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**BRIDGES  
TO WORK**

# LINKING YOUTH (WORK), EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**18-20 October 2011, Antwerp, Belgium**

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**FOR PEOPLE WORKING ON YOUTH  
EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

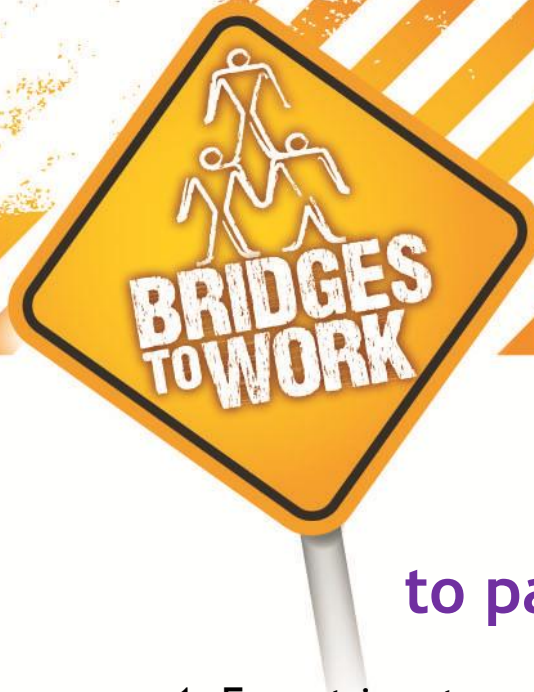
## Wanted

- 25 youth employment projects
- 25 unemployed young people from these projects
- 25 job centres and employers
- 25 support & funding programmes (YiA, LLP, ESF,...)
- 25 experts, researchers, policy makers, VIPs...

**Apply now online!**

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## 7 GOOD REASONS to participate in Bridges to Work

1. Expert inputs on youth employment & entrepreneurship
2. Inspiration from great employment practices
3. Network with relevant stakeholders
4. Visibility for your employment actions
5. Info about funding, support programmes & tools
6. Feedback on your employment projects & strategies
7. Influence European approaches to work

### Also for unemployed young people!

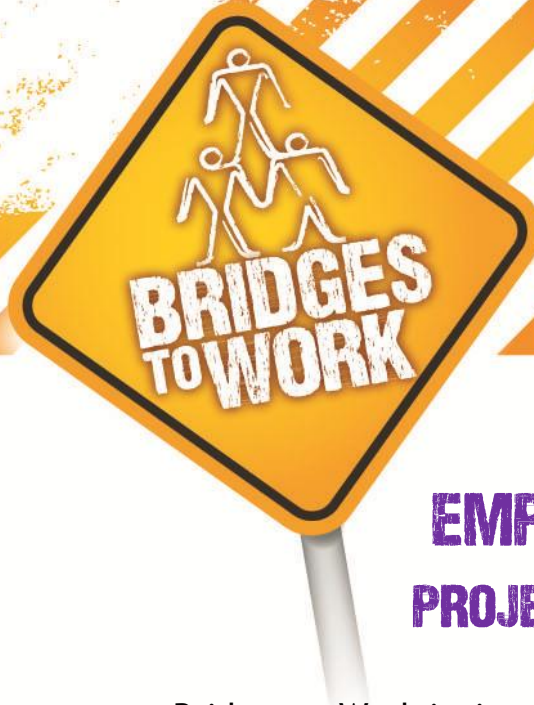
Parallel to the big stakeholder conference, an inclusion seminar will take place for young people who face a variety of obstacles finding a job. The two groups will discuss the same employment issues but from different perspectives.

At strategic moments in the programme, their respective views will be shared to enrich the discussions and to root the different suggestions, programmes & initiatives in reality.

- An ideal occasion to give and get feedback on employment & entrepreneurship initiatives.

### Programme in the back of this leaflet





You are running...

