

The European Green Deal and the reinforced European Youth Guarantee: Will they help to tackle Youth Unemployment? Opportunities and Challenges with focus on Greece and Spain (preliminary concept note)

Online Event

12th November 2020

Duration: 1.5 hours

Time: 2-3.30 pm CEST

<p>OPENING AND WELCOME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by moderator: Samia Kassid, World Future Council • Statement of the organizers: “Green” jobs and trainings within the reinforced European Youth Guarantee to realise the Green Deal, Dr. Hartwig Berger, Sekretariat für Zukunftsforschung, Berlin
<p>SETTING THE STAGE The reinforced European Youth Guarantee and its role within the European Green Deal / goals of the European Commission</p>	<p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Lina Gálvez Muñoz, MEP, Vice Chair of Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (confirmed) • Max Uebe, European Commission, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion B1 Employment Strategy (confirmed) • Dr. Spiros Protopsaltis, Governor of OAED Manpower Employment Organization Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Vice Chair of European Network of Public Employment Services, Greece (confirmed)
<p>How to promote “green” jobs and training in member state programmes of the Youth Guarantee? Proposals and Examples</p>	<p>A moderated discussion:</p> <p>Greece: Nikos Chrysogelos, Wind of Renewal: Youth unemployment, EYG and the challenges in Greece (confirmed)</p> <p>Greece: Best practice: Silke Steinberg, FIAP, e.V.: GRÆDUCATION: A systemic approach for innovative, green vocational training as change agent for labour markets (confirmed)</p> <p>Young Voice from Greece: Afroditi Strati (confirmed)</p> <p>Spain: Ms Sandra García Lopez, Public Employment Service, Spanish Youth Guarantee Coordinator (confirmed)</p>

<p><i>Moderator will select questions and comments from the audience per chat function, to which panelists are invited to respond</i></p>	<p>Germany: Policy Example: Dr. Silke Karcher, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety / EUKI (tbc)</p> <p>Spain: Best practice: Prof. Dr. Francisco José Sánchez de la Flor (Universidad de Cádiz): YesClima: Lifelong Education (confirmed)</p> <p>Spain: Mario Fernández Ardanaz, Vice-President of the Provincial Government of Cádiz: Tackling Youth Employment in the province of Cádiz (confirmed)</p> <p>Young Voice from Spain: Paula García Rodríguez (confirmed)</p> <p>Scotland: Policy Example: Ian Menzies, Senior Education Officer, Education Scotland: Scotland’s Youth Employment Strategy: Developing the Young Workforce (confirmed)</p>
<p>TAKE AWAY FROM HIGH-LEVEL PANELLISTS</p>	
<p>CLOSING FROM THE MODERATOR</p>	

FRAMING

Today, youth make up 37 % of the global working-age population, but account for 60 % of the total unemployed. According to OECD, global youth unemployment rate is three times higher than for adults. The youth labour market is highly sensitive to economic cycles and in times of economic crisis youth employment is hit more strongly by economic shocks than adult employment. Young workers are often “first out”. During the 2008 crisis, one in ten jobs in Europe held by workers under 30 were lost. In Spain, Greece and Ireland, half of working young people lost their jobs between 2007 and 2014. Twelve years after that recession and despite economic recovery across the OECD, youth employment rate stagnated since 2010 and never recovered to pre-2008 crisis levels. Economic crises force young people into long-term unemployment, inactivity and discouragement which affects their long-term career prospects. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth labour market outcomes will be severe in developed, emerging, and developing countries. Economies with high rates of informal employment are particularly vulnerable to shocks. The lockdowns and the spread of the virus mean millions of young people lack social protection, income benefit in case of sickness, and are at risk through inadequate access to universal health care.

The reinforced Youth Guarantee will play a crucial role to tackling youth unemployment in Europe, especially in countries like Greece or Spain. The World Future Council and its partners, the Diputación de la provincia de Cádiz, Universidad de Cádiz, FIAP e.V. (Gelsenkirchen), the Sekretariat für Zukunftsforschung(Berlin) and Wind of Renewal (Greece), welcome the Commission’s initiative to “reinforce the Youth Guarantee” and have submitted in May 2020 a memorandum to the European Commission advocating for adequate training of young people to create new jobs that are in line with the European Green Deal. On top prevocational and vocational qualifications must be improved and should form part of the educational system.

The event would like to discuss with participants and audience if and how a Green Sector offers a unique chance to involve young women and men endangered by economic exclusion, in particular by implementing the goals set out in the European Green Deal (EGD) and the corresponding National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs).

PARTICIPANTS

We aim to reach out to policy makers, parliamentarians, EU-representatives, civil society, and youth working the field of youth employment.

FORMAT

This is a virtual event held over Zoom. It may be streamed live on the World Future Council Facebook page. The event will be recorded and can be made available on the World Future Council's website and Facebook page.

BACKGROUND

The BMBF funded project GRÆDUCATION provides important solutions to this problem in Greece. Together with the Greek Employment Agency O.A.E.D. and the Greek Ministry of Education, FIAP e.V. and the German Greek Chamber of Industry and Commerce are initiating collaborations between German and Greek vocational educators to "green" technical training and qualifications. In addition, the focus is also on interdisciplinary, transformative aspects, which aim at the "green" empowerment of young people. www.fiap-ev.org, www.graeducation.org

The World Future Council works on solutions to some of the most pressing challenges by finding and spreading exemplary laws and policies that have a proven record of producing positive impacts both for current and future generations, working with parliamentarians, policy makers and relevant stakeholders as well UN bodies at an international level. The World Future Council recognises the increased and urgent need of empowering youth regarding access to decent jobs, including green jobs. In 2019, the Future Policy Award, also known as the "Oscar for best policies", highlighted exemplary laws and policies that foster enabling environments for youth so that they can develop their full potential, realize their dreams, and contribute to the success of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Future Policy Award worked in partnership with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Development Programme, with support of the Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, the International Labour Organization, and Youth Policy Lab. www.worldfuturecouncil.org.

In the project YESclima ("Young Energy Experts working for climate-friendly Schools", 2018-2020), 22 young women and men from Greece and the Spanish province Cádiz, have elaborated energy-audits and proposals to make school building more energy efficient, mainly with "smart" natural techniques and using solar energy. The project is managed by the University of Cádiz (lead), the Greek NGO "Wind of Renewals" (Athens), the "Sekretariat für Zukunftsforschung" (Berlin) and the Energy Agency of the province of Cádiz (all implementers). The project is integrated in the "European Climate Initiative" (EUKI), founded, and financed by the German Ministry for Environment, Natural Protection and Nuclear Safety. <https://www.euki.de/euki-projects/yesclima/>