YOUTH GUARANTEE
&
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

IRELAND

YOUNG PEOPLE’S LABOUR MARKET PERFORMANCE (2008 > 2017)

○ National average  ○ European average

NEET* RATE
% OF TOTAL YOUTH POPULATION 15-24

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
% OF LABOUR FORCE 15-24

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RATE
% OF POPULATION 15-24

EARLY LEAVERS FROM EDUCATION AND TRAINING • % OF POPULATION 18-24

* NEET = Not in Employment, Education or Training
**YOUTH GUARANTEE PERFORMANCE (2017)**

- 39.3% * of young people took up an offer within 4 months
- 37.9% * of NEETs reached by the Youth Guarantee

* - % of total exits

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (2013 - 2017)**

- **YEI Allocation**: 68,145,419 euros matched by the same amount from the European Social Fund

- **YEI Coverage**:
  - Number of persons in YEI-supported actions: 28,018
  - Number of persons who completed a YEI operation: 2,008

(These data refer to intervention completed or still ongoing.)

**Member States that are eligible for the YEI are those with regions that have youth unemployment rates of 25% or higher in 2012 (for the initial allocation), and in 2016 (for the YEI increase).**
EXAMPLE OF A MEASURE SUPPORTED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The SICAP project aims to tackle poverty, social exclusion and long-term unemployment in Ireland through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. SICAP’s vision is to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment through community development approaches and targeted supports delivered at the local level. In 2015, the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) co-financed almost 4,000 young people aged 15-24 and not in employment, education or training (NEET) under SICAP. NEET participants received in-depth supports aimed at bringing these young people into or closer to the labour market by way of increasing employability skills, vocational training or activation supports for self-employment.

The budget available for YEI co-financed NEET participants under SICAP is €6 million. [YEI = €2m.]