## **EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECTS for UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PEOPLE**

Bridges to Work invites staff working for youth employment & entrepreneurship projects in the widest sense (NGOs, youth work, private,...). This is a great opportunity for you to:

- Come and present your employment project
- Get inspired by other job projects in Europe
- Network with people from the job sector
- Find ideas and partners for future projects
- Influence European approaches to work & entrepreneurship

### **Bring an unemployed young person!**

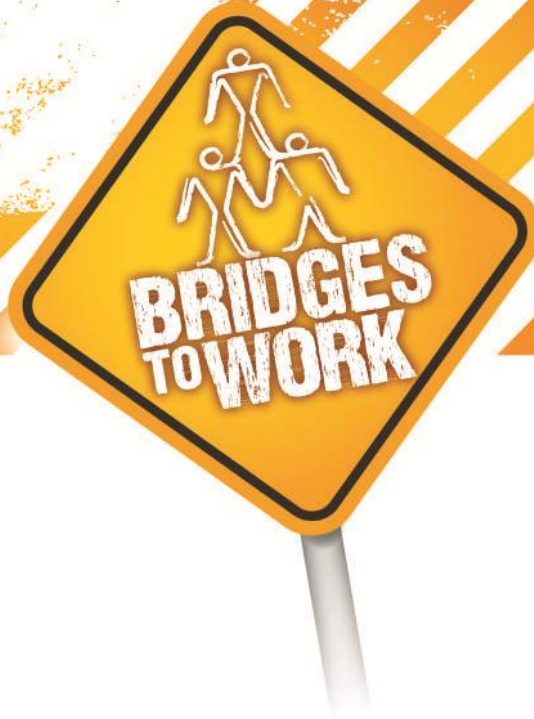
A young person (< 26) from your project is invited to attend the parallel youth seminar on employment. Give them the chance to:

- Exchange experiences with other unemployed youth
- Develop strategies to work on their employability
- Give their opinion to improve employment projects
- Practice their English (basic English required)
- Have fun and get an international boost to get a job

Note: The programme for unemployed young people & their coaches starts already on 17 October afternoon to allow more time for group building.

Coaches/workers in youth employment projects are invited to apply online for both yourself and one unemployed young person. If selected, SALTO Inclusion will pay for your travel, hotel & food.

- More info at [www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesEmploymentProject/](http://www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesEmploymentProject/) or ask [bridges@salto-youth.net](mailto:bridges@salto-youth.net)



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**EMPLOYERS, JOB CENTRES,  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP &  
EMPLOYMENT  
services**

To build Bridges to Work, we need to work with people that provide jobs. We are actively looking to invite employers, job centres, entrepreneurship and public employment services.

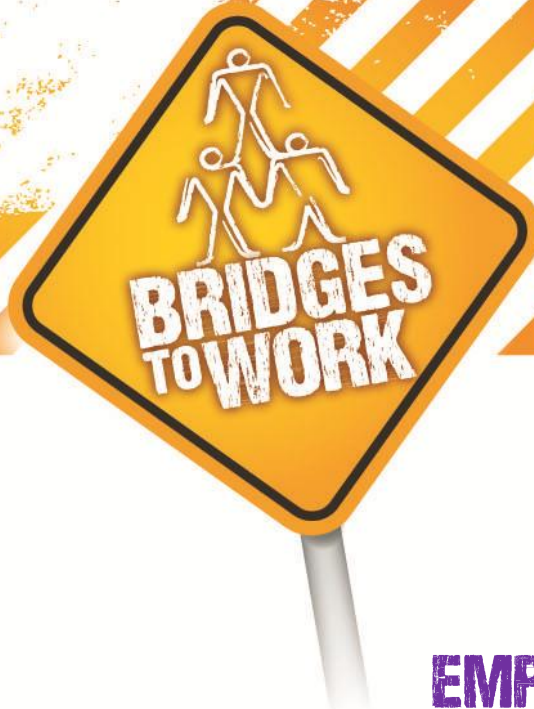
**Take advantage of this event!**

- Show your innovative approaches to working with young people
- Get an overview of different funding and support programmes
- Get inspired by a variety of employment projects for young people
- Give feedback to European projects to adapt them to your needs
- Network with colleague employers, employment & entrepreneurship services, job coaches, project managers, policy makers,...
- Meet and talk with young people who face difficulties finding a job

Employers and representatives of job centres and employment services are invited to apply online. If selected, SALTO Inclusion will organise and pay for your hotel & food. Travel would be at your own cost.

- More info at [www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesJobSector/](http://www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesJobSector/) or ask [bridges@salto-youth.net](mailto:bridges@salto-youth.net)





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## **PROGRAMMES & STRUCTURES**

### **SUPPORTING YOUTH**

### **EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

A variety of (institutional) programmes and structures contribute to young people's chances on the labour market or stimulate their entrepreneurship (e.g. Youth in Action, Lifelong Learning, European Social Fund, Progress, Eurodyssee, EURES, DG Employment, Youth Unit, Youth Employment Action,...).

