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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 significative age segment of the total population in most countries of the Mediterranean region: not only in North Africa, but in southern Europe as well.



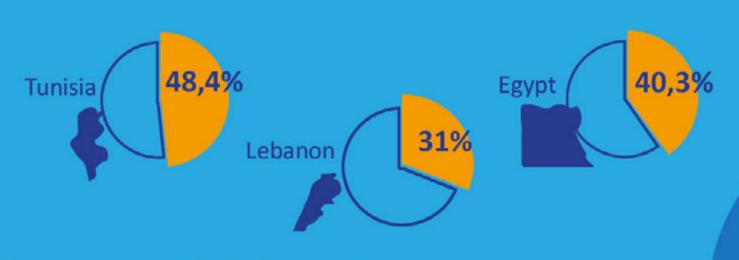
## 300 millions

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.

In Middle East,

of low income household

youth are NEETs (versus 28.4%

of high income household youth).

## Difficult employment insertion

In France, the youth un employment rate is higher than 20% In Italy, a young person has times more risk to be unemployed than the elders. In Spain, the youth unemployment rate is close to 40% In Portugal, 10% of young people are NEETs. In nothern Africa, the In 2015, young In Algeria, 🚣 unemployed informal sector amounts to women were almost < in 7 gave up seeking of nontimes more likely to be employment because of agricultural jobs. NEETs than men in Tunisia. the lack of job prospects.

In Egypt, 25% of young people are NEETs.



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