



Youth Employment in Developed Market Economies

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European Youth Forum

- 95 Member Organisations
- Independent National Youth Councils
- Independent International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations
- Partner of the EU and Council of Europe
- Consultative status with ECOSOC
- Employment policy framework: EU, UN, ILO



Trends Europe (EU-27)

- 4,6 million young people aged 15-24 are unemployed
- Among the 25 to 29 years old, around 2,8 million are without a job



Trends Europe (EU-27)

- In total, with about 7,4 million unemployed young people in the EU, young people aged 15-29 represent 38,5% of the total unemployed.
- The youth unemployment rate amounts to 17,5%.

Trends Europe (EU-27)



- 30,1% of all young unemployed aged 15-24 are long-term unemployed.
- Significant gender gap in youth employment

EU response: Flexicurity



- Aim: Combine economic competitiveness and social protection
- Moving from a job protection system to a labour market protection system



Flexicurity and Youth

- Will it work at all?
- Will those who are furthest away from the labour market, typically youth, be more able to get a job?
- Young people are worried that in the national context with limited growth and constrained public finances the flexicurity approach will worsen the situation of young employees in Europe