

Project VS / 2016/0050 Raising the Awareness among Youth of the Youth Guarantee in Bulgaria is implemented in pursuance of an agreement signed between the European Commission and Ministry of Labour and Social Policy under the European Union Employment and Social Innovation Programme.

The main objective of the Project is to promote the opportunities for young people provided in implementation of 2014-2020 National Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan. To achieve the objective the Project includes the following activities: holding of 6 information days, 2 round tables and a conference. The Project implementation will improve the awareness among young people (aged 15 - 29) of the Youth Guarantee in Bulgaria, and of the opportunities for education, training and employment, thus provoking their active behaviour in the labour market.

The National Youth Guarantee of Bulgaria provides that every young person aged 15 - 29 (inclusive) should receive a good-quality job offer, and an opportunity to continue his education, apprenticeship or internship within four months after becoming unemployed or after leaving the formal education system.

Registration and Counselling

Each young person registered with the Labour Office may benefit from the following services depending on his individual profile:

- Labour mediation in the primary labour market;
- Occupational guidance;
- Motivation for active behaviour in the labour market;
- Involvement in subsidised employment, internships or apprenticeships;
- Support for starting work in another locality;
- Support for starting own business;
- Provision of services through the European Employment Services network (EURES);
- Involvement in training for acquisition of professional qualifications or key competencies sought in the labour market;
- Receiving a quality job offer;
- Occupation of the job vacancies announced at the Labour Offices tailored to the individual needs and desires of the young people, and to the opportunities offered by the local labour markets;
- Internships at a real workplace for young people who have completed secondary or higher education and who have no professional experience in the profession or speciality which they have acquired;

- Apprenticeship under the guidance of a mentor for young people with basic and lower education and for young people without qualifications, providing to the young people an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills required by a real working environment.
- Continuing education;
- Each young person who has left school early may benefit from the opportunity to complete a stage or grade of primary education or to acquire a diploma of completed secondary education by selecting a suitable form of education.
- The young people who have completed secondary education may enrol in a higher education institution and may be trained in the desired speciality. When selecting higher education institution and speciality each young person may use the Bulgarian University Ranking System (<http://rsvu.mon.bg>).

Youth Guarantee: encouraging Young People in the EU to become Involved in Employment

The priority for the European Commission and EU countries is to ensure that the young people start work or have access to education or training which helps them to start work. The Youth Guarantee facilitates young people in the transition from education to employment and helps young people who have become unemployed.

The objective of the Guarantee is to ensure that, within four months after leaving the formal education or after job loss, each young person receives a good-quality offer, including for employment, for continuing education or for internship or apprenticeship.

Each EU country has approved a Youth Guarantee and takes concrete steps to translate it into reality for young people across Europe.

For more information:

ec.europa.eu/social/youthguarantee

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