

Youth Coaching

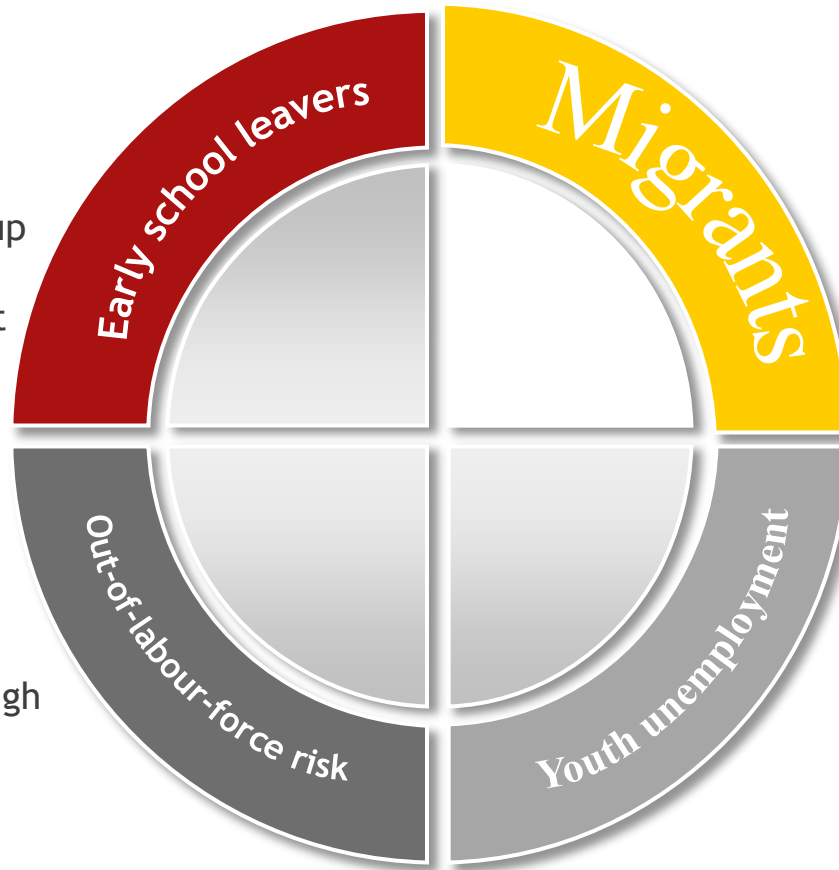


Planning the future with young people
Strasbourg, 22 Nov. 2013

Political background

Around 7% of all young people in education per year do not obtain more than a lower secondary degree. Only a small group (1.4%*) leaves the education system without a certificate.

