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Relevant data for further reflection on youth unemployment in Portugal!



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Youth unemployment: Portugal's rate and EU average rate.



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- Portugal has recently completed its economic adjustment programme and it is acknowledged that **young people bore a significant share of the adjustment!**
- **employment** (>25 years old) **decreased** from 34,4% in 2007 to **22,4% in 2014**.
- **unemployment** (>25 years old) **increased** from 16,7% in 2007 to **34,8% in 2014**.
 - ✓ **EU average in 2014: 22,2%**
- **NEET** (>25 years old) increased from 11,2% in 2007 to **14,1% in 2013**, decreased to 12,3% in 2014 and by the **second quarter of 2015** it was **13,3%**.
 - ✓ **EU average in 2014: 12,4%**



Portuguese Youth Unemployment: specific features and areas of concern.



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- Young people represent a significant share of those with **temporary contracts or part time jobs** and who experience **very high turnover levels**.
- **Skill mismatches** between skills acquired in education and those needed or valued in the labour market.
- **High levels of early school leaving**, which reduces labour market prospects.
- **Low quality of vocational education and training**.
- **Low degree of cooperation** among enterprises and the education/training system.

The recession exacerbated these persisting **structural weaknesses**!

Youth unemployment increased despite the **massive wave of youth emigration**!



Portuguese Youth Guarantee: main strategies to tackle these “numbers”.



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- The actions envisaged in the Plan for the implementation of the **Youth Guarantee** are **consistent with previous initiatives** to reduce youth unemployment and/or drop-outs from the educational system and aim to:
 - reduce the risk of **early school leaving**;
 - strengthen **career guidance** services;
 - expand **vocational training, internship** and **traineeship opportunities**;
 - create **employment** opportunities.

Main areas of (strategic) intervention:

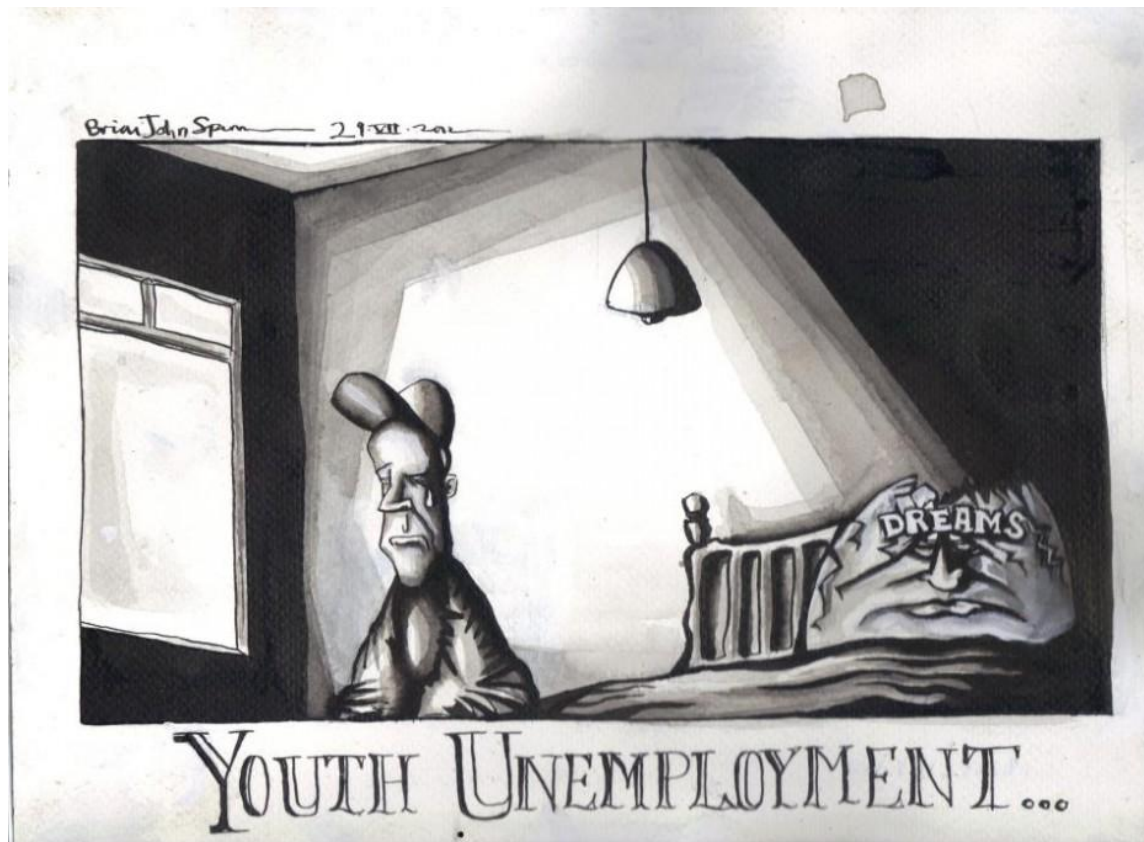
employment, training, traineeships and education.



Youth perspective: main constraints and prevalent feelings.



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Portuguese NEET: main persisting challenges.



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- The most critical challenge seems to be employment creation!
- Particular attention should be given to NEET age group 20-29.

Making vocational education and training more attractive remains a challenge as well as the improvement of the labour market prospects of the young to reduce the incentive to emigrate!



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