

Unemployment

Unemployment is a problem that affects especially the youth and it has been decreased because of the economic crisis. Especially today, unemployment has become permanent and therefore structural. Exclusion from work for an ever increasing number of people, especially young people, inevitably leads to rapid increase in crime, marginalization of the youth, suicides, drugs, racism etc.

In order to tackle unemployment, new jobs must be created, which will respect fundamental labour rights.

Policy positions:

- No further extension of the retirement age.
- Creation of such conditions to deal effectively with the phenomenon of replacing permanent-stable jobs with cheap and unprotected labour.
- Promoting by legislation the employment of qualified scientists in key industrial sectors.
- Advance rapidly qualification certification process in various specialized jobs. Particular priority should be given to tourism and construction industry. The qualifications certification procedure should be used to limit the phenomenon of employers employing people only by the price of the salary they set.
- Improve vocational guidance and counseling for young people, so that this tool becomes the useful and crucial institution it should be for the choice of profession by young people.
- Further promote of employment programs for Universities and higher education schools graduates.
- Introduction of an employment clause on projects promoted for funding by the state budget, which will oblige the winner of the work to create new jobs, which will respect collective agreements and the labour law.
- Early planning for the needs in human resources which will be created by the potentials of the energy sector and the exploitation of natural gas.
- Further upgrading of the Public Institutions for higher education.
- Provide incentives and facilities to create social cooperatives that employ young people at a fixed rate.
- Give priority to further strengthening and promoting self-employment programs.

- Promoting research and innovation, responding to modern social needs, for employing mainly young scientists.
- Promote grant projects for SME's and allocate incentives for hiring people from vulnerable groups. (eg. Persons with disabilities)
- Developing a specific plan for employment of young unemployed who do not receive unemployment benefit. This plan also covers long-term unemployed.