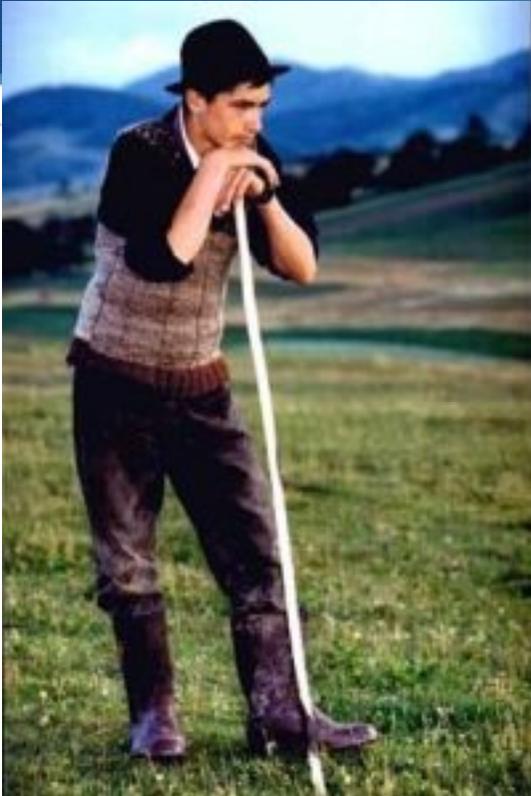


European NGO Coalition for the Rights of Young NEETs

Investing in Europe's Invisible Generation
- young NEETs and the need for a coordinated approach -



Who is a youngNEET?



🟢 A.



🟢 B.