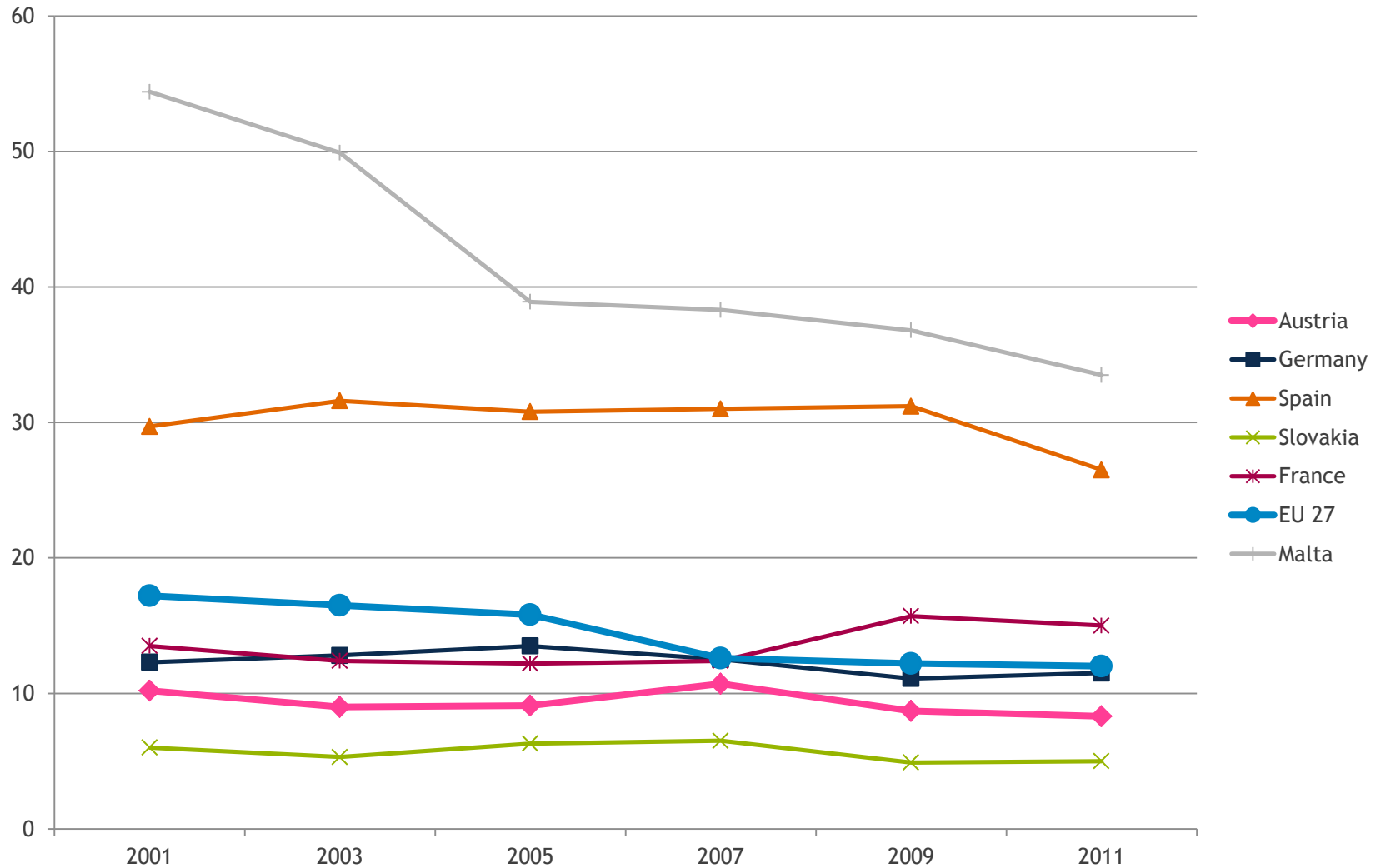
The risk of becoming unemployed is twice as high for early school leavers.



Almost 14% of all migrant students# do not complete more than lower secondary education. Only a small group (4.5%*) leaves the education system without a certificate.

