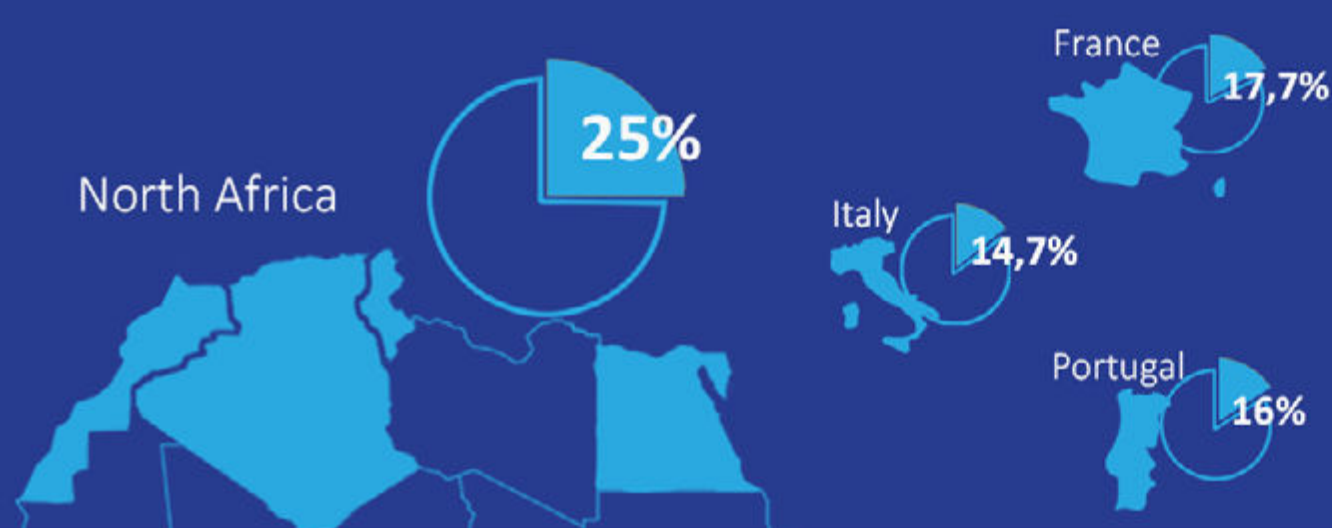


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## Youth insertion in the Mediterranean: a priority, an urgency, an opportunity

### A large young population

The **15 to 29 age group** represents a significant age segment of the total population in most countries of the Mediterranean region: not only in **North Africa**, but in **southern Europe** as well.



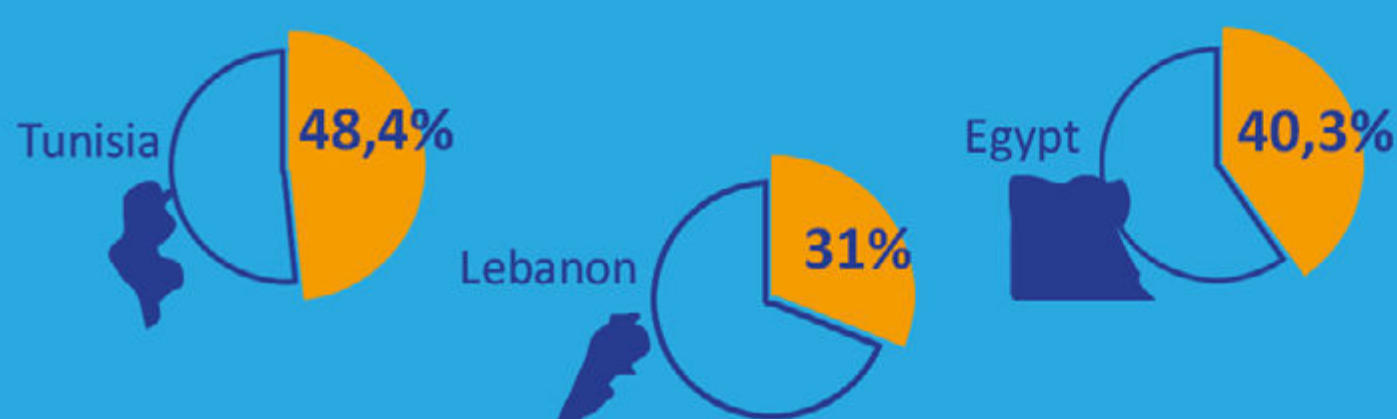
## 300 millions

it is the number of young people who will enter the labour market in the MENA region between today and **2050\***

\*according to the World Bank's projections

### Alarming numbers of early school leavers

In some countries, the part of the **15 to 29 age group** ending their studies **without achieving secondary education graduation** remains **extremely worrying**:



The **main reasons** of early leavers are:

- the **wish to work**
- the **lack of interest in studies**
- **school difficulties**

### Who are the NEETs?

This acronym stands for young people “not in employment, education or training”. This corresponds to the proportion within an age group of those who do not have a job (unemployed or not) and who are not undergoing training. It is very adapted to this kind of international comparison.

### Difficult employment insertion