Not in Employment
Education or Training

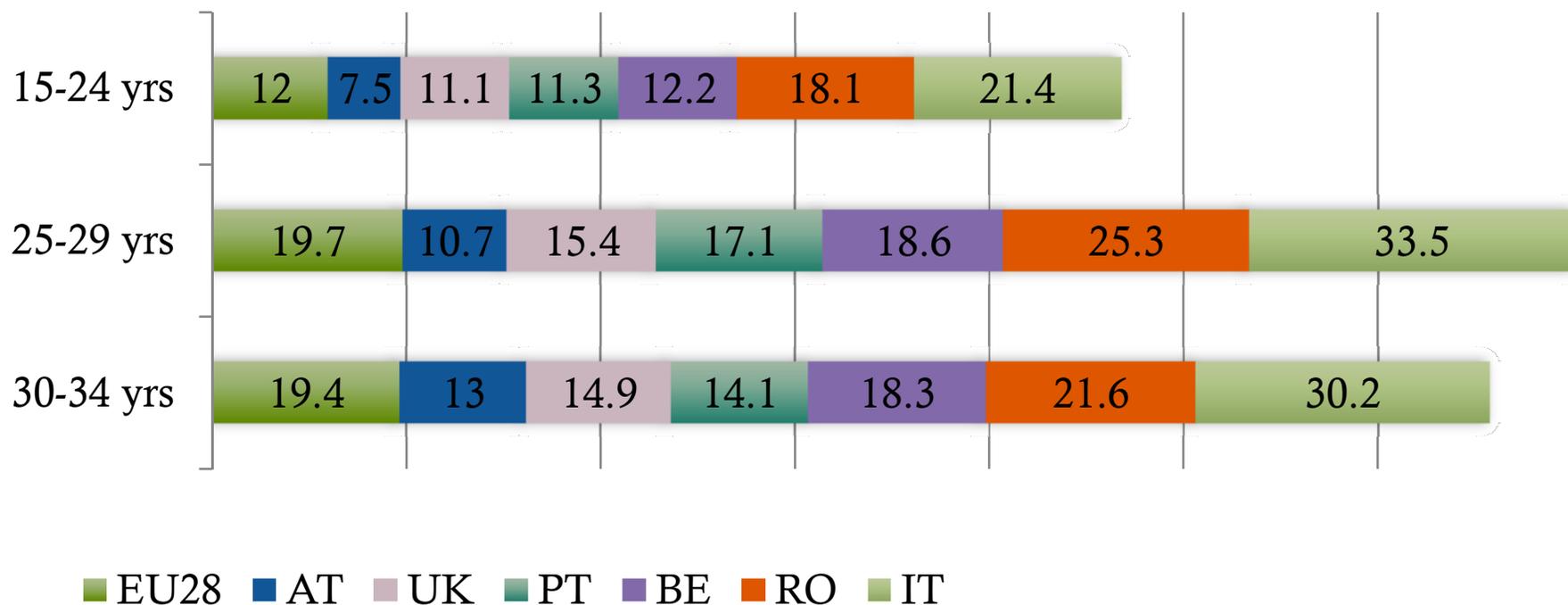
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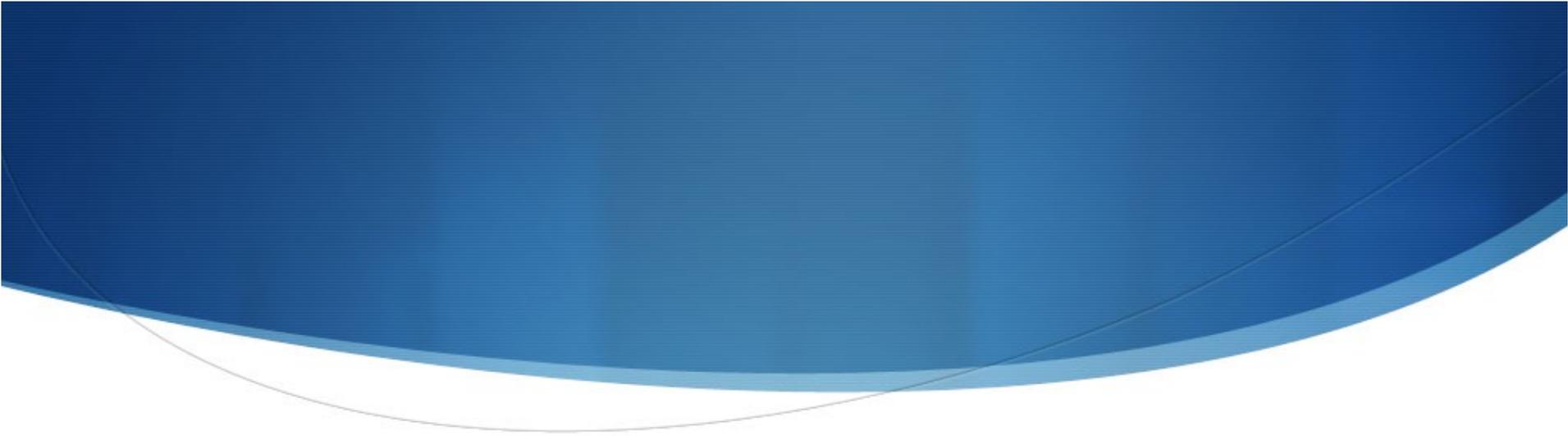
- Who has been in a NEET situation – ever, regardless the age?

European statistics

Young NEET (%)

