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HOW TO LIMIT DISADVANTAGEOUS SITUATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Under OSA Project guidelines, we believe the measures to limit unfavorable situations of young people can be classified in several areas, such as education, employment, health, housing, taxation, social assistance.

In all these areas, in recent years, several initiatives are being carried out in the Basque Country. (some of them registered in the OSA Strategy Report) They are meant to improve young people's situation and expectations.



Education	Training	Employment & entrepreneurship	Housing
Values. Diversity	Educ.-labour market	Employment: Guidance	Promoting Rent housing
Language skills	Lifelong learning	Information	Information
Environment	Immigrants	Council housing	Council housing
Research	Risk and vulnerability		
Health	Consumptions	Income Security	Social Services
Healthy life style	Responsible consump.	Income - needs	Marginalization
	Customers' rights		Gender violence
Mobility	Culture	Leisure	Participation
Public transport	Cultural activities	Association	Participation
Responsible driving, accidents	Euskara	Leisure	Youth volunteer
Environment. tourism	ICTs	Euskara in sport	



TRAINING

Lifelong Learning

- **Collaboration and participation of public administrations with social partners and companies**, professionals, universities and vocational training centres and with different purposes:
 - Regulated training placements in the workplace.
 - Teaching **professional modules at the premises of companies**.
 - Qualified workers taking part in the education system.
 - Validation of training developed in companies..
 - Conducting **Training Needs Diagnosis**. “Zer Behar”
 - Joint development of innovation projects.
- **Compensatory Education Consortia** To promote cooperation in order to achieve the objectives of Lifelong Learning plans.
- **KZGuneak**: Basic training in the use of ICT.



Vocational Training

- **Information, Advice and Guidance** in the field of VET: Specific Modules. **Lanbide** Advisors. Learning Facilitators
- To facilitate **integration and reintegration of workers** into the Initial Training offer: Recognition of competences.
- To implement the **Initial Vocational Training Programme** to make it possible to obtain a skill level 1. (PCPIs)
- **Urratsbat** and **EJE** Programmes to foster entrepreneurship.
- Access from VET Colleges to University
- **Partial Offer, Access to Cycles and university education, Sandwich Training Programme.**
- To operate the new **Basque on-Line Vocational Training Centre**.
- To define and gradually implement a **Trilingual Offer** for some courses.



EUSKOSKILLS COMPETITION



EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

- To promote **hiring practices of young people in long-term unemployment**.
- Aids for the **recruitment of unemployed youth**. Support for the temporary employment of young people belonging to groups with greater difficulties in accessing the labour market.
- Financial assistance to companies that create **youth employment**, by disappearance or reduction of overtime hours.
- Review, development and communication of measures aimed at distribution of employment (**“substitution” contracts**)
- Awarding **grants to new hires** made in the field of social economy enterprises made as a result of retirement from the labour of workers near retirement age.
- Grant aid for the **promotion of youth entrepreneurship**.
- **Aids for permanent recruitment** (fixed contract) of unemployed youth.
- To provide a work experience, training, retraining, work practice or **social work temporary contract** to young people unemployed.





YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ACTION

- To establish a **regular review of needs**, demands and types of young people to guide housing plans, taking into account the most disadvantaged youth groups. Publication of scientific studies related to youth empowerment.
- Promotion of advisory services, training and support to **youth associations**. Action included in 5.1.2. through the Youth Observatory.
- Creation and maintenance of **Portal-Young and Single Window-Gazte Aukera**. Young Portal and Maintenance Desk (Gazte Aukera – Youth opportunity).
- Increasing the performance of the **Gazte-Txartela** (Youth Card). Maintenance of the Gazte-Txartela campaign.



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SOCIAL INCLUSION

- The **Minimum Income Guarantee**: a periodic benefit from an economic nature, intended for covering the very basics of survival as well as the costs of a process of social inclusion and/or access to labour. It is not a programme particularly aimed at young people, although the minimum age required to receive the benefit (23 years) can be reduced in some situations.





INDUSTRY AND ENERGY

- **Single Window for youth on industry.** The SAC (Citizen Assistance Service) has been readjusted as a service that meets and include in their service to young people, offering a specialized service for young people with entrepreneurial initiatives.
- Management of **Venture Capital Fund** for starting businesses related to new technologies and information society, and the creation of other companies by young. **Ekintzaileak** programme aimed at young entrepreneurs in creative business initiatives.



HEALTH

- To develop a **preventive activity** directed against the main **health problems of the young group**: traffic accidents, addictive behaviour, AIDS, STDs, unwanted pregnancies, eating disorders and mental disorders.
- Financial support to associations **fighting against AIDS**. Programme for needle exchange and distribution of anti-AIDS kit-in pharmacies, anti-AIDS associations, and prisons.

HOUSING

- To create a **public offer of social rent** and 25% minimum guarantee of rental housing for young.
- To facilitate the knowledge to young people of the **promotions of subsidized housing**.
- To promote the **renting of private empty houses** and to ensure that a significant percentage of such housing is for young people. Mobilization Plan of “empty houses for rent” (**Alokabide**), ensuring the access of a significant percentage of young people, and in turn, ensuring that owners get paid and housing are not degraded.



FINAL CONCLUSIONS

- **Time period:** Economic crisis and political changes.
- **Achievements:**
 - Excellent results in education and training but limited impact on employment. Well appreciated health services and pending tasks in Housing.
 - Less social inequalities due to the system of aid and public benefits, pensions and social emergency aid (immigrants and single parent families)
- New important **challenges:** low birth rates, increased life expectancy, immigration, diversification of family typology, increased risk of exclusion.
- **Expectations:**
 - Better coordination among different regional authorities.
 - A second chance for the Basque Young Law.
 - New opportunity for the Lifelong Learning Law. (Development of III Basque VET Plan and a New Agenda till 2015)
 - Political agreement for a full development of the Social Services Law.
 - Development of active employment policies and transference of passive employment policies.



- **Europe:**
 - Ambitious measures to boost employment.
 - Projects that foster contact and exchange among european regions.
 - Good practices of sustainable social services in the future.
 - Stronger cohesion among regions and clear guidelines and strategies to facilitate transference of policies.



MEASURES OF THE III BASQUE VET PLAN

MEASURE 1	MEASURE 2	MEASURE 3	MEASURE 4	MEASURE 5
LOE training courses	System of Qualifications and VT	Center for Integrated Distance VT	Initial Vocational Programs	Internationalization
MEASURE 6	MEASURE 7	MEASURE 8	MEASURE 9	MEASURE 10
Assessment and Accreditation of professional competence	Integrated Information, Advice and Guidance	Rules of Integrated VET	New Structures	Special Equipment Energy efficiency
MEASURE 11	MEASURE 12	MEASURE 13	MEASURE 14	MEASURE 15
Self evaluation and improvement	Portal, intranet and e-learning envirom.	Entrepreneurship Olympics Euskoskills	New models of governance	Platform of skills
MEASURE 16	MEASURE 17	MEASURE 18	MEASURE 19	
Teacher training for VET	Second chance	Basque Vocational Training Council	Comunication Plan	