

The Youth Employment Initiative

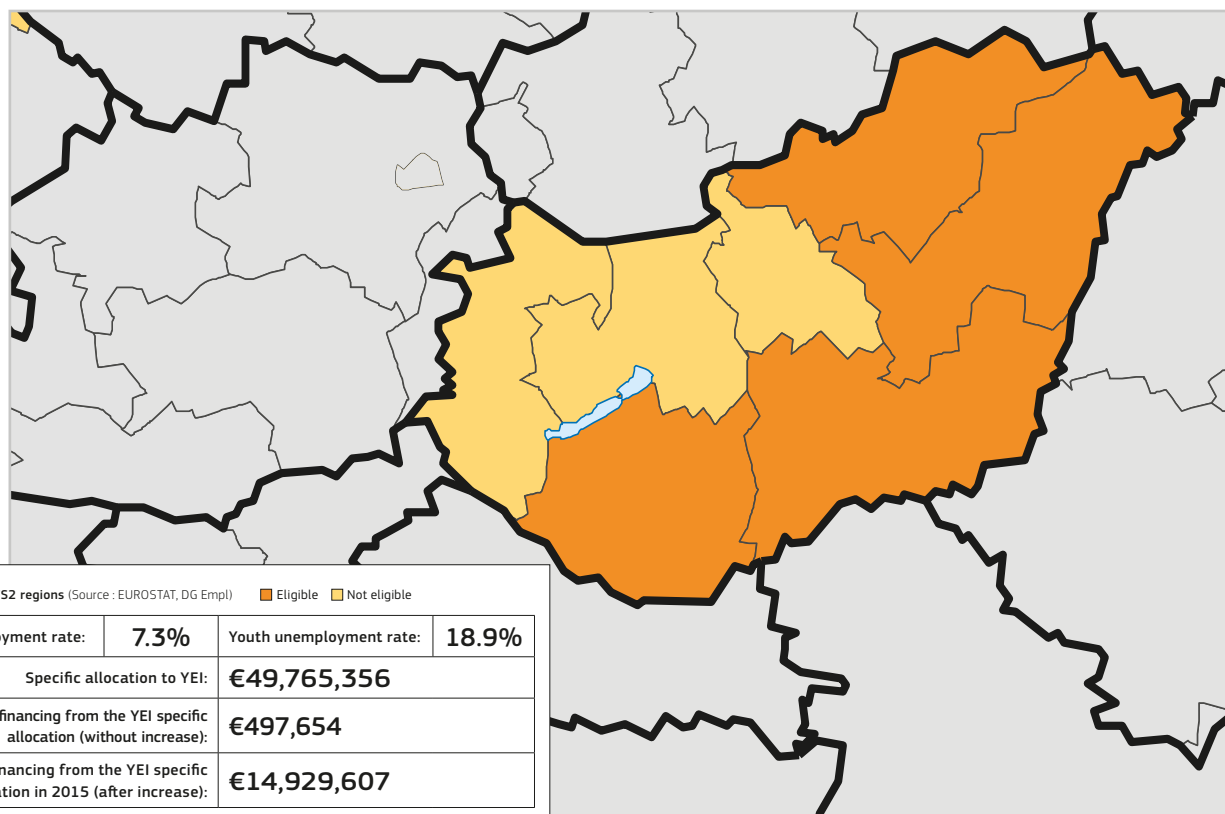
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The Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) exclusively supports young people not in employment, education or training in regions experiencing youth unemployment rates above 25%.

The European Commission proposes to advance funding of one billion euros from the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) specific allocation to eligible EU Member States. This proposal now needs to be approved by the Council and the European Parliament. It proposes to increase the YEI pre-financing rate up to 30%, currently it is at 1-1,5%. This would facilitate the flow of money and thus speed the implementation of measures on the ground to help young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs).