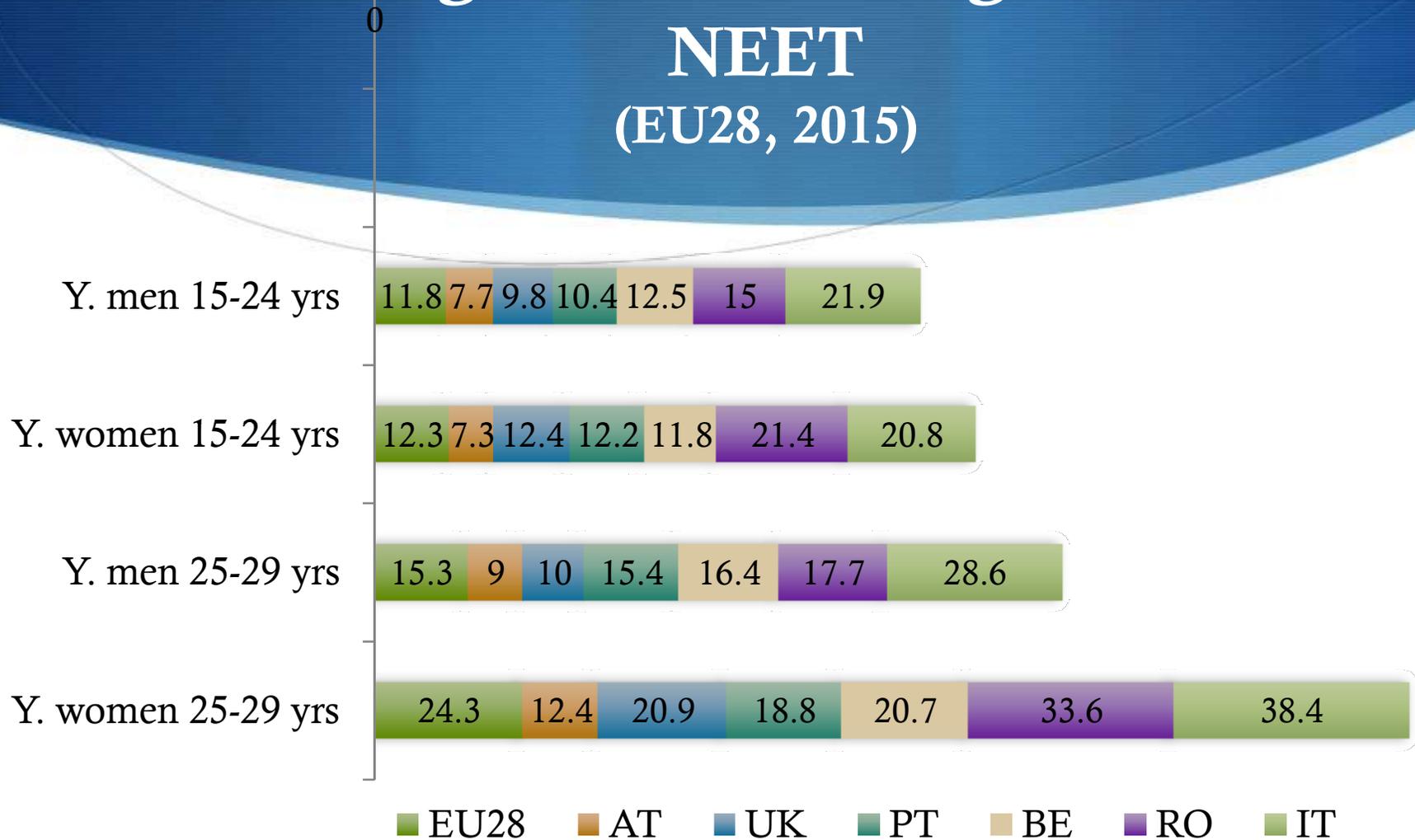
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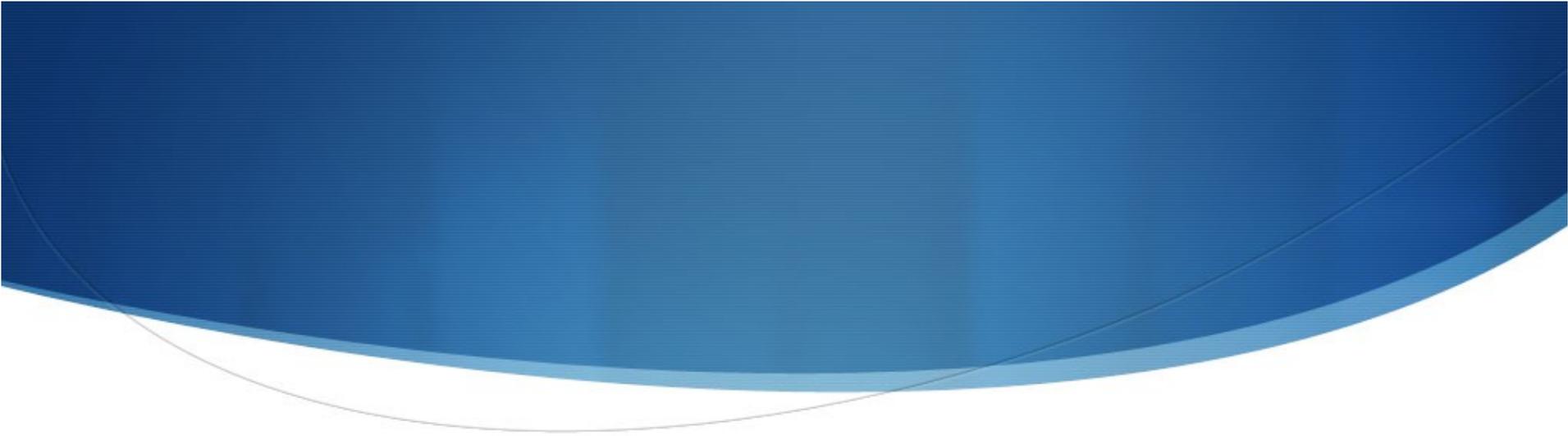




