

What is a European Youth Guarantee?

The PES demands the introduction of a European Youth guarantee as a “new social contract”: to grant young people a **new job, a training place or further education** at the latest four months after leaving education or becoming unemployed.

Every year, youth unemployment costs the European Union more than **€100 billion***.

For only **€10 billion*** we can bring **2 million young people** out of unemployment by 2014.

Did you know?

A Youth guarantee already exists, successfully, in Austria, and is being introduced in Finland and Luxembourg.

* For more information on figures, see youth-guarantee.eu

What steps can Governments & the EU take?

Give young people a chance.

The EU must take action to help people overcome the crisis.

How?

1. At European level:

- A European framework which defines minimum criteria for youth guarantees
- Financial support to create new jobs, by redirecting **€10 billion** from the unused resources of the European social funds.

2. At national level:

Introduction of legislation on a youth guarantee.

What is at stake?

5.5 million young people are currently unemployed in Europe. Among the consequences: young people have no chance to progress, financial losses for states and companies, workers become less skilled and the economic slowdown of Europe.

While the economic crisis worsens, young people are unable to positively contribute to society. The social gaps become more and more evident and threaten to alienate an entire generation.

Women count!

Women have been hit harder by the crisis and face obstacles to access the labour market equally. Therefore, PES Women is committed to tackle gender segregation in education, to develop jobs and skills for women in the green economy and to push for a sound maternity leave at European level.

What can you do?

SHARE!

Help us make the campaign as visible as possible.



ACT!

Our message needs to be loud and clear: we need a European Youth Guarantee. Help us organise national events. Join the team.

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SUPPORT!

Display a sticker of the logo - the guarantee stamp - in your business, council or assembly. Make a photo and share it with everyone.

MOBILISE!

Convince your friends and colleagues to be part of the campaign.



Sergei Stanishev
Interim President, PES

"A European Youth Guarantee is the front line in the fight against youth unemployment. Help us make this guarantee a reality across the European Union".

"Women Count! Women are hardest hit by the economic crisis. If we don't include young women now in new jobs and sectors, we won't secure their future".



Zita Gurmai
President, PES Women



Hannes Swoboda
Group Chair of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

"All over Europe we have alarmingly high youth unemployment rates. We need to take joint action to fight this. A European Youth Guarantee is the best way to show that "your future is my future".

"Our generation is at risk of slipping through the cracks. We want to work and we want to contribute. The PES youth guarantee gives us a fair chance for the future".



Kaisa Penny
President ECOSY, Young European Socialists

The PES brings together 33 socialist, social democratic, labour and progressive parties in the European Union and Norway, a parliamentary group in the European Parliament (190 MEPs) and in the Committee of the Regions (247 members) - plus observer and associate parties and organizations from all over Europe. ECOSY and PES Women are respectively the Youth and the Women's organizations of the PES.

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