



Youth Employment in the EU: new challenges in knowledge-based economies

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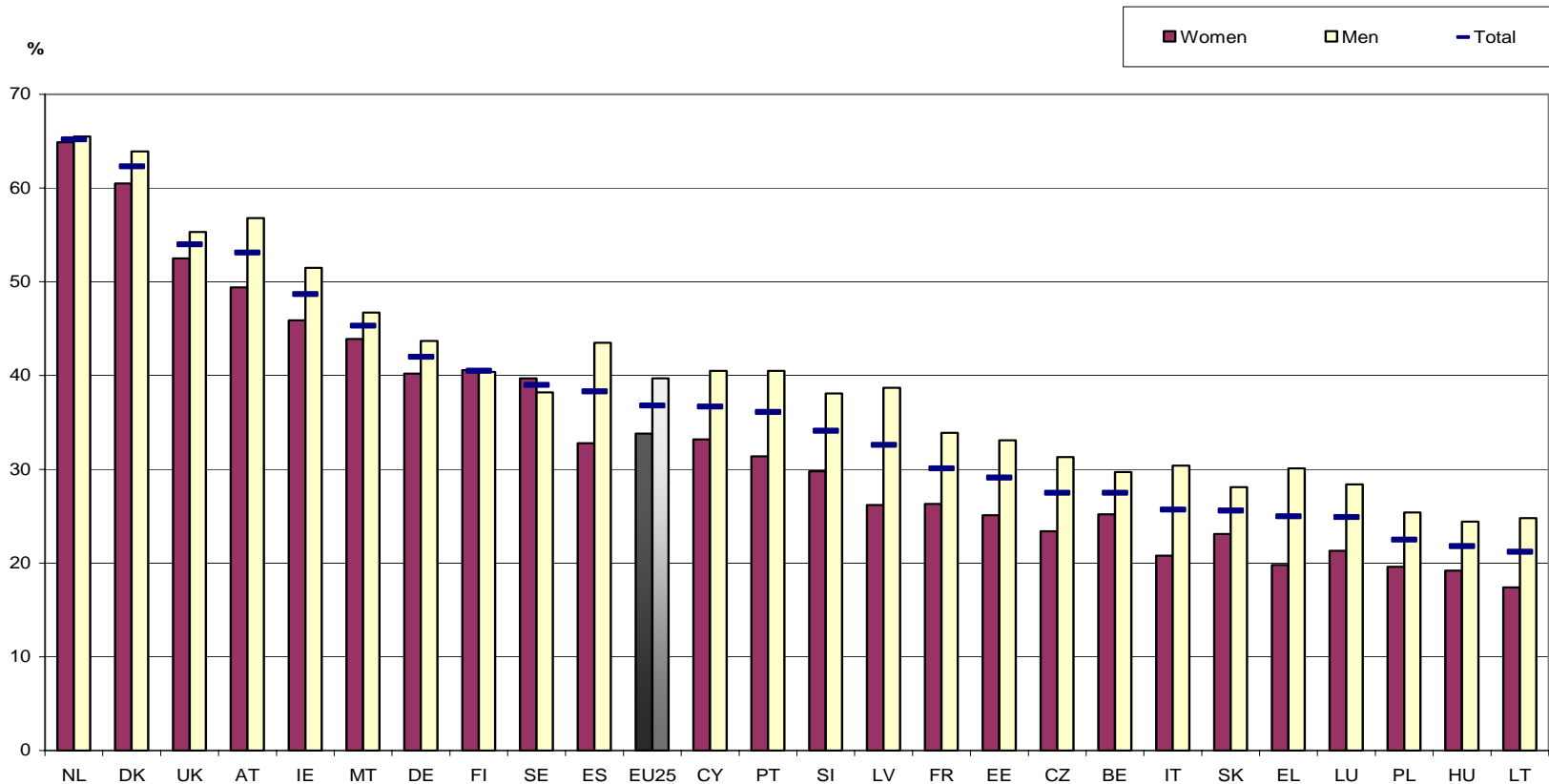




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Youth employment rate (aged 15-24 years) by sex, 2005

Persons in employment as a share of total population in the same age group



Source: Eurostat, LFS.