Young Men vs. Young Women any differences?

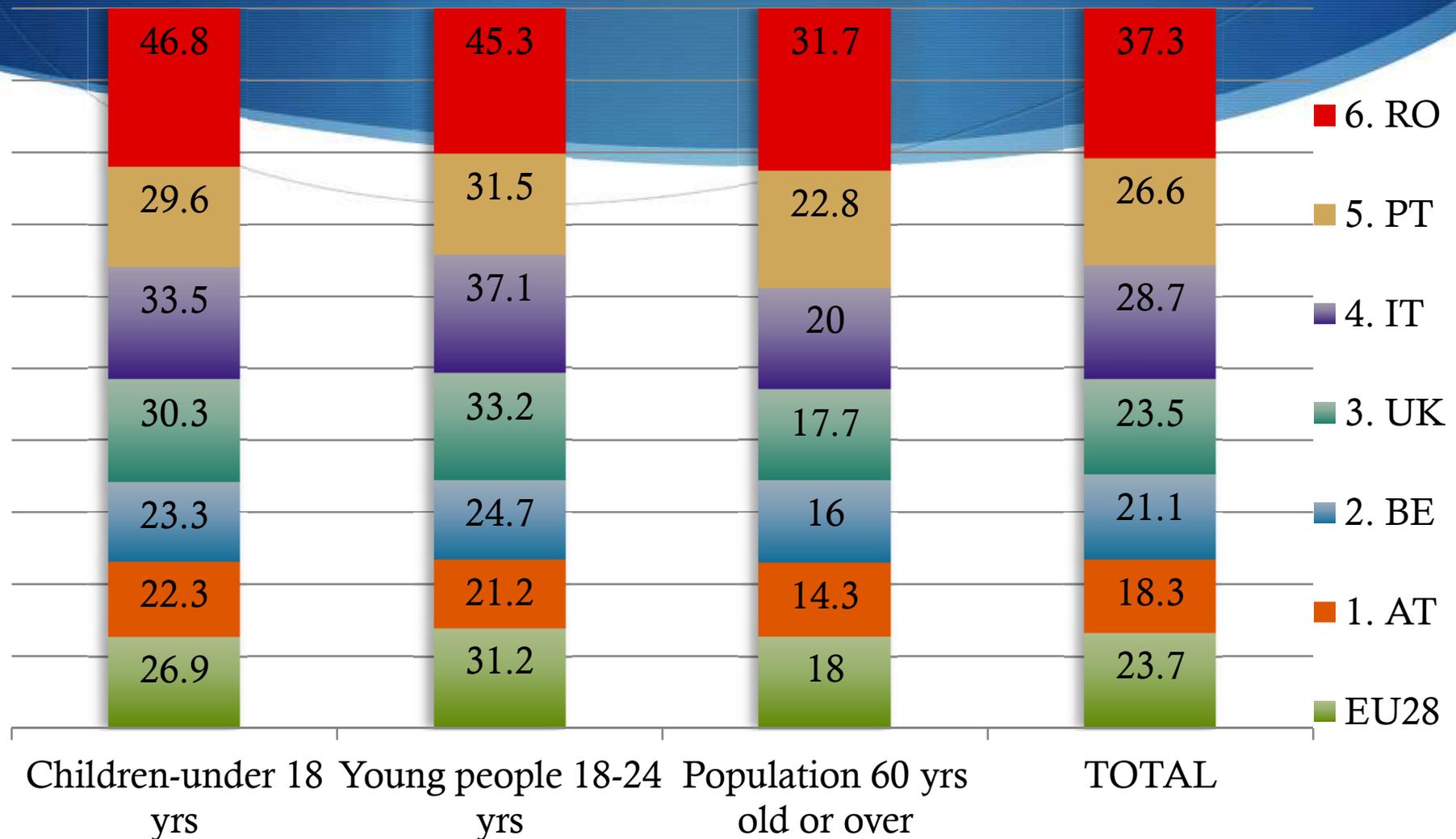
Young men vs. Young women NEET (EU28, 2015)





