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Are you looking for a job in your own country or hoping to try your luck elsewhere in Europe? Would you like to pursue part of your studies abroad? Do you already have a job but want to keep on improving your knowledge? Are you looking to get better qualifications? Do you dream of setting up your own small business? Would you like to do voluntary work?

### **Europe can help you!**

Of course, Europe cannot do everything for you, but it has a whole range of tools available to help your dreams become reality.

### **Europe and young people**

Almost everyone has heard of Erasmus, the well-known European programme which has given over 2 million young people the chance to study abroad since 1987. And

almost everyone has surfed the EURES site, the European mobility portal offering over one million jobs on line every day.

Europe has always cared about the future of its young people. But given the staggering rise in youth unemployment due to the recent economic and financial crisis, it has decided to give things a boost.

Young people are the future of Europe. An unemployment rate of 21% is therefore quite simply unacceptable and endangers the future prosperity of the whole of Europe. Did you know that, more often than not, the problem stems from a lack of qualifications and experience, and that Europe has a range of innovative tools available in these very areas?

## What can Europe do for you?

The “Youth on the Move” initiative, launched by the European Union as part of the “Europe 2020” recovery plan, is a kind of “toolbox” containing all the measures, both current and future, that will help create the right conditions for you to achieve your aims. Education systems need to be modernised, learning adapted to labour market requirements and spending time abroad made easier. Perhaps you will be one of the 400 000 young people to benefit from a mobility programme this year.

To give you more information on this initiative and the various European programmes available to you in the fields of education, training, mobility, employment, business start-ups, voluntary work and research, the European Commission has launched the “Youth on the Move” information campaign.

Each year, tens of thousands of young people like you will therefore be able to find out about what Europe does to help them, take part in debates, share their experiences and raise questions with European representatives.

This brochure will give you a good overview of the programmes and activities you may find useful and ... if you want to remain up to date, join us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/YouthontheMoveEurope!>

Youth on the Move: <http://europa.eu/youthonthemove>

Youth Information: <http://europa.eu/youth>

European Job Mobility Portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/eures>

Help and advice on life, work and travel in the EU:

<http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope>

**Go abroad**



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## MOVE - Go abroad

EU citizens have the right to work in another Member State. Around 400 000 young people are set to benefit from EU mobility programmes in 2011. Moving to a foreign country provides a unique chance to learn a new language and new skills and to discover different cultures. Mobility is also vital for improving your chance of finding work.

European Job mobility portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/eures>

Youth on the move website: <http://europa.eu/youthonthemove>

Your Europe: <http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope>



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**Boost your skills**

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## TRAIN – Boost your skills

The EU offers numerous programmes which enable Europeans to receive training meeting their expectations and the needs of the economy. The different programmes, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius or Grundtvig propose a wide range of options for students, researchers, recent graduates, professionals and teachers.

Leonardo da Vinci: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/ldv100.htm>

Comenius: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/cms201>

Grundtvig: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/grv401>



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## STUDY – Broaden your knowledge

Several EU programmes have been set up to allow Europeans to study abroad. By opening up these opportunities for mobility, the EU enables you to discover new countries and languages and to broaden your horizons. Since 1987, the Erasmus programme has given more than 2 million students the chance to study in a different country.

Erasmus: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/era601>

Tempus: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index_en.php)

Leonardo da Vinci: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/ldv100.htm>

Erasmus Mundus: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/emu101>



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**Share your experience**



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## LEARN – Share your experience

The EU promotes learning mobility because it is a part of being European and a possibility which is open to all young people in Europe. It helps present and future generations to face new challenges, to enhance European identity and to encourage cooperation. The EU's Youth in Action and Lifelong Learning programmes fund actions including exchanges, study visits and networking activities.

Youth in Action Programme- learning activities outside school:

<http://ec.europa.eu/youth/yia100>

Lifelong Learning Programme: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp100>



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## TAKE PART – Share your talent

The Marie Curie actions promote initial and lifelong training for researchers with an international dimension. Since 1996, they have helped thousands of young researchers develop their careers. These actions are complemented by the Euraxess network of centres which assist researchers in moving from one country to another by providing comprehensive information and assistance on all matters related to professional and daily life.

Marie Curie Actions: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions>

Euraxess: <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>



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## **VOLUNTEER – Make a difference**

The year 2011 has been designated as the European Year of Volunteering. It is estimated that 100 million Europeans have already undertaken some form of voluntary action. Volunteering provides a chance to make a difference by contributing to fostering a greater sense of social cohesion and to the harmonious development of society.

European Year of Volunteering: <http://europa.eu/volunteering>

European Voluntary Service: <http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs101>



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**Make dreams come true**



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## CREATE – Make dreams come true

In all, 99% of start-ups in Europe are micro or small enterprises and one third of these are launched by unemployed people. The European Progress Microfinance Facility has been set up to help microfinance institutions in the EU to increase lending to independent entrepreneurs and businesses with up to ten employees. This could lead to around 45 000 loans of up to €25 000 being made available for young Europeans to start their own businesses over the coming years.

European Progress Microfinance Facility: <http://ec.europa.eu/epmf>  
Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs:  
<http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/>



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Get informed

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## YOUR RIGHTS – Get informed

The EU ensures that all Europeans can take advantage of their fundamental rights. These include the fight against discrimination and exclusion, equality between men and women and the right to medical assistance. Throughout Europe, the EU supports actions aimed at raising awareness of the need to combat social injustice.

Building a European Area of Justice: <http://ec.europa.eu/justice>

Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: <http://ec.europa.eu/social>

Your Europe: <http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/citizens>



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**Achieve your goals**



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## WORK – Achieve your goals

Getting access to the job market is difficult, particularly for the young and so the EU is providing all European citizens with a range of tools to improve their job opportunities. The European Social Fund (ESF) is one such example. Around 10 million people a year benefit from the labour market insertion and training programmes financed by the ESF. Another example is the EURES European Job Mobility Portal which provides about 1 million job offers each day.

European Social Fund: <http://ec.europa.eu/esf>

EURES: <http://ec.europa.eu/eures>



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