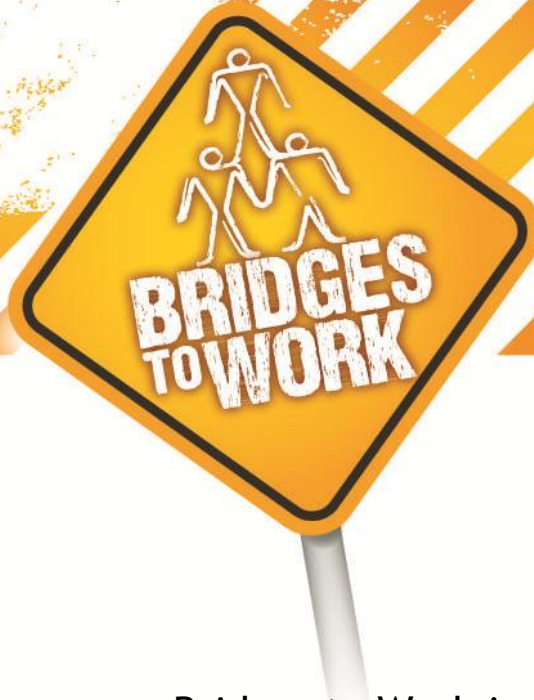
Staff of these programmes who specifically focus on employment or entrepreneurship within their tasks are invited to apply!

### **Join Bridges to Work!**

- Promote the contribution of your programme to youth employment & entrepreneurship
- Get inspired by innovative youth employment projects
- Receive feedback from unemployed young people on your programme to improve its impact
- Grasp the complementarity of different programmes in the field
- Network with different stakeholders working on work

Staff of these programmes are invited to apply online. **The participation fee is 600 €** - this covers your participation, food and hotel during the conference. You are asked to organise and pay for your travel to Antwerp.

■ More info at  
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You are/know...

## RESEARCHERS, POLICY MAKERS, SPEAKERS, VIPs,...

Bridges to Work is also the place to bring expertise, policy & theory together with practice. We would like to invite a number of speakers, researchers, policy makers and VIP-participants that can enrich the discussions on youth un/employment and entrepreneurship.

There are several parts of the programme in which specific stakeholders will be asked to share their experience and views. However, it is also possible to participate in Bridges to Work to take temperature of the discussions and challenges in the field and share your views in the working groups.

### Be part of it!

Please contact Tony Geudens (Bridges coordinator) via [bridges@salto-youth.net](mailto:bridges@salto-youth.net) if you are (or know) someone that can contribute to the programme and to the discussions with interesting insights, research findings or food for thought.

- The conditions for your participation will be negotiated on a one-by-one basis.
- More info at [www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesEmploymentVIP/](http://www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesEmploymentVIP/) or ask [bridges@salto-youth.net](mailto:bridges@salto-youth.net)





## Draft programme

Find the programme highlights & confirmed speakers at [www.salto-youth.net/BridgesToWorkProgramme/](http://www.salto-youth.net/BridgesToWorkProgramme/)

Bridges to Work brings different stakeholders together to use young people's full potential on the labour market. Experts & innovative projects show new ways forward.

Note: Young people & their job coaches arrive one day earlier on 17 October before noon. Young people will have a parallel programme discussing the same topics from their perspective and interact with the big conference at strategic moments.

Tue 18 Oct	Wed 19 Oct	Thu 20 Oct
<b>Noon:</b> arrival delegates <b>Analysis</b> of youth unemployment in Europe: what is behind the numbers?	<b>Tools, programmes &amp; funding</b> for intervention Young people present the job projects they are involved in	Develop ways forward to create <b>win-win situations</b> (new interventions, approaches, strategies)
<b>Causes</b> of unemployment: employers perspective <b>Obstacles</b> to youth entrepreneurship	<b>Good practices</b> (int'l) & project visits in Antwerp <b>Feedback</b> of employers & young people (reality check)	<b>Action planning:</b> concrete initiatives, cooperation, research ideas, policies,...
<b>Interventions:</b> what can different stakeholders do to address these obstacles?	<b>What works</b> and what doesn't in employment projects	<b>Celebrating</b> - good bye evening & networking  <b>Departure:</b> <b>Fri 21 Oct</b>

## Bridges between Partners

Bridges to Work brings together three years of youth employment initiatives & policies, relevant stakeholders, unemployed youth and support programmes.

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