Causes for NEET situations?

Risk of poverty or social exclusion (2015)



Risk Factors



Education

Young people with a low level of education are 3 times more likely to become NEET compared to others. *



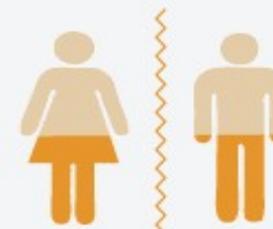
Immigration

Young people with immigration background are 70% more likely to become NEET compared to nationals.



Disability

Those declaring of suffering some kind of disability are 40% more likely of becoming NEET compared to others.



Divorce

Young people who suffered the divorce of their parents are 30% more likely to become NEET.



Unemployment

Having parents who experienced unemployment increases the probability of being NEET by 17%.



Household Income

Young people with a low household income are more likely to become NEET than others.



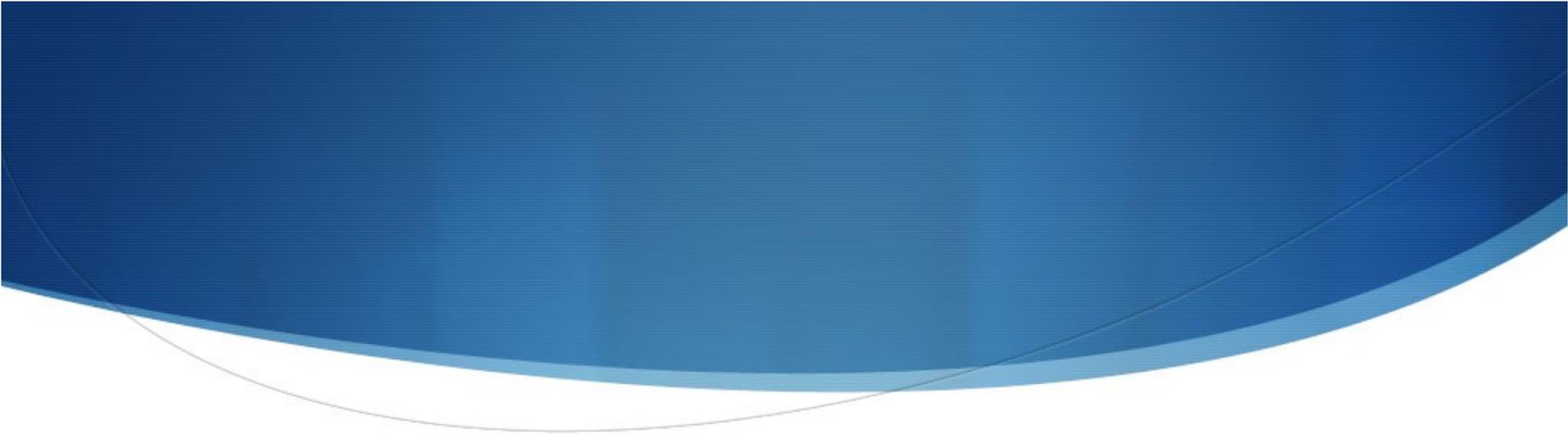
