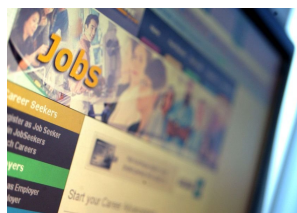


## EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



### Youth unemployment

In the first quarter of 2009, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the EU27 for those aged 15-24 was 18.3%, significantly higher than the total unemployment rate of 8.2%. In the EU27, 5.0 million young people were unemployed. In the euro area (EA16), the youth unemployment rate was 18.4% and the total unemployment rate was 8.8%. In the euro area, 3.1 million young people were unemployed.

Unemployment has been rising sharply in the European Union since March 2008 as a result of the economic crisis. The increase is currently felt in every Member State of the European Union, by both males and females, young and old. Further information is available through the youth unemployment press release:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=STAT/09/109>

Data on "Unemployment":

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/employment\\_unemployment\\_ifs/data/database](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/employment_unemployment_ifs/data/database)



### Active inclusion of young people: Employment as a tool against exclusion and poverty

The Council of the European Union adopted in May a Resolution in order to encourage the integration of young people in the labour market. According to this document, better inclusion of young people in society and their full and active participation in the labour market, besides access to quality education and to social protection and services, are essential tools to reduce poverty and to improve the quality of life and social cohesion.

The Council resolution stresses the crucial role of young people for Europe's prosperity as well as the cross-sectoral nature of youth-related issues and emphasises that the contribution of youth policy has to be fully integrated into the Europe 2020 Strategy.

The full text of the Resolution is available on:

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/10/st09/st09018.en10.pdf>



### Projects in your country

The European Commission uses the "Non discrimination and diversity" strand of the PROGRESS programme to finance projects carried out in the 27 Member States and other participating countries.

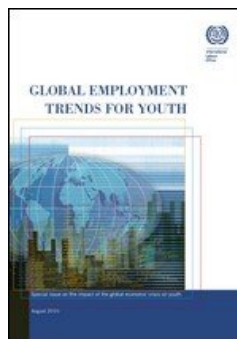
Its objective is to support national authorities in:

- Developing their national policy to combat discrimination and promote equality beyond legislation;
- Fostering the dissemination of information on EU and national policy and legislation in the anti discrimination field;
- Identifying best practices which could be transferable to other participating countries;
- Better implementing their legislation on non discrimination adopted following Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC.

The European Commission finances projects to support national authorities in fighting discrimination. A new web page allows you to select for all participating countries from different fields what kind of projects you are interested in.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=881&langId=en>

## UNITED NATIONS NEWS



### New UN report alerts on a global record youth unemployment rate

The special issue of UN youth unemployment report analyses the impact of the global economic crisis on youth. According to the report, the global youth unemployment rate is at a record high and is expected to climb even higher in the course of the year. Of the world's 620 million economically active youth between the ages of 15 and 24, 81 million were out of work at the end of 2009.

The youth unemployment rate climbed from 11.9 per cent in 2007 to 13 per cent in 2009.

[http://www.ilo.org/empelm/what/pubs/lang--en/docName--WCMS\\_143349/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/empelm/what/pubs/lang--en/docName--WCMS_143349/index.htm)