Early School Leavers (ESL)

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TRAINING PROGRAMME

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ESL and ELET constraints

Early leaver from education and training, previously named **early school leaver**, refers to a person aged 18 to 24 who has completed at most lower secondary education and is not involved in further education or training (EUROSTAT)

Early leavers from education and training

10.6 % (4.4 milion young people) of the 18-24 olds in the EU in 2018 had completed at most a lower secondary education and were not in further education or training ('early leavers').
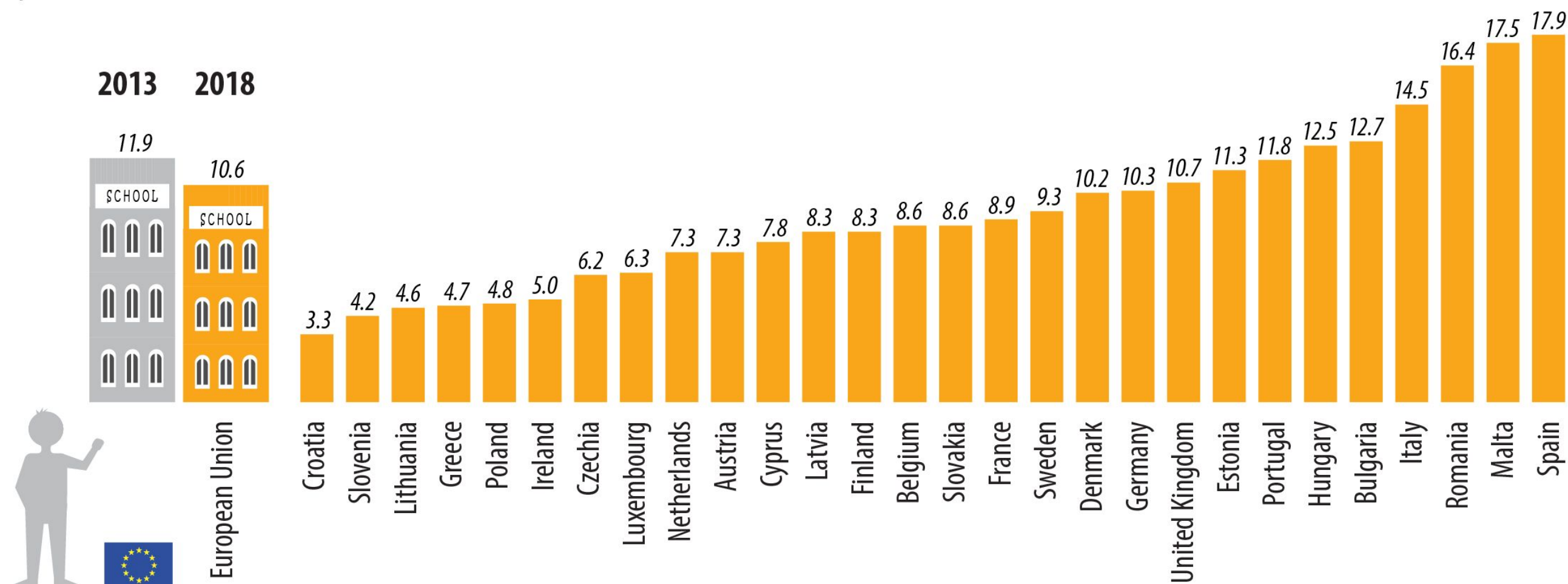
12.2 % of young men and 8.9 % of young women in 2018 in EU were early leavers from education and training.

The proportion of early leavers from education and training in 2018 ranged from 3.3 % in Croatia to 17.9 % in Spain.

Early leavers from education and training

**One out of ten young people in the EU have completed at most
a lower secondary education and are not in further education and training**

Early leavers from education and training (% of population aged 18–24)
(2018)

	2013	2018
European Union	11.9	10.6
Croatia		3.3
Slovenia		4.2
Lithuania		4.6
Greece		4.7
Poland		4.8
Ireland		5.0
Czechia		6.2
Luxembourg		6.3
Netherlands		7.3
Austria		7.3
Cyprus		7.8
Latvia		8.3
Finland		8.3
Belgium		8.6
Slovakia		8.6
France		8.9
Sweden		9.3
Denmark		10.2
Germany		10.3
United Kingdom		10.7
Estonia		11.3
Portugal		11.8
Hungary		12.5
Bulgaria		12.7
Italy		14.5
Romania		16.4
Malta		17.5
Spain		17.9

Early leavers from education and training

There are many reasons why some young people give up education and training prematurely:

- personal or family problems (family instability and lifestyle, single-parenthood, poor living conditions, physical and mental health and domestic violence)
- learning difficulties,
- fragile socio-economic situation (e.g., low level of parental education, unemployed parents, low household income),
- the way the education system is set up.

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There are many reasons why some young people give up education and training prematurely:

- migrant-minority background,
- in comparison to girls, boys are almost twice as likely to leave school with low or no qualification, school climate (e.g., violence in school, bullying),
- teacher-pupil relations (e.g., conflicts with teachers)

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Activity

Think about some of your students (or colleagues from your school) who have not completed the school at some educational stage.

- *What kind of students were they?*

- *What grades did they have?*

- *What talents did they have?*

- *Which personality traits, temperaments were dominant for them and which character type were they?*

- *What were their families of origin?*

Discuss in groups and describe their characteristics (write down your thoughts in text editor and assign one person in your group to present your conclusions).

Time: 15 minutes

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Activity

Meet again the same groups. Think about how dropping out of school affected these young people lives and answer the questions:

- *how the things turned out for them?*

- *what is their current situation on the labour market?*

- *what is their life like in society now?*

Write down your thoughts in text editor and assign one person in your group to present your conclusions.

Time: 10 minutes

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Early leavers from education and training

Early school leaving is linked to consequences:

- **unemployment,**

- **social exclusion,**

- **poverty and**

- **poor health**.

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/school/early-school-leaving_en

Early leavers from education and training

Young early school leavers are much likely to:

- Face difficulties in entering and staying in labour market;

- Working in low-skilled and often unstable jobs (precarious and low-paid jobs);

- They are much less likely to be "active citizens" and to become involved in lifelong learning;

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/project-result-content/ac1494bc-8a62-49ed-b874-052a75f29859/Early-school-leaving-factsheet.pdf

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- Early school leaving generates very large "social" costs: lower productivity, lower tax revenues and higher welfare payments;

- Early leavers may be more prone to poor physical and mental health and may run a higher risk of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.

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Activity: Let's discuss about the role of educators

What activities can educators implement in their work with young people at risk of early school leaving?

Thank you for your attention!