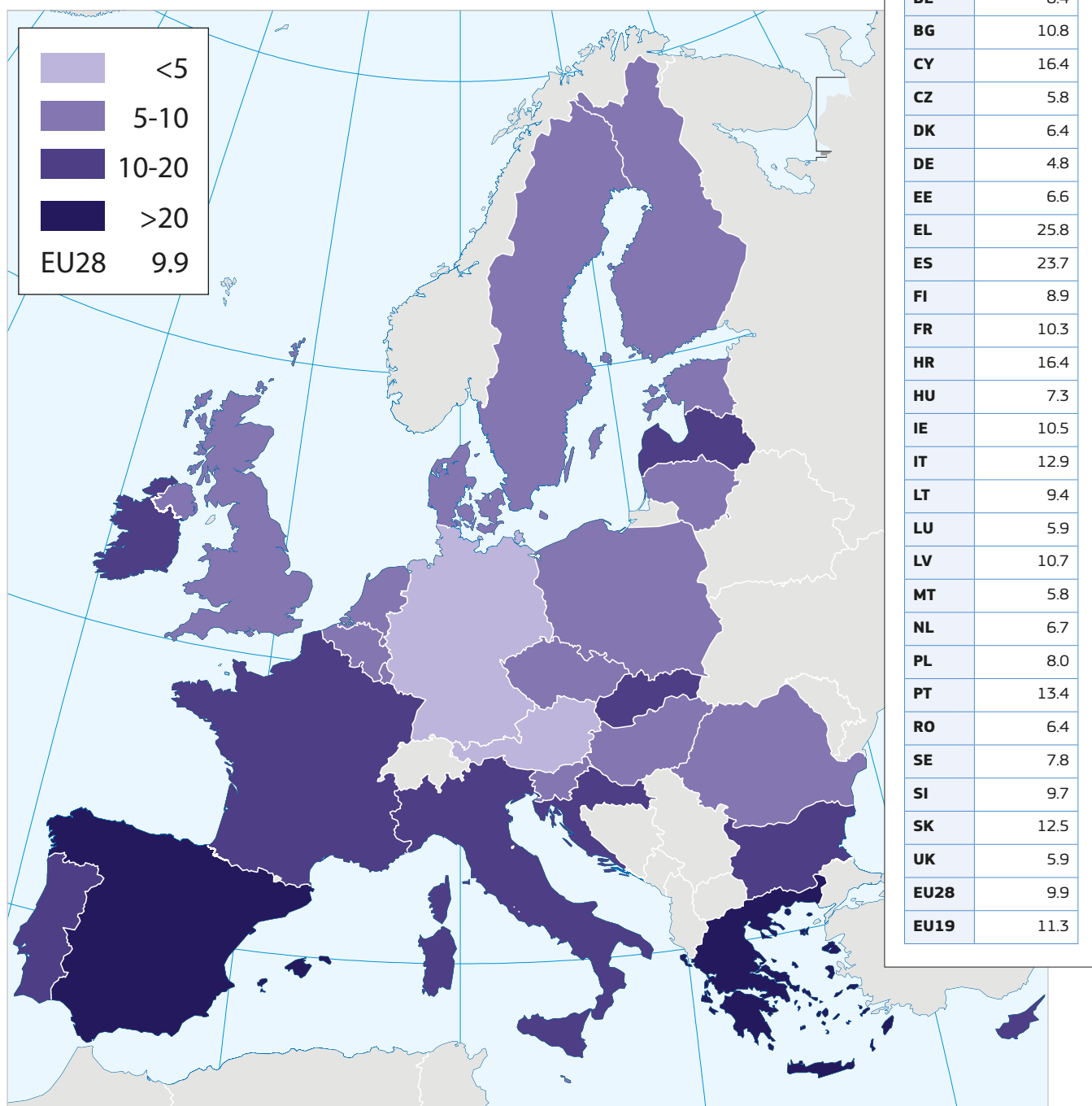
In **Hungary** the YEI specific allocation amounts to €49,765,356 for the period 2014–2015 (matched by the same amount from the ESF). The discussions on the programme for Economic Development and Innovation which includes the YEI have been finalized allowing for an adoption foreseen in February/March. The increased pre-financing will reach €14,929,607.

All YEI measures will target young people directly. Some examples of measures which the funding can support are: Direct support for high-quality traineeships and apprenticeships; Provision of first job experience (placements for at least 6 months); Start-up support for young entrepreneurs (mentoring and access to finance); Quality vocational education and training.



