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Workshop 1 - Opening up quality pathways for young people: social inclusion of and outreach to the most vulnerable

Description

Creating opportunities for youth is one of the EU's main priorities. At the [Bratislava Summit](#) of 16 September 2016, the Heads of State and Government of 27 EU Member States confirmed their commitment to fighting youth unemployment and creating more opportunities for young people.

In its December 2016 Communication "Investing in Europe's Youth", the Commission proposed key actions, including:

- a call for the full implementation of the Youth Guarantee and a proposal for additional funding to continue the roll-out of the scheme;
- proposals for the development of "ErasmusPro" within the Erasmus+ programme to support long-duration placements of apprentices abroad and for a "Quality Framework for Apprenticeships";
- the announcement of the European Solidarity Corps, a new initiative that creates opportunities for young Europeans to participate in a wide range of solidarity activities, through volunteering or an occupational placement.

The Youth Guarantee has become a reality across the EU and already over 10 million young people received an offer of employment, continued education, traineeship or apprenticeship. Furthermore, in the past three decades millions have participated in EU funded mobility programmes. Nevertheless, youngsters in vulnerable situation often have more limited access to these opportunities. More can be done to better support the most vulnerable.

Outcomes

The workshop aims at:



1. presenting what the EU is doing on the Youth Guarantee, mobility and European Solidarity Corps
2. bringing together all relevant actors, including policy practitioners and experts working in the field to exchange and learn from one another
3. providing the Commission with interesting practices for possible discussion with Member States in the framework of Youth Guarantee implementation
4. formulating recommendations for a better social inclusion of and outreach to the most vulnerable

Panellists

- **Speakers**

Ellen Durst, Policy Officer, Unit "Youth, Volunteer Solidarity and Traineeships Office", DG EAC, European Commission

Salim Didane, Prospective and Development Director, UNHAJ - Union Nationale pour l'Habitat des Jeunes

Loes Verhaeghe, Public policy and project manager: WIJ project Ghent - Take Off/A-tiem, Ghent city

Susanne von Bonin, International representative and integrational coach, Project Come In - Mission Possible

Gabriela Geangos, Volunteer, European Voluntary Service for All - EVS4All

- **Chair & moderator**

Anita Vella, Deputy Head of Unit "Employment Strategy", DG EMPL, European Commission

- **Rapporteur**

Matthäus Frandrejewski, Youth Committee of the European Confederation of Independent trade Union

Questions

Question 1: What type of additional support is necessary to prepare disadvantaged young people for entering the labour market or for going back to education?

Question 2: What is the right combination of education, training and work experience and what measures work best for them?



Question 3: Can mobility programmes help to bring disadvantaged young people onto the labour market through increasing their self-esteem?

Question 4: How to ensure that the most deprived have also access to quality placements offered by the European Solidarity Corps?