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*
YEI ALLOCATION **
268,817,683 euros
matched by the same amount from the European Social Fund

YEI COVERAGE
Number of persons in YEI-supported actions
217,164

Number of persons who completed a YEI operation
156,916

(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

“Idea for Yourself” and “Equal Labour Market”

Among initiatives within the YEI-funded priority axis ‘Young people on the labour market’ are the two projects for NEETs run by the Voluntary Labour Corps (Ochotnicze Hufce Pracy): ‘Idea for yourself’ (Pomysł na siebie) and ‘Equal labour market’ (Równi na rynku pracy):

• The project ‘Idea for yourself’ aims at improving the situation of NEETs aged 15-17 by bringing them back into education or training and helping them in the acquisition of professional qualifications. It targets 1,320 young people.

• The project ‘Equal labour market’ aims at young people aged 18-24 that are in particularly difficult situations due to family and social situations (families with long-term unemployment, socially disadvantaged, dysfunctional), are not in employment, education or training (NEETs), lack formal and professional qualifications and professional experience or possess qualifications that are not required by the labour market. It targets 6,180 young people.

Both projects were run in all Polish regions (YEI and ESF funding) from 1 August 2014 until 31 December 2015. The budget allocation for these two projects accounts for almost EUR 16 million. The support provided to young beneficiaries is individualised and covers a broad range of services, including job counselling, pedagogical and psychological assistance, legal assistance, interpersonal training, professional training and 6-month internships.