

The Government of Catalonia approves its youth employment programme, *Garantia Juvenil* (Youth Guarantee) 2014-2020 as well as this year's action plan to tackle unemployment among young persons.

€241m *

The Youth Employment Initiative is a programme launched by the European Commission to address Europe's high unemployment rate among youths and consists of a €6bn budget distributed among the EU Member States. **€241m has been made available to Catalonia until 2020.**

* Through joint funding from the Government of Catalonia and the European Social Fund.

Youth Guarantee is a step forward in Catalonia's youth employment policies.

Aside from offering suitable training for opportunities in the job market, it brings young people closer to their first work experience which helps them develop necessary skills to start a professional career in the future.

AIMED AT

All young persons between 16 and 24 who are neither working nor studying.

Disabled persons under the age of 30 with a degree of invalidity over 33%.

Under 24

Young people aged 16-24 will be able to access Youth Guarantee

33.000 youths

The Generalitat offers a Portfolio of Services and Programmes to access employment, training or internships lasting up to 4 months

So far, **8,300 Catalan youths between 16 and 24,**

who are neither working nor studying, have registered to the Youth Guarantee programme. Nearly 5,000 have already received training services or job opportunities.

<http://garantiajuvenil.gencat.cat>

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The Catalan Public Employment Office's Action Plan for 2015

includes programmes that improve young people's employability and combines training and recruitment while encouraging entrepreneurship.

Engaging unemployed youths not taking part in any education or training schemes:

- 1 Creation of the Youth Guarantee Drivers' Network (*Xarxa d'Impulsors de la Garantia Juvenil*)
- 2 Work Research Areas (*Espais de Recerca de Feina*)

Reinforcing employability and professional skills:

- 1 New opportunities for young people (*Noves oportunitat per a joves*)
- 2 Creating Jobs for Youths (*Fem Ocupació per a Joves*)
- 3 Youths for Employment (*Joves per l'Ocupació*)
- 4 Training (*Formació*)
- 5 Professional Experiences (*Experiències Professionals*)
- 6 Singular Employment Projects (*Projectes d'ocupació singulars*)
- 7 Transnational Mobility (*Mobilitat Transnacional*)

Promoting entrepreneurship among youths in education or training schemes as a means to access the job market:

- 1 Actions for entrepreneurship developed by expert entities (*Accions per a l'emprenedoria desenvolupades per entitats expertes*)
- 2 Actions for entrepreneurship developed by social economy entities (*Accions per a l'emprenedoria desenvolupades per entitats d'economia social*)
- 3 Actions for entrepreneurship developed by youths who want to establish themselves as self-employed workers (*Accions per a l'emprenedoria desenvolupades per joves que es vulguin constituir com a treballadors autònoms*)