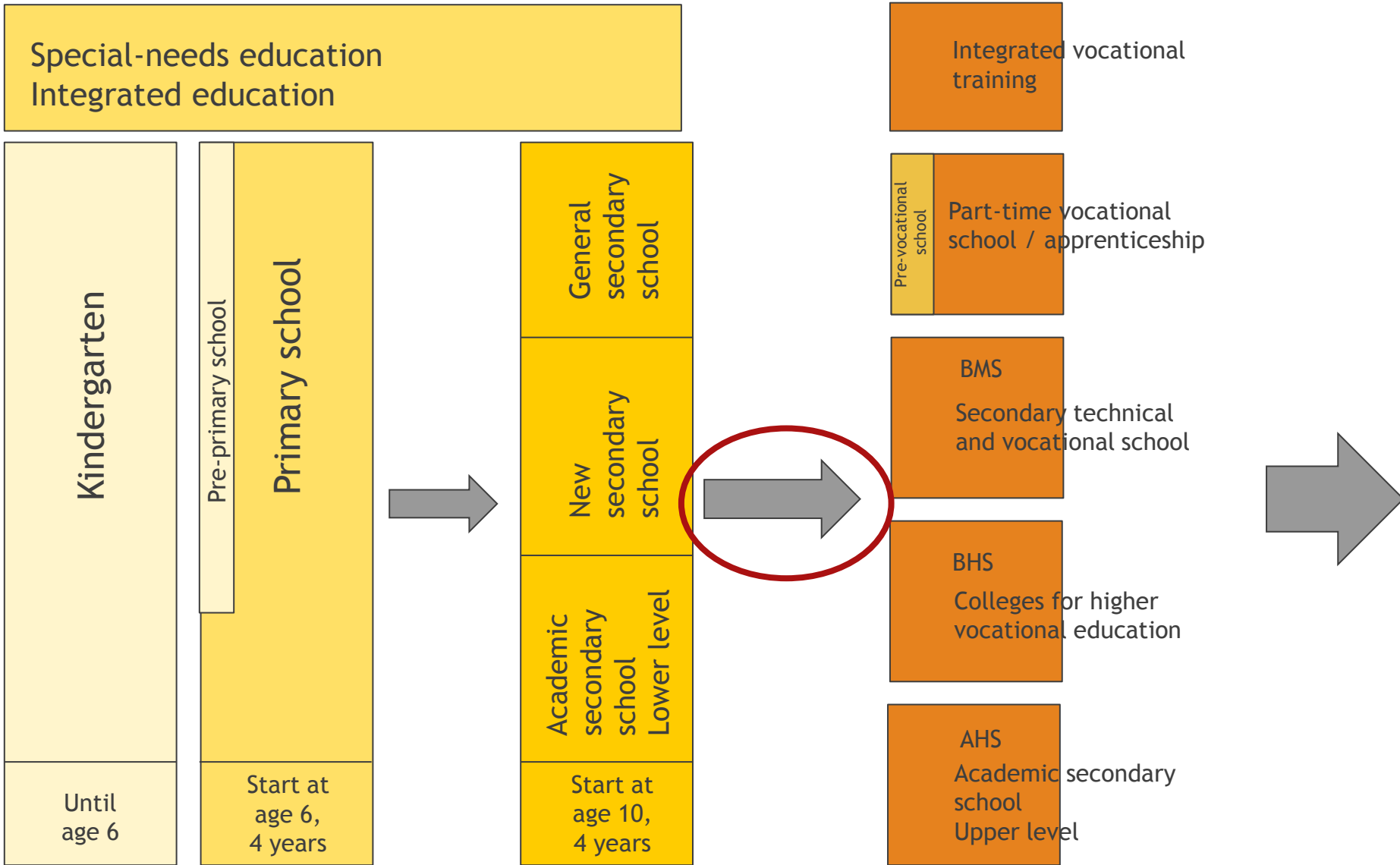
In Austria, youth unemployment doubled in the past decade.

Early school leavers - Europe 2020



Eurostat – Europe 2020 Target
 Population ages 18-24 with at most lower secondary
 education and not in further education or training

The Austrian Education System



History

- 1 Experience based on former CLEARING programme - best practice model within the EU
- 2 Service for young people with disabilities, social and/or emotional disadvantages
- 3 Well-established within the school system
- 4 To reduce the number of young dropouts
- 5 To provide orientation and guidance
- 6 “Jugendcoaching“ (Youth Coaching): start in 2012

Cooperation between federal and state authorities

- 1 Youth Coaching is a nationwide programme
- 2 Youth Coaching is run by the local departments of the Federal Social Office (Bundessozialamt)
- 3 Each federal state has a local coordination unit for Youth Coaching
- 4 The local coordination units are well-connected with the national coordination unit and with each other
- 5 Local coordination units are well-connected on the local level

Youth Coaching offers counselling on education and job-related options ...

1

... to prevent students from dropping out of school or training, thereby reducing low-level qualification

2

... to keep young people in the (vocational) education system, preferably until the age of 19

3

... to develop tailored and realistic plans for young people's education and careers

The aims of Youth Coaching

- 1 To provide individual support until the young person is sustainably integrated in education or the labour market
- 2 To provide support in case of problems, and in particular those that might interfere with training abilities
- 3 To re-integrate young people who dropped out of the (vocational) education system and/or to elaborate realistic prospects
- 4 To identify gaps and needs for additional programmes

Design of Youth Coaching

Main target group: young people aged 15 to 19

1 Students completing their 9th year of compulsory schooling and older students

2 Young people “outside the system” (“NEET”) up to age 19

3 Young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities up to age 24

How to access Youth Coaching and cooperation

- 1 Identifying young people at risk by cooperating with **schools**
- 2 Young people in the target group can be referred by **other institutions**
- 3 Young people in the target group can access Youth Coaching on **their own initiative**

