

Challenges faced by the youth in the primary sector

Young people in rural areas face a challenging environment when looking for employment.

20%

was the youth (15-24) unemployment rate in 2016 in the EU-28.¹

8%

was the unemployment rate of the working population (15-74) in 2016 in the EU-28.¹

Training opportunities, education, obstacles to set new business or lack of basic services in rural regions are some of the main obstacles. As a result:

In Europe, only... **7%** are farmers younger than 35 years old.²

...and **55%** are farmers already older than 55 years old.²

In this context, the main general challenges faced by **rural youth** are:

- ✓ Access to appropriate **education opportunities**
- ✓ Access to **employment** opportunities
- ✓ Social **inclusion**
- ✓ Participation & engagement in the **civic life**
- ✓ Participation in **cultural activities**
- ✓ Lack of services and **infrastructures**

In particular, the main challenges faced by young farmers when **entering** in the agriculture business have to do with the access to:²



How does COOPID support young primary producers?

The **COOPID project** fosters the participation of young farmers in the primary sector & the bioeconomy through the organisation of learning **visits to successful business models** in the sector.

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(1) European Commission (2018), Rural areas and the primary sector in the EU, https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/food-farming-fisheries/farming/documents/eu-rural-areas-primary-sector_en.pdf

(2) European Network for Rural Development (2018). Supporting Youth in the EU, an overview of policy instruments and funds, https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/publications/supporting-rural-youth-overview-eu-policy-instruments-and-funds_en