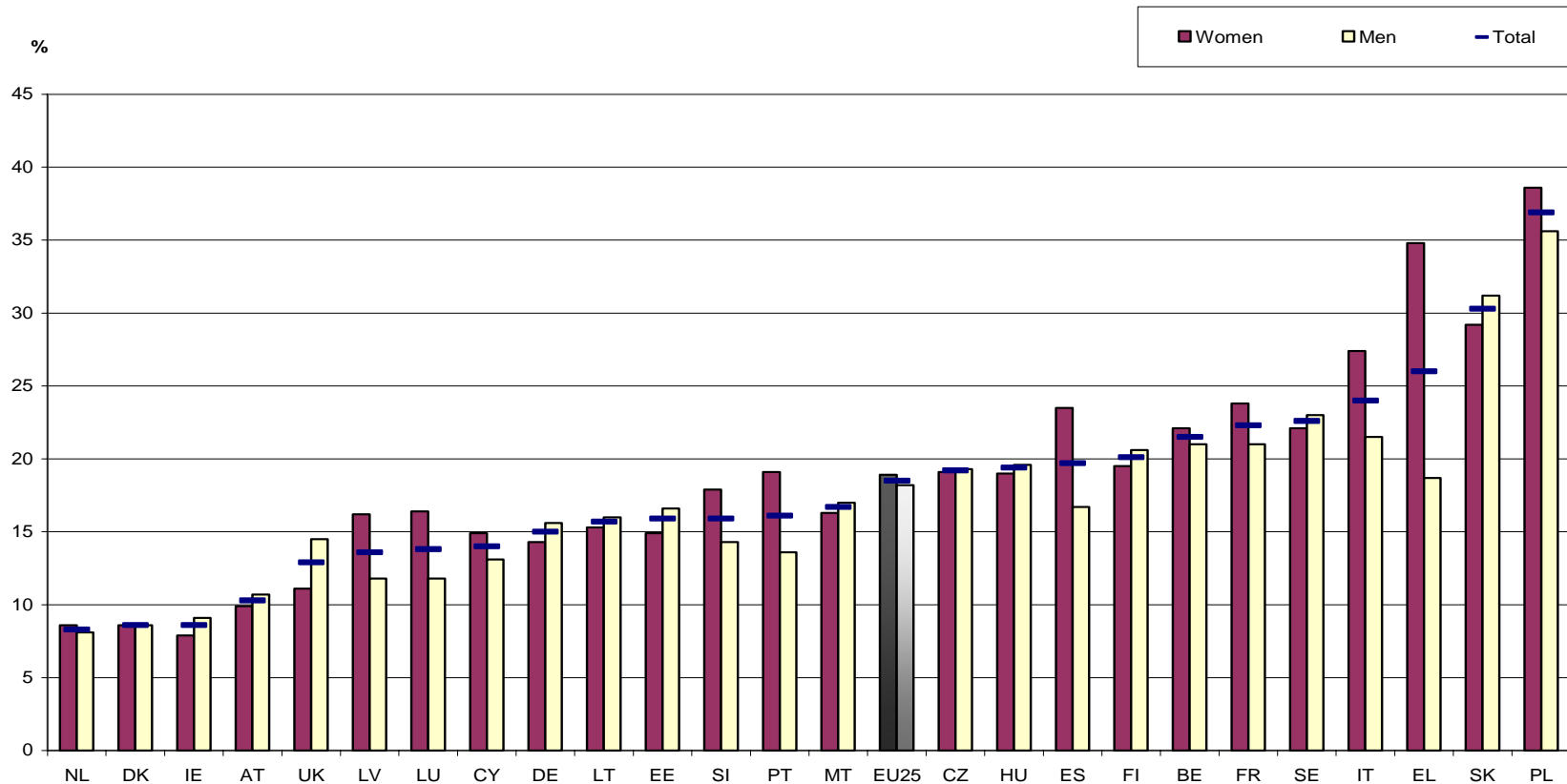




Youth unemployment rates

Youth unemployment rate (aged 15-24 years) by sex, 2005

Unemployed persons as a share of total active population of the same age group