Unemployment rate (%), December 2014

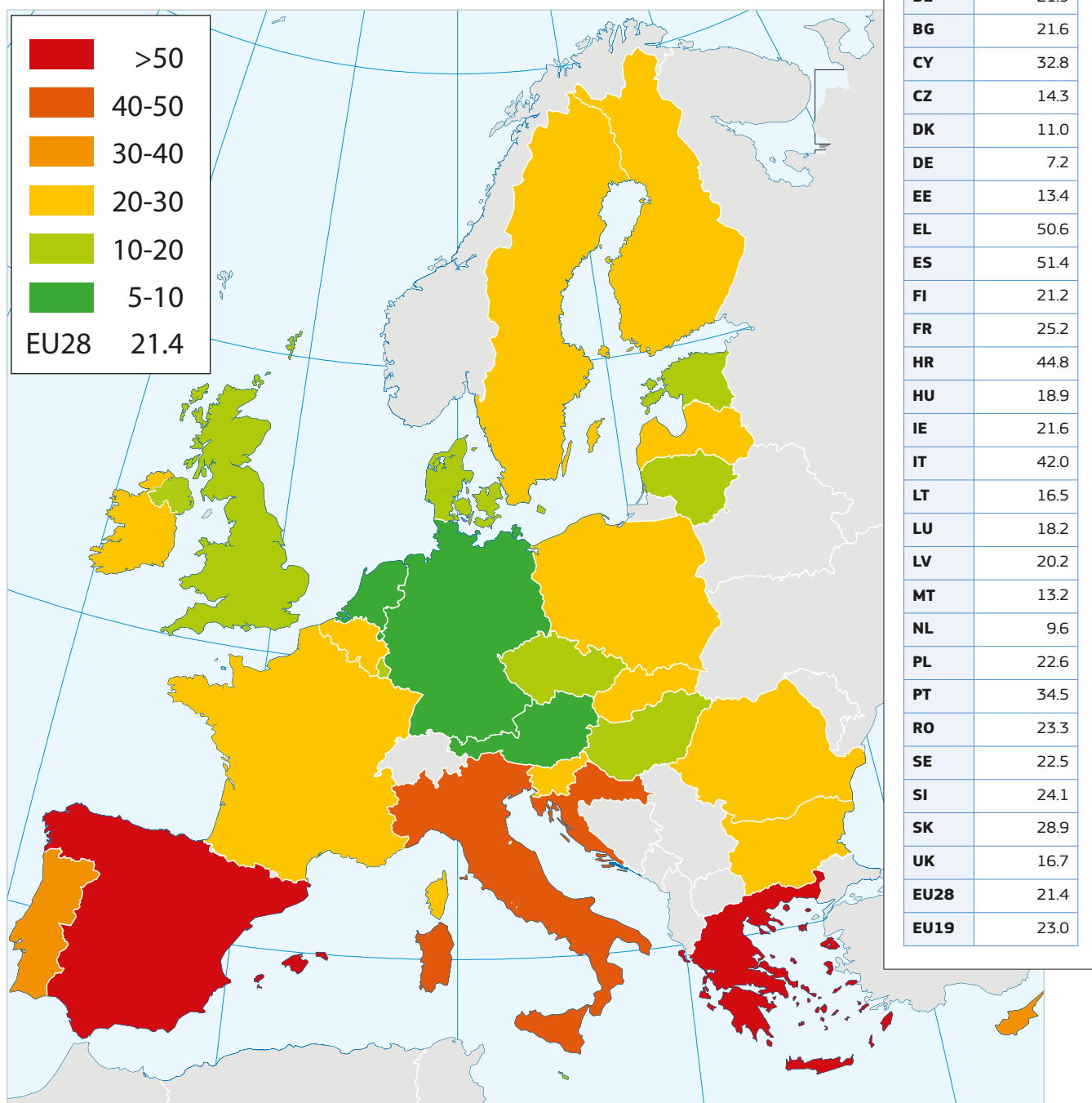
Hungary: 7.3%



Source: Eurostat 2015

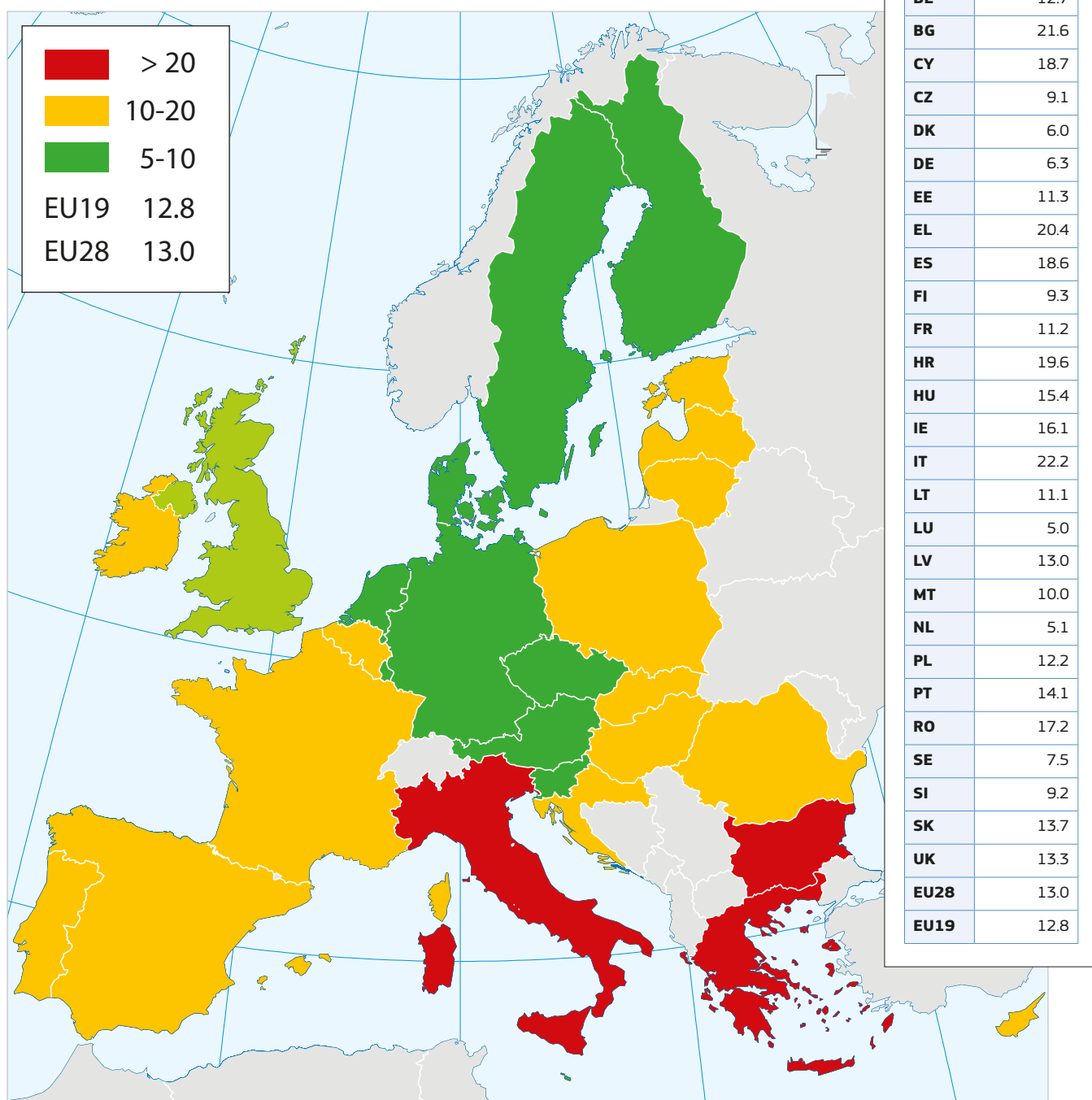
Youth (under 25s) unemployment rate (%), December 2014

Hungary: 18.9%



Source: Eurostat 2015

Rate of young persons not in employment, education or training (NEETs) - 2013 (%)



Source: Eurostat 2014