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of Young (ex) Offenders



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Introduction

The European Project EXYONet (European Network for employability of young (ex) offenders), is the first European network address to the young (ex) offenders employability and social exclusion inside the EU Youth in Action Program. This network put together the efforts of 6 entities of different European countries in 18 months, through the experiences that have been carried out by United Kingdom, Greece, Romania, Turkey, Italy and Spain.

Euro Forum is going to transmit different perspectives of the compiled experiences of different countries, being a good instrument to expose the results obtained and present the communitarian action proposals in order to the improve the employability of this population.

The exclusion from the labour market and youth unemployment negatively affects the employment perspectives and incomes, as well as the health level and labour satisfaction, even after two decades.

There is a link between social exclusion and unemployment. The incapacity of finding a job generates a useless and idleness feeling among the young people and can increase the crime rates, mental health problems, violence, conflicts and use

of drugs, leading the young people to the social exclusion.

It is a multidimensional problem in which, among other aspects, the absence of responsibility, the lack of motivation or the time excess provokes an irregular behavior of the young people, emerging a relationship between the unemployment and the crime increase, especially the ones related to the property and drugs trafficking, which worsen the future of the young people.

What tools and resources offers the EU in the field of youth employment? Which is the future of the labour insertion of UE young people? What solutions are succeeding in their countries?

The Euroforum EYES (European Youth Employment Situation) will offer the opportunity of knowing the key of the successful initiatives about the young (ex) offenders' employability and other young in risk of social exclusion. In the congress will take place the presentation of the White Paper of good practices of the EXYONET network, as well as a Decalogue of the collaboration work among the members of this European network. The European Youth Guarantee and the Social Fund resources will be analyzed too by European experts.



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A look to the thousand faces of the **youth employment in Europe**

with a special perspective of the young people in risk of social exclusion

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13th November 2014
"SQUARE Brussels Meeting Centre"
Rue Ravensteinstraat 2; B-1000 Brussels

13:15 h ▶ Networking lunch and accreditations

 14:30 h **WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF EURO FORUM (EYES)**

- ▶ White paper presentation
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 15:00 h **THE FUND "IN DEPTH"**

- ▶ European Social Fund
 - ▶ A map of opportunities
 - ▶ How many and how to access
 - ▶ How does it impact in the labour market?
 - ▶ How affects the employability of young offenders and in social exclusion?
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 16:00 h **YOUTH GUARANTEE. A future guarantee**

17:00 h ▶ Networking coffee break

 17:30 h **LOOKING FOR THE EFFICIENCY: the intermediation as a key factor**

- ▶ Efficiency in the plan execution: the intermediation as a key figure
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 18:30 h **SELF-DEMANDING AND EVALUATION**

- ▶ When an initiative is successful?
- ▶ How this can be measured?
- ▶ Criteria and systems of evaluation



14:30 H.



WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF EURO FORUM (EYES)

WHITE PAPER PRESENTATION

Different actions that are being developed in diverse UE countries will be explained, as well as the valuations of these policies.

Besides the book will have an attached document with 'Good Policies' about the employability in young (ex) offenders.

Dissemination and transfer of the 'White Paper': good practices and agreed proposals by the Exyonet members, successful policies about young (ex) offenders' employability and others in social exclusion.

Together with the book a Decalogue of the collaboration work of the Exyonet members will be presented. There are 10 Guidelines in which all the Exyonet members agree. Universal principles must be taken into account whenever there are actions for the youth employability (with especial attention to the (ex) offenders and those in risk of insertion).





15:00 H.



THE FUND “IN DEPTH”

- ▶ EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND
- ▶ A MAP OF OPPORTUNITIES
- ▶ HOW MANY AND HOW TO ACCESS
- ▶ HOW DOES IT IMPACT IN THE LABOUR MARKET?
- ▶ HOW AFFECTS THE EMPLOYABILITY OF YOUNG OFFENDERS AND IN SOCIAL EXCLUSION?

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PRESENTATION OF THE RESOURCES MAP

How many actions focused to reduce the youth unemployment are being developed in the EU? Are they being coordinated? Are they effective? Are they being evaluated? Under what terms? How can I access to them?

The different actions that are being performed in Europe to deal with youth unemployment will be presented. It is about to have a ‘picture’ of the current situation.



16:00 H.



YOUTH GUARANTEE. A FUTURE GUARANTEE

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The objective of Youth Guarantee is to *'guarantee that all the young people under 25 years old have a good job offer, constant education, apprentice training or four months internship after finishing the formal education or being unemployed'*.

The current numbers demonstrate the serious labour situation that young people have to face, that might have as a consequence the lack of connection to the labour market and the long term social exclusion.

The young people in risk of social exclusion are one of the biggest challenges for the employment policies because gather the difficulties to obtain and keep a quality job.



17:30 H.



LOOKING FOR THE EFFICIENCY: THE INTERMEDIATION AS A KEY FACTOR

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EFFICIENCY IN THE PLAN EXECUTION: THE INTERMEDIATION AS A KEY FIGURE

Intermediation: Could be created more creative solutions? Could be applied the one that works in other countries?

Among the possible solutions, should be the improvement in the intermediation services with the development of programs and itineraries personalized to the different types of young people in social exclusion?

To the unemployed collective it would be essential to strengthen the dual training, to evolve from the generalists training courses to a training based in required competences for the labour market, and which maintenance is based on clear objectives and measurable results, with the active participation of the employers and organization specialized in this collectives.



18:30 H.



SELF-DEMANDING AND EVALUATION

- ▶ WHEN AN INICIATIVE IS SUCCESSFUL?
- ▶ HOW THIS CAN BE MEASURED?
- ▶ CRITERIA AND SYSTEMS OF EVALUATION

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There are only a few global impact proofs of the measures implemented on the youth unemployment or social exclusion rates, due to the small scale of the analyzed measures and the influence of other factors, such as the macroeconomic context, therefore is not possible to evaluate their global impact.

There is a lack generalized of rigorous evaluations of the analyzed measures in most EU countries, although in general the 'evaluation cultures' differ widely between one another. Henceforth it is difficult to evaluate the success and efficiency, especially from a 'metaperspective' comparative.

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