Cooperation partners

Parents / Guardians

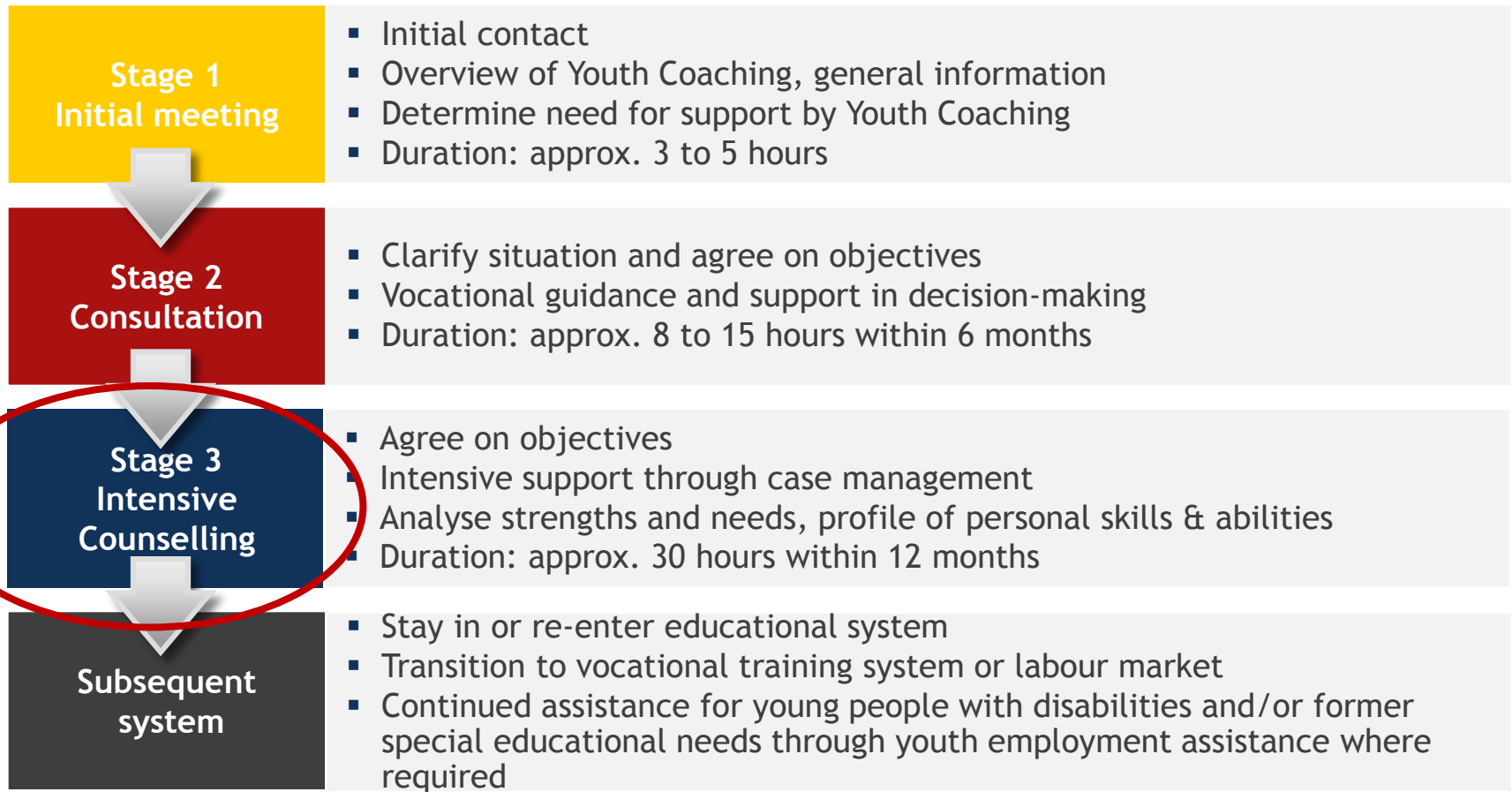
School

Economy

Other partners

How does Youth Coaching work?

Overview of the stage/phase model



Who was coached?

Youth Coaching data	1 Jan. 2012 to 20 Nov. 2013
Participants	34,476
Completed	26,587
Current	7,889

Who was coached?

