Over 10 million young people are neither in employment nor education (NEET) in the European Union.

How can we help them find jobs?

We were looking for an answer to this question in Italy, Hungary, Poland, and Spain. We will present our results and discuss:

- which public programs are helpful and which are costly and ineffective,
- why reaching out to young jobless people is such a challenge and what should we do about that,
- why young women have worse employment opportunities and how to strengthen gender equality.

The Youth Guarantee has helped millions of young people across the EU in recent years. However, not all jobless people could use it. Should we cover all vulnerable individuals with the new EU initiative ‘Bridge to Jobs’, we must find a way to improve public programs.

We would be delighted to have you present at this conference. We should be glad if you could confirm your attendance on-site or online by May 24th.

Yours sincerely,

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Vice president of the board

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Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:10 Conference welcome: Iga Magda, Institute for Structural Research (IBS); Nora Mehsen, Financial Mechanism Office - EEA and Norway Grants

Session 1: Which policies work for youth?

10:25 – 10:45 Introduction: Increasing the effectiveness of youth employment policies
10:45 – 11:30 Policy panel, Chair: Cillian Nolan, J-PAL Europe
Panellists: Wouter Zwysen, ETUI; Raffaele Trapasso, OECD; Emiliano Rustichelli, Employment Committee
11:30 – 11:45 Questions and comments Claudia Villosio, Collegio Carlo Alberto
11:45 – 13:15 Lunch + coffee

Session 2: Reaching out to NEETs

13:15 – 13:30 Introduction: How to reach out to vulnerable groups with policy support?
13:30 – 14:15 Policy panel, Chair: Marcel Jansen, FEDEA
Panellists: Namita Datta, World Bank; Julie Bodson, DUO for a JOB; EC representative (tbc);
14:15 – 14:25 Questions and comments Márton Csillag, Budapest Institute
14:25 – 14:35 Coffee break

Session 3: Gender differences in youth labour market needs and policy effectiveness

14:35 – 14:45 Introduction: Do young men and women need different employment policies?
14:45 – 15:30 Policy panel, Chair: Astrid Kunze, NHH Norwegian School of Economics
Panellists: Joanna Hofman, RAND; Veerle Miranda, OECD; Vasi Gafiuc, Bukovina Institute
15:30 – 16:00 Questions and comments & wrap up - Iga Magda IBS
16:00 – 17:00 Coffee & networking

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