Youth, career guidance and outreach
About EUROGUIDANCE

• Network of national resource and information centres for guidance
• Established in 1992
• Currently in 33+ European countries
• Co-funded by the European Union (Erasmus+ Programme)

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EUROGUIDANCE main target group

- Guidance practitioners and policy makers from both the educational and employment sectors in Europe

Common goals

- Competence development of guidance practitioners
- European dimension of lifelong guidance
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• A youth work centre model in Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region, Slovakia

• Provides career counselling, psychological, social counselling, coaching, informal education in life skills development and volunteering
YOUTHShare

• NEET up to 25-29 years old, living in disadvantaged areas of the Mediterranean EEA, especially in the coastal and island regions of Greece, Italy, Spain and Cyprus.

• Promotes knowledge and activity in sustainable professional fields of the Social and Sharing Economy
Support for NEET youth in Latvia
Labour market: background information

✓ Regulatory framework:
  • **Support for Unemployed Persons and Persons Seeking Employment Law**
  • **Regulations on organizing, financing and implementing active employment measures**

✓ PES (State Employment Agency) centrality: all unemployed able to work and wanting to receive benefits have to register with PES and actively seek work

✓ Unemployment benefit for 8 months, gradually decreasing, based on social security contributions—23.59% employer, 10.5% employee

✓ Means tested social assistance and social services provided by local municipalities

✓ Decentralized wage setting, statutory minimum wage (620 EUR)

✓ ALMP implemented by PES: career guidance, training, subsidized employment, public works, business start-ups, etc.
## YOUTH outcomes and challenges

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**BUT...**

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PES SUPPORT TO NEETs (≈9.5 MEUR annually, average expenditure)

- Vocational guidance: 10,967
- Summer works program: 9,751
- Training: 2,262
- Subsidized employment and other in-work measures: 1,263
- Supportive measures (mobility, psychologist, ergotherapist etc.): 570
- Business start-up measures: 13
**PES SUPPORT TO NEETs - results**

13.4% UNEMPL rate  
14.0% EU average

8.9% NEET rate  
9.0% EU average

age group: 15-24 years

31 000 NEETs aged 15-29 years,  
out of them at least

7 600 registered in PES

24 826 support measures in PES in 2022 at least to

13 500 unique participants (15-29)

Data source: EUROSTAT, 2023 Q1; PES data on registered unemployed, 28.08.2023.
Data on participation in PES measures - 2022
ESF NATIONAL PROJECT “KNOW AND DO!”

• Implemented by the National Agency for International Programmes for Youth (2016-2023), BUDGET 9,9 MEUR

• Outreach activities and work with inactive NEETs aged 15-29 years

• Implemented in 80% municipalities all over the country

• Obligation for each municipality to establish a partnership (NGOs, Youth organizations, schools etc.)

• Close cooperation and data exchange with PES, social services, probation institutions, policy departments
PROJECT “KNOW and DO!”

MAIN TARGET GROUPS

• Teenage mothers and young mothers ~ 20 %

• Persons with health issues, disability and functional impairments and persons with disabilities ~ 18 %

• Young people with low educational attainment and low level of education (lower than basic education (ISCED, lower secondary education) ~ 11 %

• Young people with addiction and substance abuse

• Young people experiencing poverty and material deprivation, Youth from rural areas
ROLE OF PARTNERS

Agency for International Programs for Youth

- Informative support and methodological support (guidelines)
- Training courses for mentors and programme managers
- Supervisions and experience exchange activities for mentors and programme managers
- Evaluation of project activities
- Regular monitoring on the ground

Local municipalities and their strategic partners

- Focal points and coordinators in each municipality
- Outreach of young people
- Profiling
- Development of individual support programme for young people
- Implementation of individual support programme
### TYPES OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

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RESULTS

4 808 PERSONS involved till 31.12.2023. received support:

• 36% - entered labour market

• 25% - involved in PES activities after participation

• 19% - re-entered education system

• 20% - got involved in NGO or Youth centre activities after participation