

## PROGRAMMES FOCUSING ON YOUTH OVERVIEW

NAME	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	MORE INFORMATION
<b>Youth Employment Initiative</b>	<p>The European Council has decided to create a Youth Employment Initiative to add to and reinforce the very considerable support already provided through the EU structural funds. The Initiative will be open to all regions (NUTS level 2) with levels of youth unemployment above 25%. It will act in support of measures set out in the youth employment package proposed by the Commission in December 2012 and in particular to support the Youth Guarantee following its adoption.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>From the Council conclusions:</p> <p>On several occasions the European Council stressed that the highest priority should be given to promoting youth employment. It devoted a special meeting to this theme in January 2012 and gave it a strong emphasis in the Compact for Jobs and Growth. It expects the Council to adopt soon the recommendation on a Youth Guarantee. It invites the Commission to finalise the quality framework for traineeships, to establish the Alliance for Apprenticeships and to make proposals for the new EURES regulation in the coming weeks. The EU budget should be mobilised in support to these efforts.</p>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1036&amp;langId=en">http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1036&amp;langId=en</a></p>

<p><b>Youth on the Move</b></p>	<p>Youth on the Move is a comprehensive package of policy initiatives on education and employment for young people in Europe. Launched in 2010, it is part of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.</p> <p><b>Goals</b></p> <p>Youth on the Move aims to improve young people’s education and employability, to reduce high youth unemployment and to increase the youth-employment rate – in line with the wider EU target of achieving a 75% employment rate for the working-age population (20-64 years) – by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- making education and training more relevant to young people's needs</li><li>- encouraging more of them to take advantage of EU grants to study or train in another country</li><li>- encouraging EU countries to take measures simplifying the transition from education to work.</li></ul>	<p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/youthonthemove/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/youthonthemove/index_en.htm</a></p>
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