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EU'S NEW PROGRAMME TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE FIND WORK ABROAD

The pandemic has deepened¹ the unemployment crisis among young people, especially in Europe's south. [...]

Speaking in Strasbourg on Wednesday (15 September 2021), Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced the launch of a new Erasmus-style placement scheme aimed at providing short-term work experience to young Europeans in other EU member states. "We must step up² our support to those who fall into the gaps – those not in any kind of employment, education or training," the Commission President said in her annual State of the Union speech.

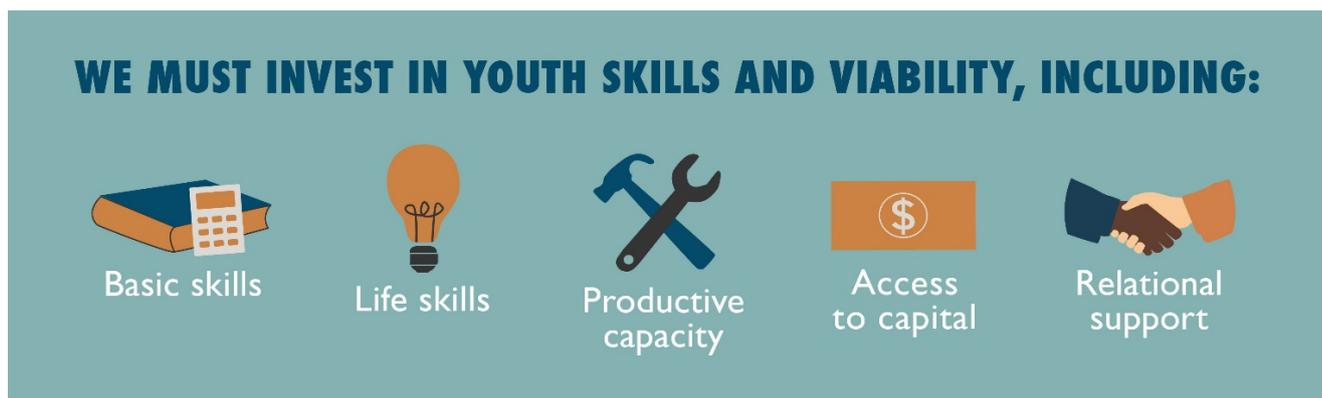
As of July 2021, 2,854 million people under 25 years of age were unemployed across the EU, of which a total of 2,339 million come from inside the eurozone, according to Eurostat.

Although youth unemployment declined from 18.7% last year to 16.2% in the EU and 16.5% in the eurozone, Europe's South is currently struggling with high youth unemployment rates. Among those aged 15 to 24, the jobless rate rose to 46.8% from 33.6% in the same month in 2020.

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1. deepened: aggravated
2. step up: intensify

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