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Are you looking for a job in your own country or hoping to try your luck elsewhere in Europe? Would you like to pursue part of your studies abroad? Do you already have a job but want to keep on improving your knowledge? Are you looking to get better qualifications? Do you dream of setting up your own small business? Would you like to do voluntary work?

Europe can help you!

Europe has a whole range of tools available to help your dreams come true.

Europe and young people

Erasmus is undoubtedly the best known European programme for young people – it has given over three million the chance to study or

do a work placement abroad since 1987. Also widely known, the EURES site, the European mobility portal, gives online access to over a million jobs every day.

The EU has always cared about the future of young people and, given the staggering rise in youth unemployment, we have decided to give things a further boost.

Young people are the future of Europe. Current youth unemployment rates are simply unacceptable and endanger our future prosperity. Did you know that this problem often stems from a lack of qualifications and experience? Did you also know that Europe has a range of innovative tools available in these very areas?



What can Europe do for you?

The Youth on the Move initiative, launched by the EU as part of its Europe 2020 strategy, is a 'toolbox' of measures to help create the right conditions for you to achieve your career objectives. Education needs to be modernised, learning adapted to labour market requirements and spending time abroad made easier. You could be one of over 500 000 young people to benefit from a mobility programme this year.

To provide more information on this initiative and the various European programmes available to you in education, training, culture, employment, business start-ups, voluntary work and research, the European Commission has launched a Youth on the Move information campaign. Why not take part in the debates, share your experiences and raise

questions? Find out what Europe can do for you!

In response to the jobs crisis affecting young people in Europe, the Commission has put together a Youth Employment Package, a set of measures to help EU countries tackle unacceptable levels of youth unemployment and social exclusion by offering access to education, training and jobs.

This brochure will give you an overview of the programmes and activities you may find useful and ... if you want to keep up to date, join us on Facebook: [Youth on the Move!](#)

Youth on the Move: <http://ec.europa.eu/youthonthemove>

European Youth Portal: <http://europa.eu/youth>

Help and advice on life, work and travel in the EU:

<http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope>

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MOVE — Go abroad

EU citizens have the right to study and work in another Member State. Moving to a foreign country represents a unique opportunity to learn a new language and new skills, and to discover a different culture. It also improves your chances of finding a job.

Erasmus+ (the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport for 2014-20) aims to boost skills and employability, and modernise education and training systems.

Youth on the Move website: <http://ec.europa.eu/youthonthemove>

Your Europe: <http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope>

Erasmus+: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus>

European job mobility portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/eures>

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs: <http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu>

Boost your skills

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TRAIN — Boost your skills

The EU offers a whole range of opportunities for you to get the kind of training you want and the economy needs.

The European Social Fund is the main instrument for supporting jobs, helping people get better jobs and ensuring fairer job opportunities for all EU citizens. It works by investing in Europe's 'human capital' — in other words, its workers, young people and anyone looking for a job.

Erasmus+ offers a wide range of options for students, apprentices, recent graduates, education and training professionals and teachers. Under Erasmus+, 650 000 vocational students and apprentices will receive grants to study, train or work abroad between 2014 and 2020.

European Social Fund: <http://ec.europa.eu/esf>

Erasmus+ (vocational education and training): http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/vocational/index_en.htm

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs: <http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu>

Broaden your knowledge



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STUDY — Broaden your knowledge

Several EU programmes have been set up to allow Europeans to study abroad. By opening up these opportunities, the EU enables you to discover new countries and languages and to broaden your horizons.

Between 2014 and 2020, Erasmus+ will provide grants (and 450 000 traineeships) for two million higher education students who will be able to study or train abroad.

Students planning to do a full Master's degree abroad will benefit from a loan guarantee scheme run by national banks or student loan agencies selected by the European Investment Bank.

Erasmus+ (higher education): http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/study-mobility_en.htm

Share your experience



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LEARN — Share your experience

The EU promotes learning mobility because it is part of being European and an option for all young people in Europe. It helps present and future generations to face new challenges, feel more European and cooperate with each other.

Thanks to Erasmus+, more than 500 000 young people will get the opportunity to take part in youth exchange schemes. Erasmus+ also supports school partnerships that can lead to exchanges for teachers, pupils or whole classes.

Erasmus+ (youth): http://ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/mobility/index_en.htm

Erasmus+ (schools): http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/school/institutions_en.htm

Share your talent

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TAKE PART — Share your talent

The EU wants citizens to have a say on issues that concern them.