Location

Living in remote areas increases probability of becoming a NEET up to 1.5 times

Education is no safety either: In the EU, 10% of young people with a tertiary education have become NEET. In Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK, it drops to less than 6% of those with a tertiary education. In Estonia and Italy, however, 20% of those with a tertiary education end up as NEET – twice the EU average.

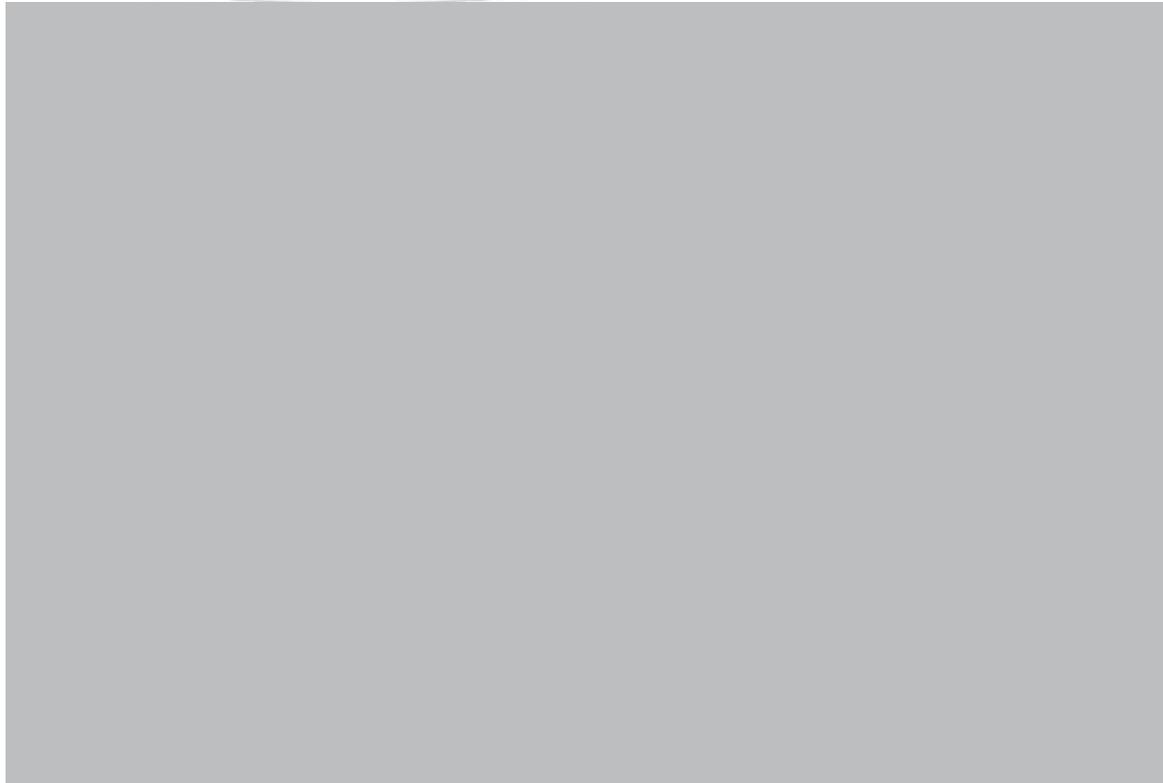
Costs of young NEETs? Eurofound (2011)

- ◆ 14m NEETs, 15.4% of the young population 15-24 yrs old
- ◆ **€153 billion** estimated, in EU27
- ◆ Social welfare payments and lost contributions to gross national product (GNP) costs society **€14,000 per young NEET**:
 - ◆ €11,000 unpaid contributions
 - ◆ €3,000 benefits payments



Why a “NEET Coalition”?

