

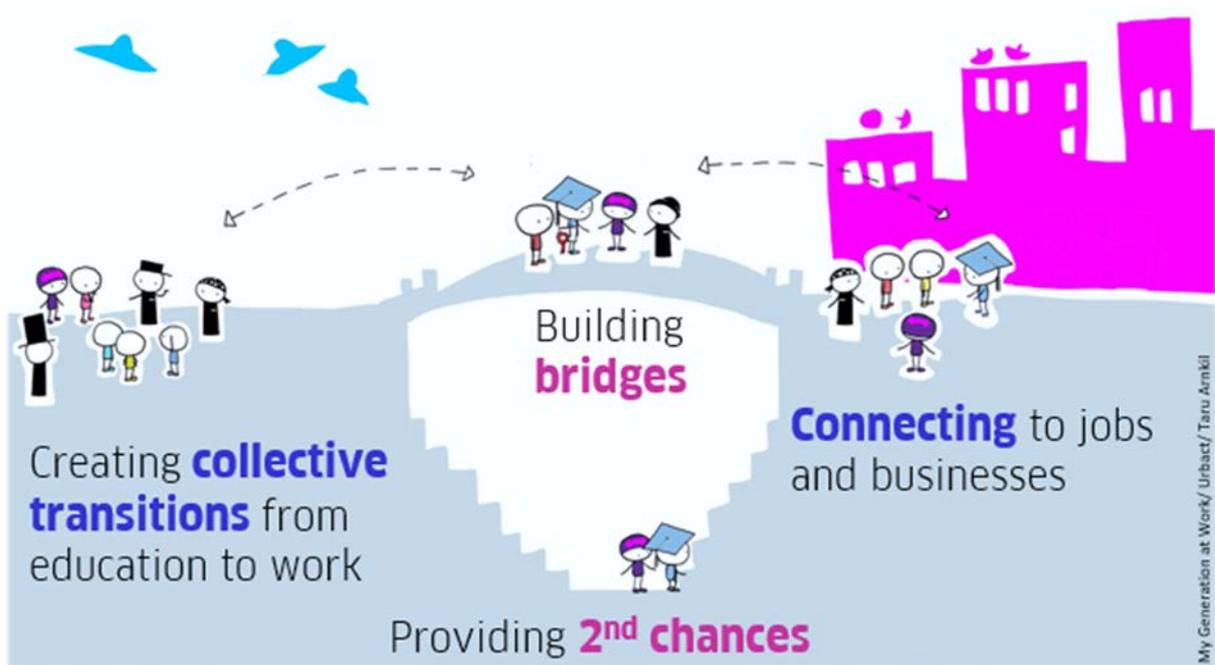
Invitation

StartNet Online Conference on

A Bridge to Jobs - how to support young people's #TransitionToWork since COVID-19?

30 September 2020, 14:00-16:00

Hosted by the European Policy Centre



Youth unemployment in Europe is double as high as general unemployment, whereas young people's quick and smooth transition into a first job is essential for their careers and lives. The economic recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting in particular younger generations, whose education is interrupted, entry-level jobs disappear and hiring processes are delayed. How can we support young people's #TransitionToWork effectively during and beyond the pandemic contributing to a greener and more inclusive recovery?

The European Commission has presented its youth employment support package "A Bridge to Jobs for the next generation" on the 1st July. During the German Council Presidency in the second half of 2020, key dossiers as the reinforced Youth Guarantee, Skills Agenda and VET recommendation should be adopted. Implementation is the key to success and partners from the StartNet project across Europe will share their experiences and feedback for improved policies and practices in order to provide all young people with the opportunities they deserve.

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Agenda:

- 14:00 **Welcome words**
Johannes Ebert - Secretary General Goethe-Institut
Michael Schwarz - Executive Director Stiftung Mercator
Moderated by Sophie Pornschlegel (EPC)
- 14:15 **Keynote on “A Bridge to Jobs” package: Nicolas Schmit** - European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
- 14:30 **Feedback from practitioners, questions & answers**
- 14:45 **Experiences at the grass-roots** - 45 min. breakout sessions with StartNet partners on
- Social inclusion
 - Orientation & career guidance
 - Key competences (STEAM, digital skills & entrepreneurship)
 - VET & apprenticeships
- Moderated by Goethe-Institut*
- 15:30 **Plenary recap from the breakout session**
- 15:45 **Closing & outlook**

The **StartNet project** empowers young people and supports their participation in society through a successful transition from education to employment. This requires the engagement of all relevant stakeholders for a collective impact. StartNet operates through a regional network in Southern Italy and its platform for good practice exchanges with partners from across Europe. The project is an initiative of the Goethe-Institut and Stiftung Mercator.