If a million EU citizens get together, they can participate directly in EU policy making through a **European citizens' initiative** calling on the European Commission to make a legislative proposal in an area they feel strongly about.

Through the **structured dialogue**, the EU consults young people and youth organisations at all levels, at EU Youth Conferences and during the European Youth Week.

The **European Youth Portal** provides a wealth of information and allows young people to ask questions and exchange experiences.

European citizens' initiatives: <http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/welcome>

Dialogue and exchange: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-policies/structured-dialogue_en.htm

European Youth Portal: <http://europa.eu/youth>

Discover research careers



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INNOVATE — Discover research careers

Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCAs) support the career development and training of researchers in all scientific disciplines through worldwide and cross-sector mobility. MSCAs provide grants to researchers at all stages of their careers, from PhD candidates to highly experienced researchers. This is the main EU programme for doctoral training and funds 25 000 PhDs. It is backed up by the Euraxess network of centres, which help researchers move from one country to another by providing information and assistance on all aspects of professional and daily life.

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology promotes innovation by bringing together higher education institutions, research centres and businesses to focus on challenges such as energy, climate change and the information society. Its efforts are focused on researchers, entrepreneurs and students, giving them the right skills, knowledge and attitudes to bring new ideas to the market and set up new businesses.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/marie-skłodowska-curie-actions>

Euraxess: <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

European Institute of Innovation and Technology: <http://eit.europa.eu>

Make a difference



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VOLUNTEER — Make a difference

It is estimated that 100 million Europeans have been involved at one time or another in voluntary activities. Volunteering provides an opportunity to make a difference by helping to foster a greater sense of togetherness and social harmony.

Erasmus+ will enable even more young Europeans to volunteer for a range of projects. The EU has also started to set up a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps, which will give young Europeans the opportunity to show solidarity with people in need.

Erasmus+ (youth): http://ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/mobility/index_en.htm

EU aid volunteers: http://ec.europa.eu/echo/euaidvolunteers/index_en.htm

Make dreams come true



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CREATE — Make dreams come true

The European Progress Microfinance Facility was set up in 2010 to help EU microfinance institutions increase lending to independent entrepreneurs and businesses with up to 10 employees. This will lead to around 45 000 loans of up to EUR 25 000 being made available to young Europeans (and others with limited access to the conventional credit market) who want to start their own business. Some of the microcredit providers are already reporting a higher ratio of young clients.

Starting in 2014, the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) will bring together the activities of three EU programmes that were previously managed separately: Progress, EURES and Progress Microfinance. Its third 'axis' will follow up on Progress Microfinance activities and also provide capacity-building funding for microfinance providers. The Programme will also extend support to social enterprises, including those helping young people find a path to employment.

The Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme enables new or would-be entrepreneurs to learn how to run a successful business by working alongside an experienced entrepreneur from another country for up to six months. The stay is financed by the EU.

European Progress Microfinance Facility: <http://ec.europa.eu/epmf>

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs: <http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/>

EU finance for small and medium-sized enterprises: <http://www.access2finance.eu/>

Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI): <http://ec.europa.eu/social/easi>

Get informed



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YOUR RIGHTS — Get informed

The EU ensures that all Europeans can exercise their fundamental rights. These include freedom from discrimination and exclusion, equality between men and women, and the right to medical assistance. Throughout Europe, the EU supports action to raise awareness of the need to combat social injustice and ensure data protection.

Building a European Area of Justice: <http://ec.europa.eu/justice>

Tackling discrimination: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/index_en.htm

Your Europe: <http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/citizens>

Achieve your goals



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WORK — Achieve your goals

Getting into the job market is difficult, particularly for the young. The EU provides all European citizens with a range of tools to improve their job opportunities. The European Social Fund (ESF) is one example: around 10 million people every year benefit from the labour market insertion and training programmes financed by the ESF. Another example is the EURES European job mobility portal, which provides online access to about a million job vacancies. 'Your first EURES job' is a job mobility scheme to help young people find work and to help employers find workers. It aims to match young jobseekers and job changers with hard-to-fill vacancies across Europe.

Last but not least, the Enterprise Europe Network provides a wide range of services to help entrepreneurs expand their business in Europe and beyond. The Network has 600 partners in more than 50 countries.

European Social Fund: <http://ec.europa.eu/esf>

EURES: <https://ec.europa.eu/eures/>

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/yourfirsteuresjob>

Enterprise Europe Network: <http://een.ec.europa.eu/>

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