

Existing EU policies

✔ **Youth Guarantee Initiative**
It targets youth aged 15-29 with opportunities in employment, education, apprenticeships, or traineeships to tackle youth unemployment and enhance employability while preventing long-term joblessness.

Assesment:

The Youth Guarantee Initiative has made significant strides in tackling youth unemployment and improving the prospects of young Europeans. However, further efforts are needed to ensure that all eligible youth can access its benefits, and that the quality of employment opportunities continues to improve.

✔ **EU Skills Agenda**
It includes initiatives and strategies aimed at addressing the specific challenges faced by NEET's to help them reintegrate into education or the workforce, reducing social and economic disparities.

Assesment:

The EU Skills Agenda for Youth represents a positive step toward enhancing the skills and employability of young people in Europe. However, it faces implementation challenges and the ongoing need to adapt to the rapidly changing nature of work and technology.

The CoFE report on Youth

(Conference on the Future of Europe)

"(...) Extremely important for us is education and the empowerment of citizens overall. For this Conference, you decided to invite citizens as young as 16. More than ever, it is necessary to empower young people. The high youth abstention rate shows us that the link between youth and politics needs to be reunited. Empower them economically and socially too: it is still too hard to enter the job market, to claim their social rights."

- ✔ Enhance the supervision of existing EU policies towards NEET's
- ✔ Prioritise NEET support programs in rural regions to reduce development disparities compared to major cities
- ✔ Increase quotas for women in order to overcome gender imbalance.
- ✔ Create a mechanism to ensure the monitoring and enforcement of minority rights.



Empowering NEETs

Recommendations to EU decision makers

Actionable strategies and best practices to empower NEETs and foster their inclusion.



Reasons behind the numbers of NEETs growing

NEET (not in employment, education or training) refers to the situation of many young people, aged between 15 and 29, in Europe.

- ✓ Covid-19 has increased NEET rates across the board, disrupting education and job markets worldwide.
- ✓ Lack of opportunities and support from the families, and society.
- ✓ Absence of clear vision of the future.
- ✓ Hostile economic environment for young people worldwide.
- ✓ Geographic disparities regarding the access to training and education.

The complexity of the issue highlighted in the aforementioned points underscores the need for urgent and comprehensive action; failure to do so may lead to a continued rise in the global NEET population.



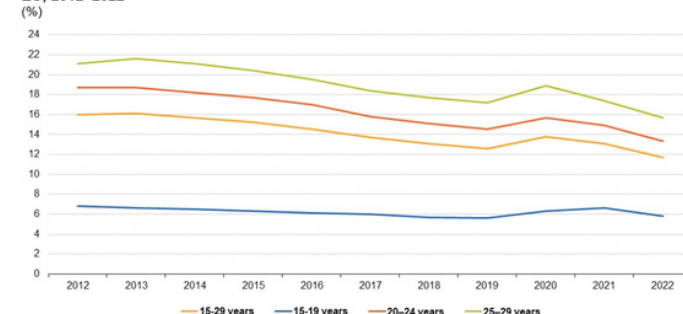
Target audience:

- ✓ European Commission
- ✓ Committee of Regions & ECOSOC
- ✓ European Parliament
- ✓ European Council

The above institutions play the crucial part in the EU decision-making process which affects the everyday lives of NEETs.

NEETs in the EU over time for different age groups

Young people neither in employment nor in education and training, by age, EU, 2012–2022 (%)



Current statistics show a need to monitor and execute EU policies towards NEETs more efficiently in order to achieve the goal set by a Youth Guarantee Initiative of reducing NEET to 9% by 2030.

Employment, education and training status of young people, by age, EU, 2022 (%)

