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### **The Youth Guarantee & The UK**

According to the Youth Guarantee document developed by the European Commission for the UK in 2017 there are a range of policies that affect young people. The UK presented a Youth Guarantee implementation plan in March, 2014. The UK was allocated just over 200 million Euros for a programme entitled Youth Employment Initiative which would be delivered in certain geographical regions of the UK.

The Youth Guarantee document discussed higher youth employment stats in the UK in comparison to many of its European counterparts however there were issues around part time employment and high levels of inactivity. In April 2017 there were some key reforms to the apprenticeship schemes in the UK.

The utilization of skills has been an issue in the UK which has affected productivity and employment opportunities. Many business owners and companies raised concerns about the lack of skills the current workforce has. The UK government has undertaken improvements to apprenticeships schemes and is developing new ways to measure and work with young NEETS.

The UK did not establish a Youth Guarantee scheme along the exact lines set out in the Council Recommendation, believing that existing provision in the UK in particular the Youth Contract and additional support for 16-17 year-old NEETs – were best suited to the situation and conditions in the UK.