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Our generation is at risk of slipping through the cracks. We want to work and we want to contribute. The PES youth guarantee gives us a fair chance for the future.

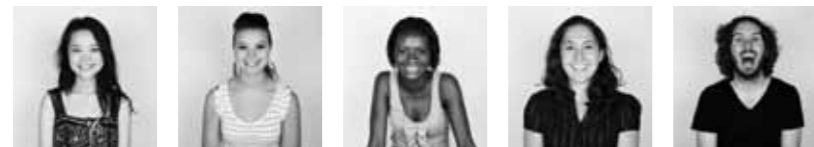
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Kaisa Penny,

President ECOSY,
Young European Socialists

DID YOU KNOW?

A Youth guarantee already exists, successfully, in Austria, and is being introduced in Finland and Luxembourg.



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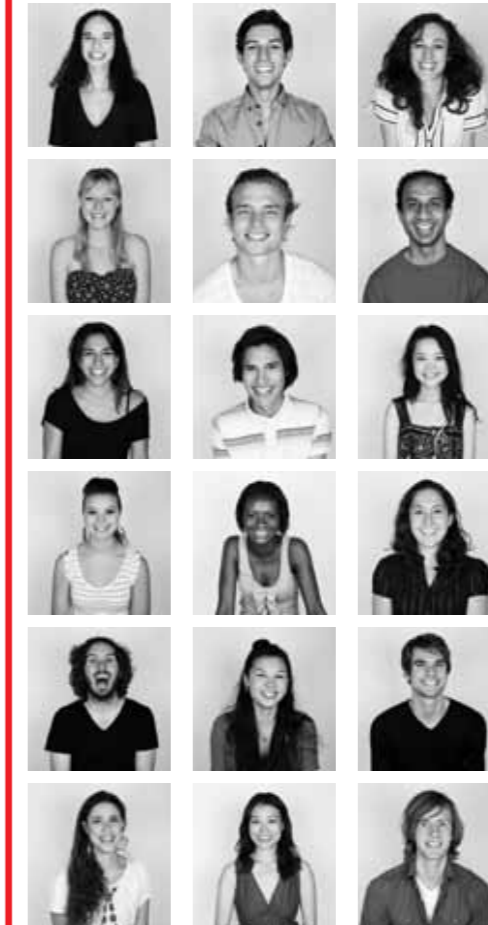
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YOUR IS MY FUTURE



5.5
MILLION
YOUNG PEOPLE
ARE UNEMPLOYED
IN EUROPE
WHAT
CAN WE DO?

“ All over Europe we have alarmingly high youth unemployment rates. We need to take joint action to fight this. A European Youth Guarantee is the best way to show that *your future is my future.* ”

Hannes Swoboda,

President, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

“ A European Youth Guarantee is the front line in the fight against youth unemployment. Help us make this guarantee a reality across the European Union. ”

Sergei Stanishev,

President, PES

“ Women Count! Women are hardest hit by the economic crisis. If we don't include young women now in new jobs and sectors, we won't secure their future. ”

Zita Gurmai,

President, PES Women

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

5.5 million young people are currently unemployed in Europe. Among the consequences: young people have no chance to progress, financial losses for states and companies, workers become less skilled and the economic slowdown of Europe.

While the economic crisis worsens, young people are unable to positively contribute to society. The social gaps become more and more evident and threaten to alienate an entire generation.



WHAT STEPS CAN GOVERNMENTS & EU TAKE?

Give young people a chance.

The EU must take action to help people overcome the crisis.

How?

1 - At European level:

- A European framework which defines minimum criteria for youth guarantees
- Financial support to create new jobs, by redirecting €10 billion from the unused resources of the European social funds.

2 - At national level:

Introduction of a legislation on youth guarantee.



WHAT IS A EUROPEAN YOUTH GUARANTEE?

We demand the introduction of a European Youth guarantee as a “new social contract”: to grant young people a new job, a training place or further education at the latest four months after leaving education or becoming unemployed.

Every year, youth unemployment costs the European Union more than €100 billion.

For only €10 billion we can bring 2 million young people out of unemployment by 2014.

