



Youth Employment in Times of Crisis: the role of education, skills and youth organisations

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EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

- ➡ It is made up of around 100 National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations, which are federations of youth organisations in themselves.
- ➡ **It brings together tens of millions of young people from all over Europe, and represents their common interests.**



OUR MISSION

To EMPOWER young people to PARTICIPATE actively in the shaping of Europe and the societies in which they live.

To IMPROVE the LIVING CONDITIONS of young people as European citizens in today's world.



OUR WORK



Elaboration of policies and positions, which are based on the opinions, experiences and expertise of young people from all over Europe.

POLICY AREAS

- Education
- Youth Policy in Europe
- Employment and Social Inclusion
- Human Rights and Equality
- Sustainable Development
- Health
- Training
- Mobility
- Global and Regional Youth Cooperation

POLICY AREAS

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Improve the social situation of young people in Europe, focusing on promoting the employment and social inclusion of young people and an adequate level of social protection

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

- Despite being the most educated generation ever, young people in Europe struggle to find a first job and quality employment
- In times of crisis, Youth Unemployment is even higher and quality employment is at stake

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

➤ In Times of Crisis:

- Youth unemployment rate in EU: 18,7%
- Youth unemployment rate in Spain: 36,2%

Source: Eurostat, Harmonised unemployment rates by age, class 15-24,
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EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

What happened?

- Labour Markets have changed substantially in the last decades

What is needed?

- Education systems providing young people with skills, knowledge and competences that allow for a smooth transition between education and the labour market and also contributing for educating young people as citizens (active citizenship)

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

- stronger partnership between education providers, employers (private and public), social partners and youth organisations
- establishment of efficient guidance mechanisms from an early stage

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

- promotion and full recognition of competences that young people can acquire through non-formal education and volunteering activities as well as through vocational training
- promotion of quality internships

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND SKILLS

While participating in youth organisations, young people develop skills which are relevant to the labour market:

- team spirit
- leadership skills
- sense of initiative
- communication skills
- social competences in general
- language competences

CONCLUSION

- Skills and education are crucial when it comes to preparing young people for the labour market
- Youth Organisations have a key role in providing such skills in a non-formal way

Thank you
for your attention

