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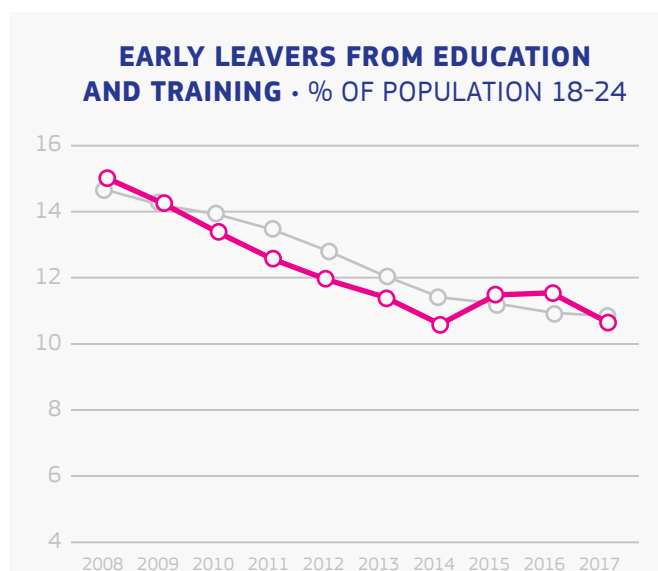
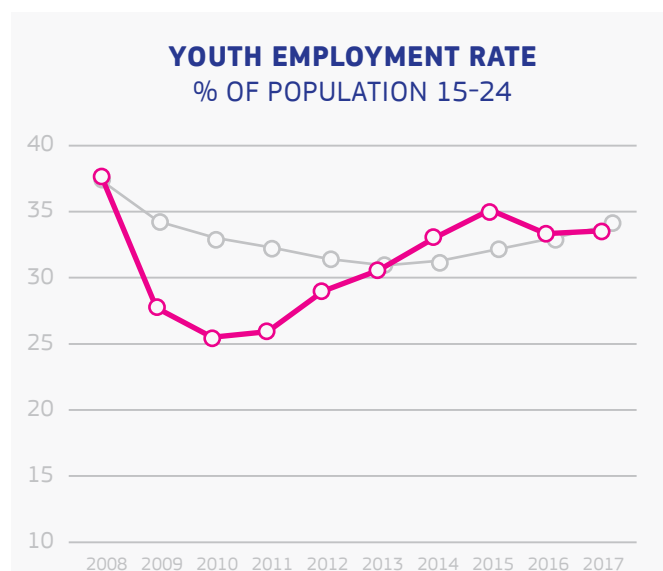
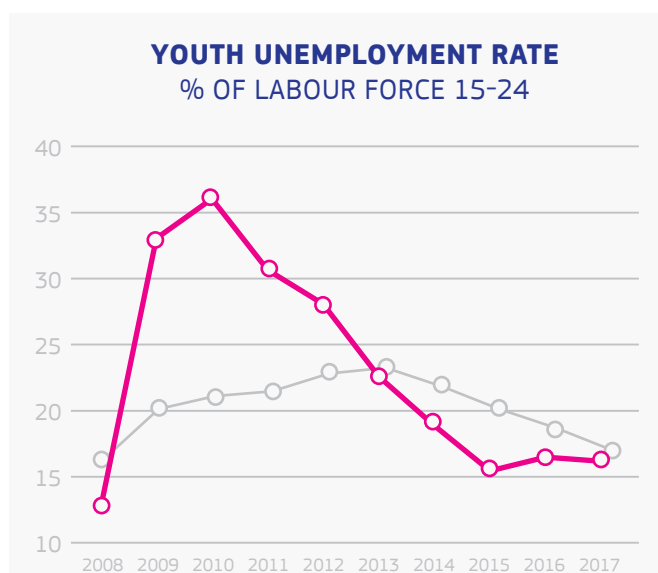
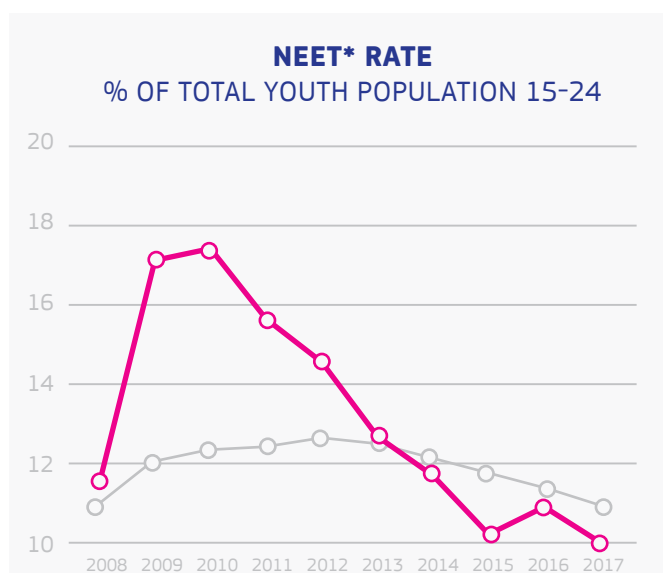


# YOUTH GUARANTEE & YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

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## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LABOUR MARKET PERFORMANCE (2008 > 2017)

○ National average    ○ European average



\* NEET = Not in Employment, Education or Training



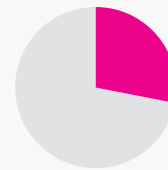
## YOUTH GUARANTEE PERFORMANCE (2017)



41.7%\*

YOUNG PEOPLE **TOOK UP OFFER**  
WITHIN 4 MONTHS

\* % OF TOTAL EXITS



21.1%

PROPORTION OF NEETs  
**REACHED BY**  
**THE YOUTH GUARANTEE**

\* ESTIMATED



## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (2013 > 2017)

### YEI ALLOCATION

**29,010,639 euros**

matched by the same amount from the European Social Fund



### YEI COVERAGE

**Number of persons in  
YEI-supported actions**

**26,819**

**Number of persons who  
completed a YEI operation**

**15,134**

(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**

### **Implementation of vocational education programs for young people not in employment and training**

In the framework of the 2014-2020 Multi-Fund Operational Programme “Growth and Employment”, the State Education development agency implements the project “Implementation of vocational education programs for young people not in employment and training”. The project is running between 1 June 2014 and 30 September 2019.

Within the project, young people aged 17 to 29 years with basic, secondary or vocational secondary education (if professional qualification was gained no earlier than 12 months ago), can participate in vocational education programmes and gain a vocational qualification. The aim of the project is to increase the employability of unemployed young people and their ability to adapt to changing labour market demands. Around 8500 young people are expected to gain a qualification, including 500 youngsters in prison (aged 15-29). Until 31 October 2018, over 7 800 young people have already acquired professional qualification within this project.

Each year the list of available professions is determined via consultation with the sectorial expert councils that bring together employers (as well as trade unions, government and independent experts). Thus, young people can be assured that these professions are in demand in the labour market, and can choose out of 100 different professions in various sectors—Construction, Electronics, Information and Communication Technologies, Metal processing and mechanical engineering, Chemical industry, Food industry, Forestry, Agriculture, Transport and Logistics, Tourism, Catering and Hospitality, Health and Care, Commerce and Administration, etc. The training also includes a 15-week work-based practice with an employer. Moreover, students are provided with free accommodation in dormitories, career guidance measures, as well as additional financial support (a scholarship from 70 up to 115 euros per month), if needed and if the a student shows good results and has no unjustified absences.