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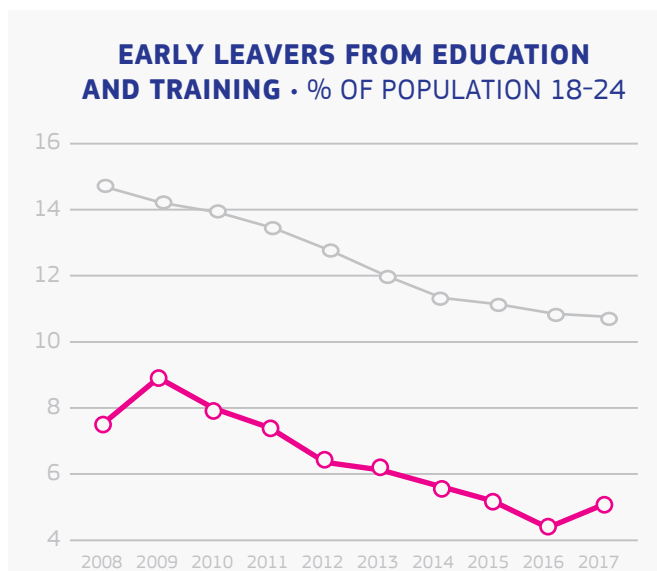
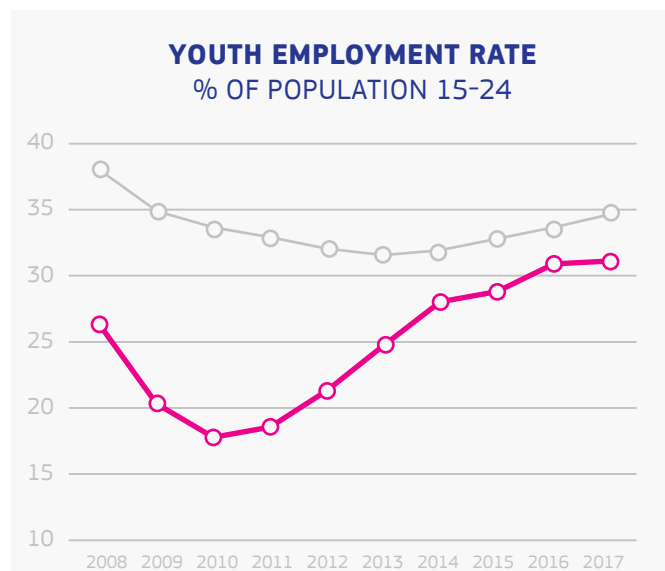
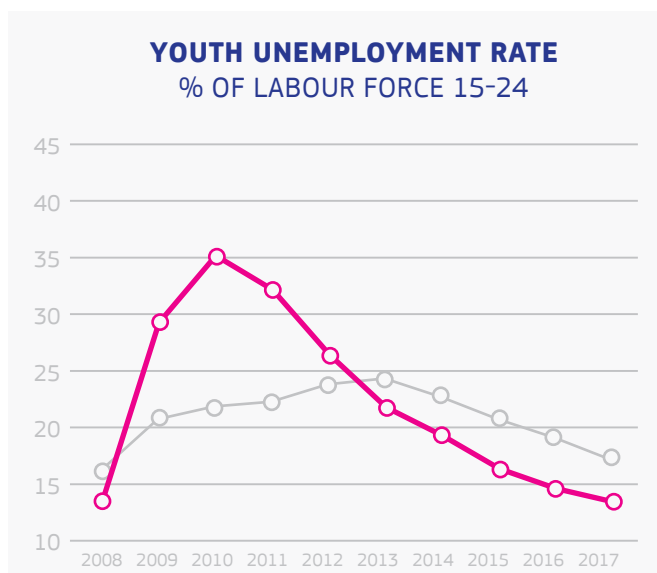
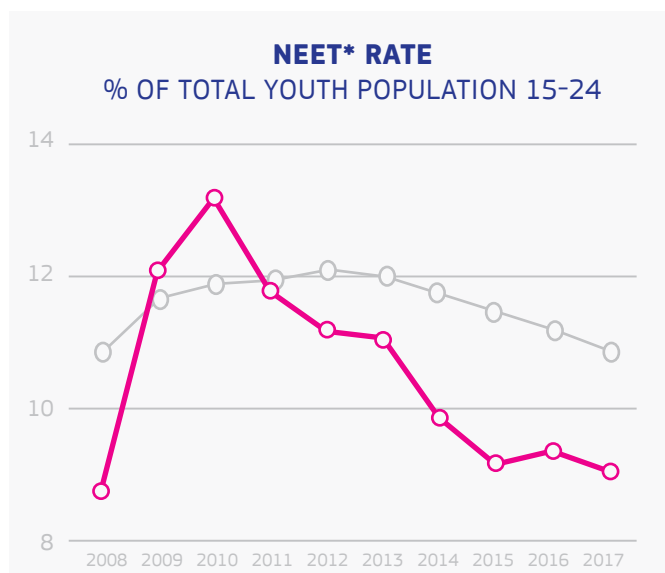


# YOUTH GUARANTEE & YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

## LITHUANIA

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

○ National average    ○ European average



\* NEET = Not in Employment, Education or Training



## YOUTH GUARANTEE PERFORMANCE (2017)



36.2%\*

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

\* % OF TOTAL EXITS



36.3%

PROPORTION\* OF NEEDS  
**REACHED BY**  
**THE YOUTH GUARANTEE**

\* ESTIMATED



## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (2013 > 2017)

### YEI ALLOCATION

**31,782,633 euros**

matched by the same amount from the European Social Fund



### YEI COVERAGE

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

**44,212**

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

**24,310**

(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**

### **'Discover yourself' Project**

The project 'Discover Yourself' was implemented by the Lithuanian Labour Exchange (LLE), acting as a leading partner, and the Department for Youth Actions (DYA). Each institution coordinated a separate strand of the project targeting different NEET groups. LLE's programme was designed for active NEETs who are officially registered with LLE as unemployed whereas DYA targeted inactive NEETs. It was planned that 23,000 unemployed NEETs and 12,000 inactive NEETs will participate in the project, which kicked off in September 2015 and finished at the end of 2018. Nearly EUR 34 million were planned to be invested over the course of the project (approx. EUR 1,000/participant on average). The final result is that with less money (EUR 26 million) the project reached more young people - almost 45 thousand in total (approx. EUR 570/participant on average).

Unemployed NEETs that were unprepared for the labour market were assessed and offered one of the following packages of services: 1) a package for returning to the labour market, 2) a package for returning to the educational system, 3) a package for self-employment. Each package included in-class individual and group activities as well as short traineeships in selected enterprises or visits to various companies and educational institutions. Most of these services were additional new services to the standard provision of the Public Employment Service.

Unemployed NEETs that were prepared for the labour market but were lacking specific competences or social skills were involved in training on additional skills and competences. They also participated in meetings with employees and visits to companies. In addition, about half of them were also provided with informal vocational training of up to 3 months.

Measures for inactive NEETs included enhancing this group's motivation for working or learning. Programme participants received psychological counselling and participated in various soft skill development workshops. In addition, participants were encouraged to take part in voluntary activities at one of the companies or NGOs supporting the project 'Discover Yourself'.

Support was provided for up to 4 months, which was considered as to be a sufficient amount of time for unemployed NEETs, but a relatively short period for the most disadvantaged inactive NEETs who will be able to continue with other YEI-supported measures.