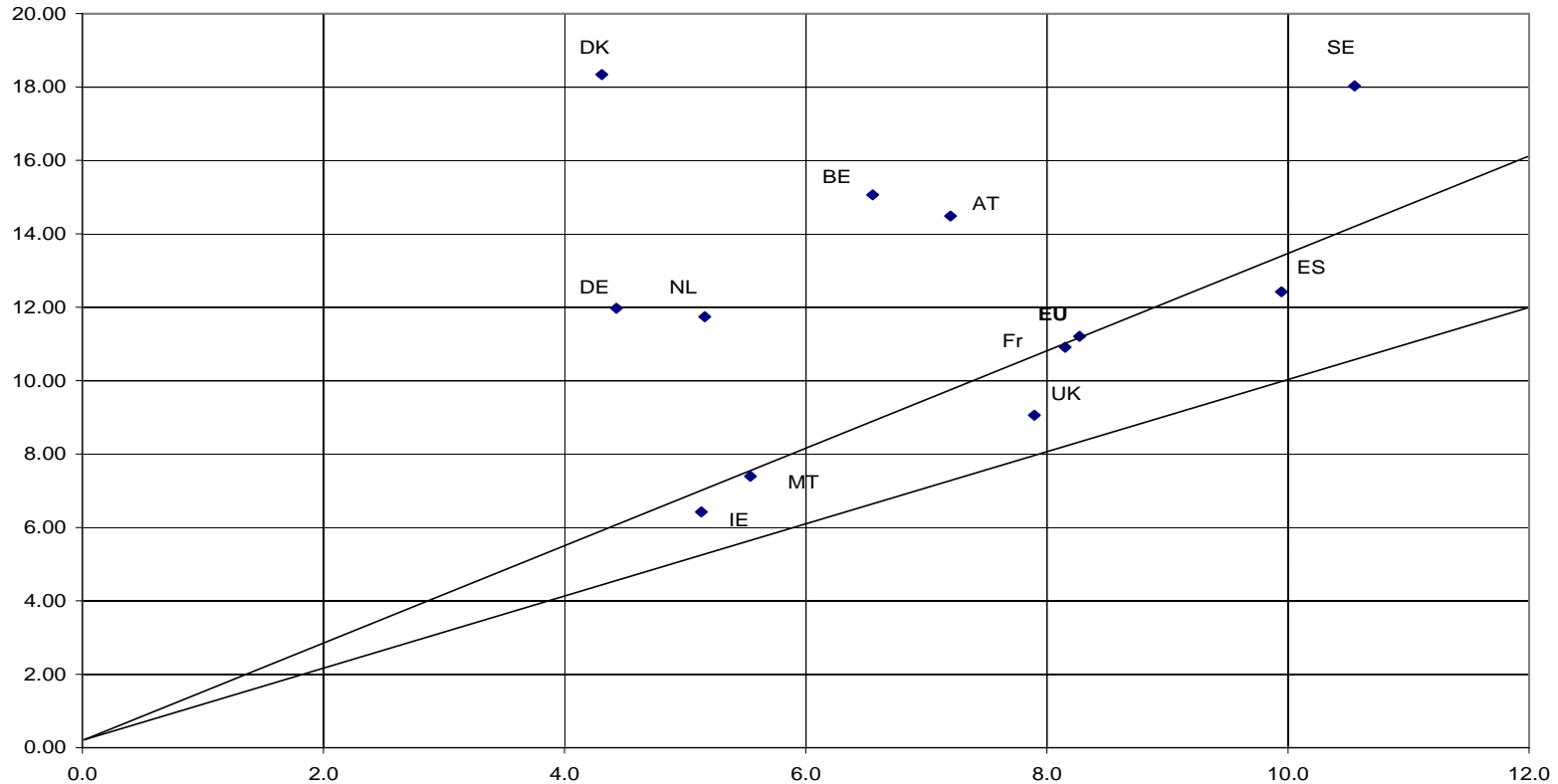


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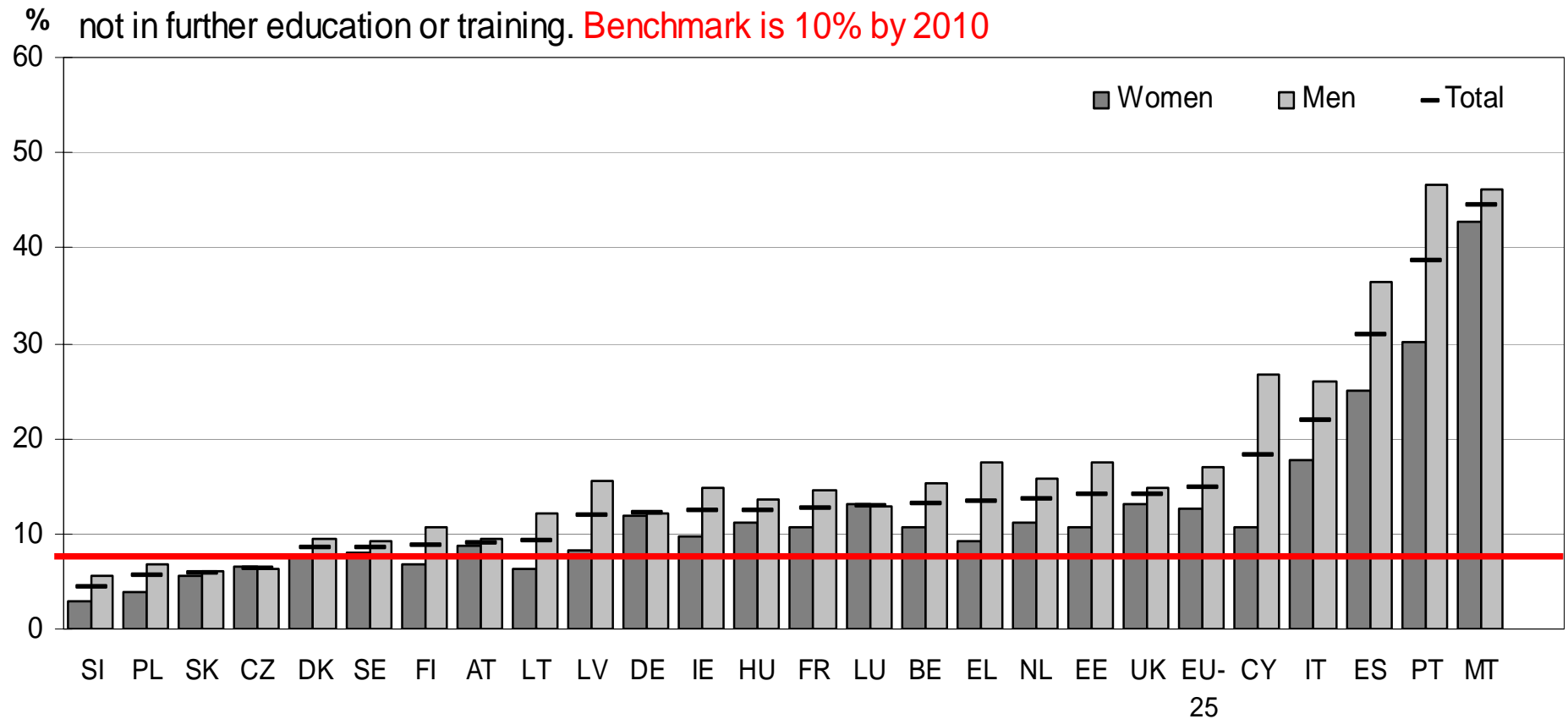
Youth unemployment rates in % of foreigners and nationals 2005





Early school-leavers by sex, 2005

Percentage of the population aged 18-24 with at most lower secondary education and not in further education or training. **Benchmark is 10% by 2010**