We hit the Target but we miss the Point



One size doesn't fit all!

- ◆ Offers of - Education, employment, training (or entrepreneurship!) are not **Guaranteeing** solutions.
- ◆ **NEET is not an issue of the education and labour market**, exclusively.
- ◆ **“Quality” offers are still relative** – no clear standards have been developed.
- ◆ Different categories of Young NEETs need **different measures and sometimes integrated measures**.
- ◆ **Funding needs to be more flexible** (fit to support integrated measures).
- ◆ There is a need for a **different approach for the most vulnerable categories** of young NEETs.
- ◆ There is a need for **more quality research** on the specific situations young NEETs are living in (at community/local level).

(continued)

- ◆ **Most of the National Governments didn't put in place Monitoring processes** – for the implementation & impact of programmes designed for young NEETs.
- ◆ There are **no clear systems to identify young NEETs** and Member States still work with estimations instead of real data.
- ◆ **PES offices** still lack the capacity to directly reach young NEETs.
- ◆ **Prevention measures are forgotten** – while intervention ones are preferred for immediate (but not sustainable) results.
- ◆ **Youth Work needs to be recognized** as one of the best prevention measures & outreach to young NEETs.
- ◆ **European programmes need to be complemented by permanent national policies** for young NEETs and young people at risk.

What we want to do?

- ◆ Giving voice to the needs of young NEETs at policy level.
- ◆ Engaging professional NGOs and youth workers in processes of Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) on implementation of Youth Guarantee and other existing public policies & funding.
- ◆ Emphasizing the added value of youth work in building life skills and learning competences for young people, and not being 'limited' to the narrative of 'having them employed' as a purpose in itself.
- ◆ Working towards a cross-sectorial cooperation, at all levels, by contributing to the dialogue between decision makers and structures active at grass roots level.

The pilot initiative

Outcomes (1)

- ◆ Funded by Erasmus+ - Romanian National Agency – KA3, structured dialogue
- ◆ Supported multi-stakeholder dialogues in 6 countries: Austria, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Romania, UK
- ◆ Directly involved young NEETs in consultation processes
- ◆ Promoted cross-sectorial cooperation at national level – aiming to create national platforms that can be permanently engaged in M&E policies, focusing on young NEETs
- ◆ Gathered quality data about the situation of young NEETs and the role of youth work in preventing and addressing the specific challenges – a set of policy recommendations will be presented in March 2017
- ◆ Supported 2 coordination meetings within the partnership & 1 Conference in the European Parliament

Outcomes (2)

- ◆ Starts the process of a pan-European platform working for the rights of young NEETs - gathering various stakeholders:
 - ◆ NGOs & specialists working with young NEETs
 - ◆ Public Authorities (regional & national)
 - ◆ Social Partners
 - ◆ Educational Institutions
 - ◆ Members of the European Parliament

