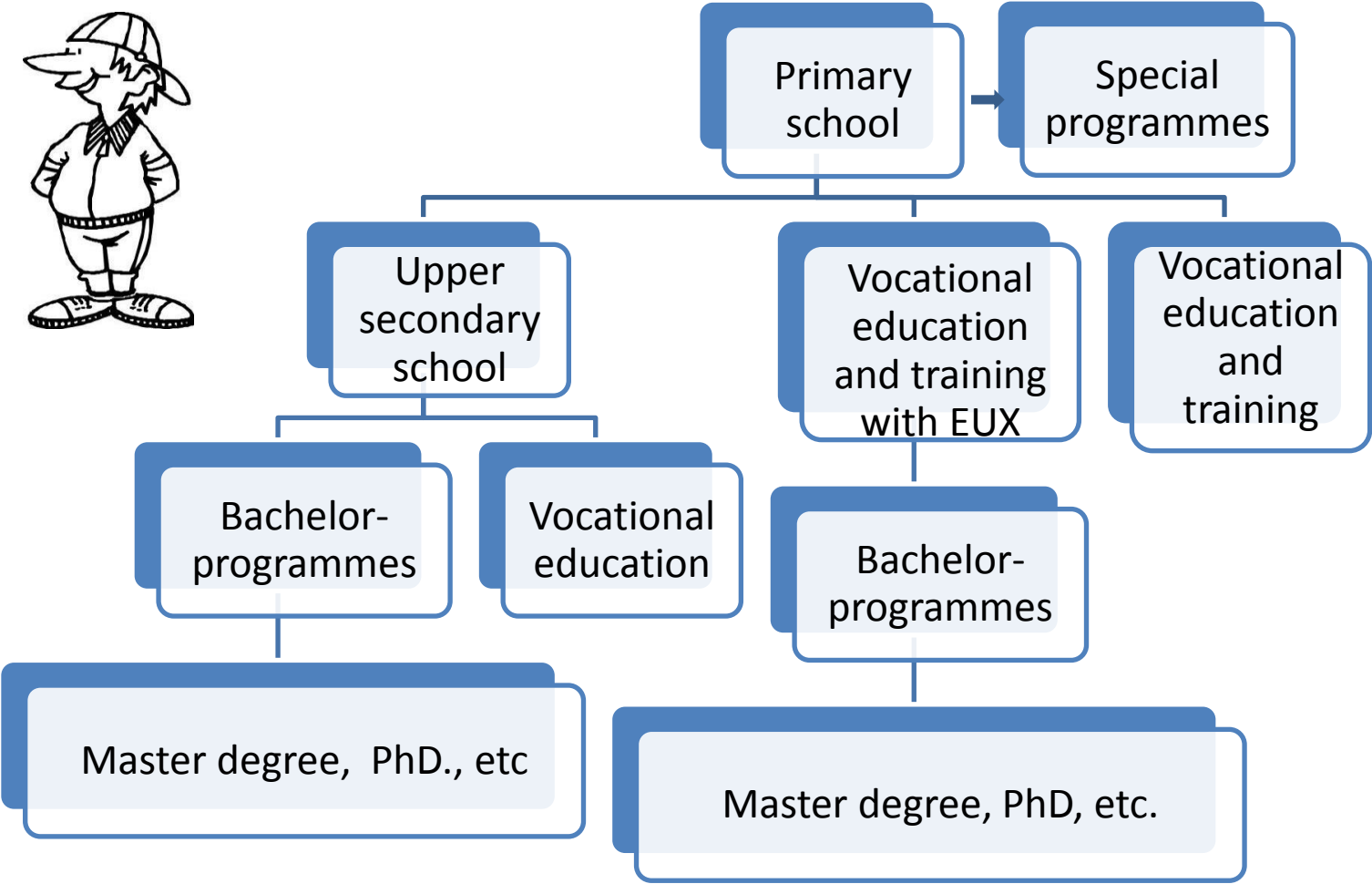
Average unemployment rate July 2014 : 5,1 % *

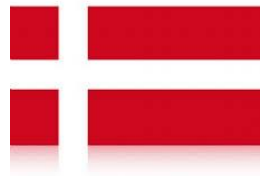
* Official danish statistics (dst.dk)



The Danish Educational System

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General conditions

- Free and equal access to public education
- Grants and study loans to students as a universal right
- Wages from employer to apprentices after the first period of vocational school
- School-training for young people, who cannot get an apprenticeship
- Obligatory vocational guidance for young people under 25, who have not obtained a vocational education qualification
- Adult education for people over 25 years of age



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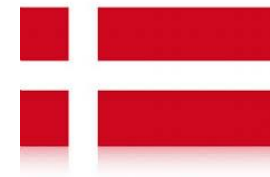
Law on Active Labour Market and Law on Social Benefits, enforced in January 2014 for **young people under 30 years of age without a vocational or higher education qualification.**

All young people, who apply for social benefits, **have to sign a contract with the Job Centre / Youth Centre**, where 3 deadlines are stated :

- ✓ A deadline for finding an appropriate education
- ✓ A deadline for applying for the specific education
- ✓ A deadline for starting the education

A young person , who do not have any social, psychological or other health problems receives education benefits equivalent to education grants.

Those young people, who have difficulties, receive education benefits with a bonus, when they participate in an activity.



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Clearly ready to start an education

- Working within the public welfare system for education benefits
- Job seeking activities
- Close contact with the Youth Centre regarding job opportunities and application for education



Ready to start education within the next year

- Test for reading, spelling and numeracy
- Vocational guidance
- Special programmes aimed to prepare and qualify the choice of education (building bridge to education)
- Trainee in enterprises



Not ready to start education within the next year

- Test for reading, spelling and numeracy
- Social Mentor
- Combined social, health and educational activities
- Exit-programmes for gang-members
- Contact at least every second month and continuously participating in activities

Experience from Youth Centre in Gentofte



- A unit under the Jobcentre in Gentofte, but established as part of the Campus of Gentofte with close cooperation with educational institutions and with the local Youth Guidance Centre
- Approx. 350 young people under 30 at present – 0,7 % of the working force between 16 – 65 years in Gentofte
- 11 staff members: a team leader, 4 social workers, 1 labour market consultant, 2 in-house mentors, 1 enterprise-consultant and 2 vocational guidance staff / teachers
- Cross-sectorial cooperation through part-time representation from Social Services and Health Care sector in order to ensure coordinated plans
- Examples of Workshops:
 - How to survive on educational grants
 - Network for single mothers
 - Building a network – working as a volunteer
 - Choosing an education