

PES Mutual Learning Webinar 'Supporting young jobseekers in the recovery period'

Agenda

Date: 4 March 2021

Time: from 10:00 to 11:30 CET

SESSION	MAIN CONTENT	SPEAKER	TIMING
Opening of the webinar	Opening, greetings Webinar 'rules of engagement' - good conduct Chat and polls; invitation to engage with fellow participants	Ed Thorpe Moderator	10.00-10.05
Introduction	Overview of the structure and content of the webinar and presentations Intro to speakers with their credentials	Ed Thorpe and Eamonn Davern Moderators	10.05-10.10
Presentation from the Dutch PES	The presentation will focus on the Graduate tracking initiative, aimed at enabling people to make informed career choices based on labour market intelligence.	Mr Michel van Smoorenburg, Team Leader at the Labour Market Analytics and Advice Dept., UWV	10.10-10.35
Presentation from the Dutch organisation «WeenerXL»	The presentation will showcase the various initiatives deployed in the Hertogenbosch municipality by WeenerXL to support the integration of vulnerable young people in the labour market.	Mr Carl De Meester, Program manager Youth Approach at WeenerXL	
Presentation from the French PES	The presentation will focus on the initiative "1 jeune, 1 solution", targeting young people and offering training, career guidance and other forms of support to help young people in finding employment.	Ms Ashley Wareing, International expert, Benchmarking and Communication Dept, Pôle emploi	
Discussion Q&A	Audience responses, discussion and questions on presentations		10.35-10.50
Short commentary by the European Youth Forum	The commentary will focus on the challenges experienced by young people in the early phases of their career, and what support measures are needed to ease the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.	Ms Edelmira Ferri and Ms Ana Villaseñor Horcajada, Consejo de la Juventud de España (CJE)	10.50-11.05
Short commentary by BusinessEurope	The commentary will focus on the uncertainty and challenges posed by rapidly changing labour markets and the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, offering a perspective on how PES can support employers in recruitment processes.	Dr Anna Kwiatkiewicz-Mory, Adviser, BusinessEurope	
Discussion Q&A	Audience responses, discussion and questions on presentations		11.05-11.15

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Final round of Q&A	Speakers respond with any final comments on the topics discussed		11.15-11.25
Sum up and close of the webinar Thanks	Wrap up key issues Outcomes of the webinar Finding more information Invitation to keep in touch with peers	Ed Thorpe and Eamonn Davern Moderators	11.25-11.30

Context

This webinar is the sixth of a special series exploring PES responses to the COVID-19 crisis and possible ways forward to effectively support the recovery. This webinar focuses upon PES experiences in supporting young jobseekers, which are among the groups disproportionately impacted by the crisis.

Young people have been particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, their transitions from education to work have been slowed down (if not halted) by lockdowns and social distancing measures and worsening economic conditions. However many of the relief measures adopted across EU countries mostly benefit the “established workforce”, i.e. people on permanent or long-term contracts. Combatting youth unemployment has been an EU policy priority for a number of years, as reflected in the support provided for this group through the Youth Guarantee, and this will need to continue in order to support the labour market recovery. Experience from the previous crisis illustrates the scarring effects of long term unemployment, with young jobseekers particularly prone to facing barriers to labour market entry following periods of inactivity. Evidence suggests that personalised, co-ordinated, interventions are required to support people with particular barriers to integration.

The webinar speakers and participants will discuss how policy responses are addressing the risk of young jobseekers falling further behind and how PES can work with other stakeholders to prepare for and deliver more targeted services and efficient support for them. The webinar will also feature inputs from young people and employers on their experience and suggestions on how PES can effectively support them through the crisis and promote rapid labour market recovery. The aim of the webinar is therefore to identify the optimum combination of two approaches: i.e. the continuation and further development of well-established measures on the one hand, and the integration of new approaches and initiatives implemented in the wake of the pandemic on the other.

Additional information

The webinar will take place via the Zoom webinar platform and will be recorded. Recordings will be made available on the internet in order to accumulate knowledge and to disseminate it also to those who could not attend the webinar.

During the webinar, participants will be invited to take part in short polls, asking for feedback or comments that will then feed into the discussion. Participants are advised to download the Zoom Client app to access all webinar functionalities. The app can be downloaded [here](#).