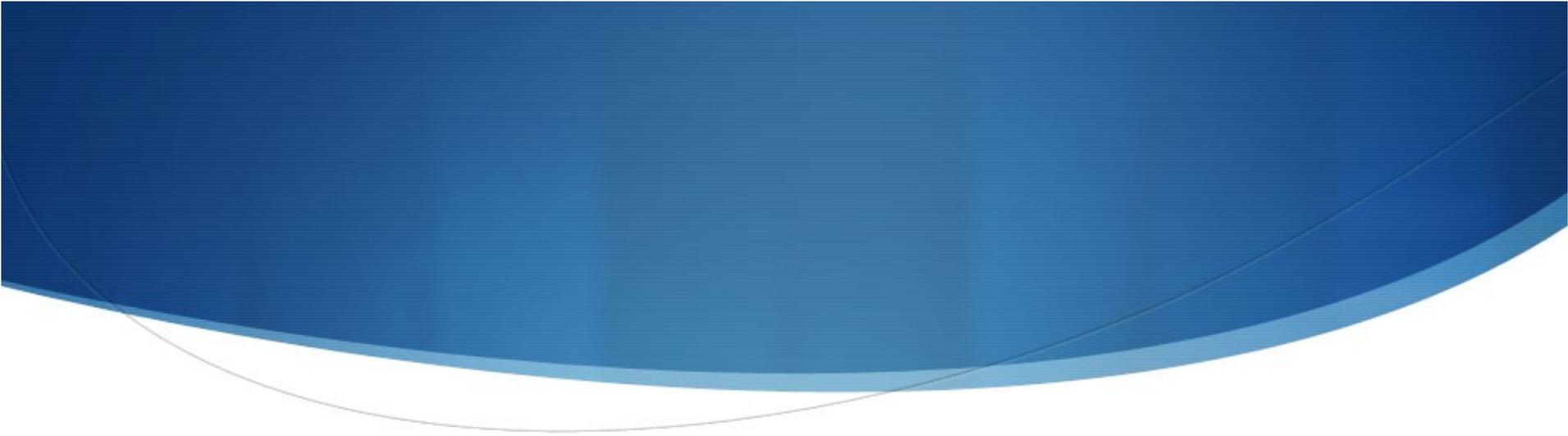
Next steps (1)

- ◆ **Working on ensuring access to young NEETs' rights (or at risk of becoming NEETs)**
- ◆ **Ensuring there is a constant voice of young NEETs** – either directly or with the support of the specialists working with them
- ◆ **Advocating for better public policies & legislation** affecting Young NEETs (at national and European level)
- ◆ Working with other European countries to create a “**raising awareness movement**” on what concept of “young NEETs” actually means and support the establishment of national Coalitions/Networks
- ◆ **Cooperating** with public institutions directly responsible for policies with impact on youth (at national and European level)
- ◆ Promoting **prevention policies** and identifying “trends” that contribute to the NEET phenomenon – e.g. young immigrants or young refugees

Next steps

(2)

- ◆ Developing **research** projects and providing data on the situations of Young NEETs, and examples of good practice
- ◆ **Advocating for fair funding methodologies** - addressed to Young NEETs (while ensuring equal access to NGOs and social partners).
- ◆ **Engaging in processes of Monitoring & Evaluation**
- ◆ **Creating synergies** between the national and European level – by supporting public institutions (at national level) to use the European opportunities, as well as to feed in the European process.
- ◆ **Invest in the recognition of youth work and support the capacity building of youth workers** as actors of change – in the communities where the young NEETs live.
- ◆ Understanding our limitations – knowing there is no ONE solution, but actively working to ensure real opportunities and that there will be no OTHER invisible generations!



**Last but not least,
why do we need to strengthen the Youth
sector & why do we want to work for a
“NEET coalition”...**

Throughout 2012, the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Council of Europe (PACE) debated a paper on **The
Young Generation Sacrificed:**

“The persisting economic instability across Europe has exposed young people to unprecedented hardship.

Unemployment, underemployment, socio-economic inequalities, poverty and exclusion disproportionately affect the young generation, whose autonomy, dignity, well-being and access to rights are rapidly eroding.

As a result, Europe risks not only producing a ‘lost generation’ of disillusioned young people, but also undermining its political stability and social cohesion, justice and peace, as well as its long-term competitiveness and development prospects in the global context.”

(PACE, 2012RIDcit0037)

„Învăță și dă mai departe“
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Thank you for your attention!



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