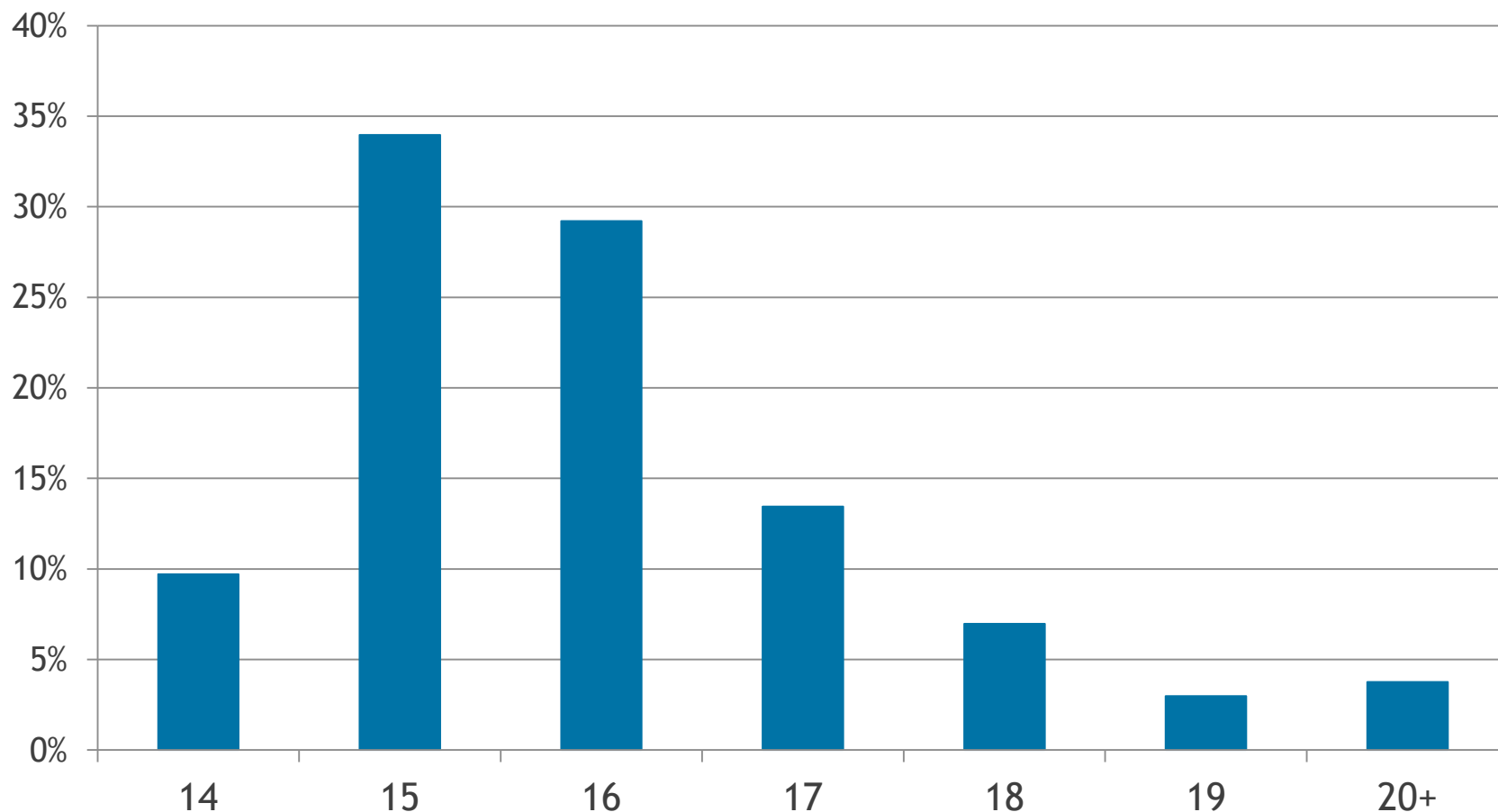
Youth Coaching data	1 Jan. 2012 to 20 Nov. 2013	Percent
Females	15,684	46%
Males	18,792	54%
Stage 1	19,687	57%
Stage 2	7,784	23%
Stage 3	7,005	20%

Who was coached?

	1 Jan. 2012 to 20 Nov. 2013
Youth Coaching data	Percent
Students	84%
Out of school	16%
Students with disabilities	30%
Dropouts	4%

Who was coached?

Age



Providers of Youth Coaching in Austria

(August 2013)

38 organisations, some offering several projects

More than 300 youth coaches (full time)

Summary

- 1 Youth Coaching is a nationwide programme with intensive cooperation on the local level
- 2 Very strong, positive effects on vocational orientation and motivation
- 3 Improves self-perception
- 4 Prevents early school leaving and re-integrates young dropouts
- 5 Integrates young people with disabilities or disadvantages into the education system



Thank you!

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