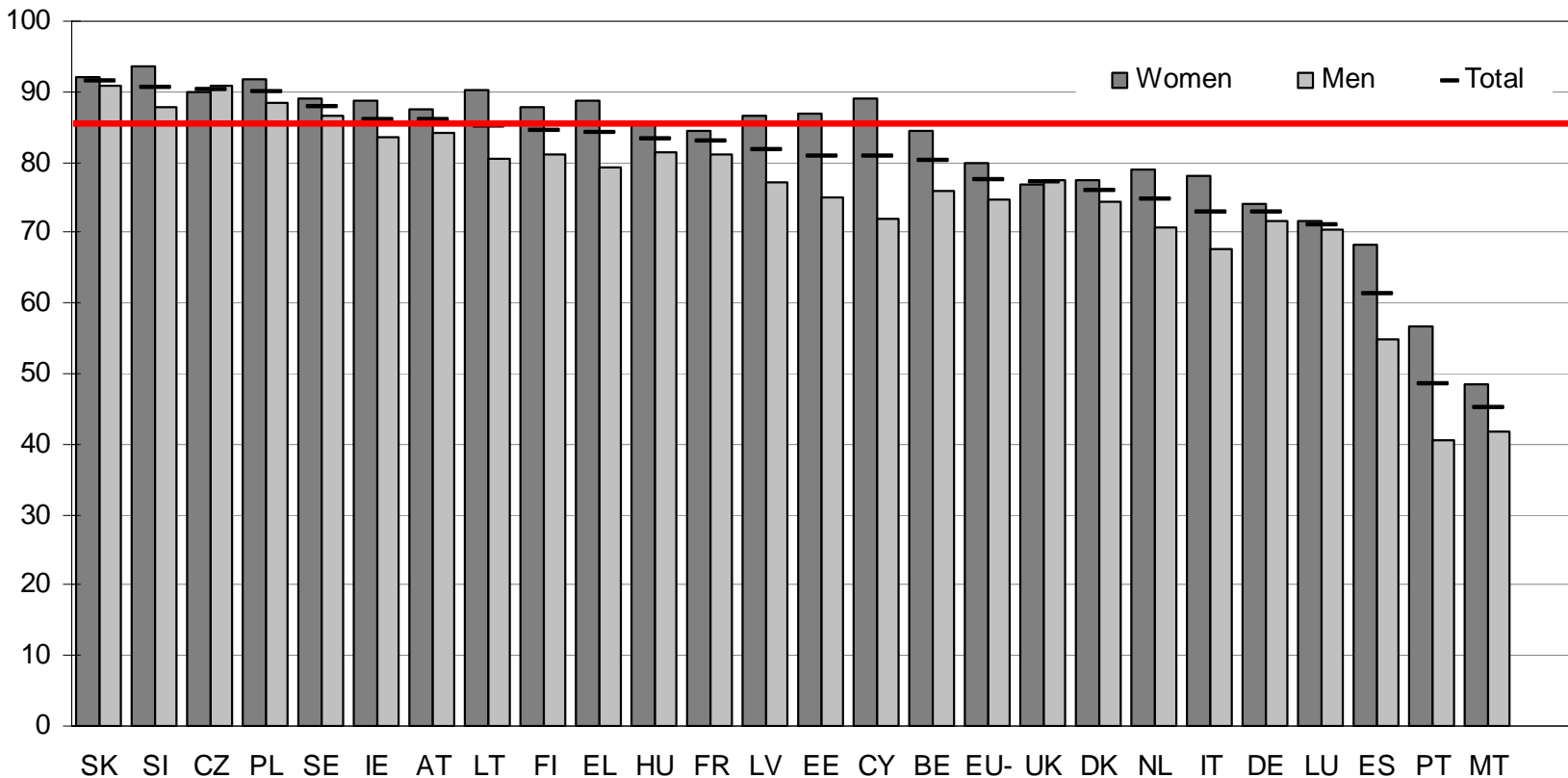
Source: Eurostat - European Union Labour Force



Educational attainment of 22 year olds by sex, 2005

Percentage of 22 year olds having achieved at least upper secondary education

(ISCED 3). The age group 20 - 24 is used as a proxy. **Benchmark is 85% by 2010**



Source: Eurostat - European Union Labour Force Survey

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EU-25, IE, LU, MT, FI: Provisional values



Communication from the Commission

- Promoting young people's full participation in education, employment and society
- Improving young people's transition: flexicurity
- Promoting entrepreneurship

Globalisation requires more rapid responses from enterprises and workers;

Needs of workers and enterprises are becoming more diverse;

Explore the development of a set of common principles of flexicurity.

Flexicurity =

A political strategy to enhance, at the same time, flexibility of labour markets, work organisation and labour relations, and security – employment security and social security.

Flexibility and security are not
opposites.....



They can be combined!



Flexicurity =

Upward mobility.

Equipping people with skills.

Adequate unemployment benefits.

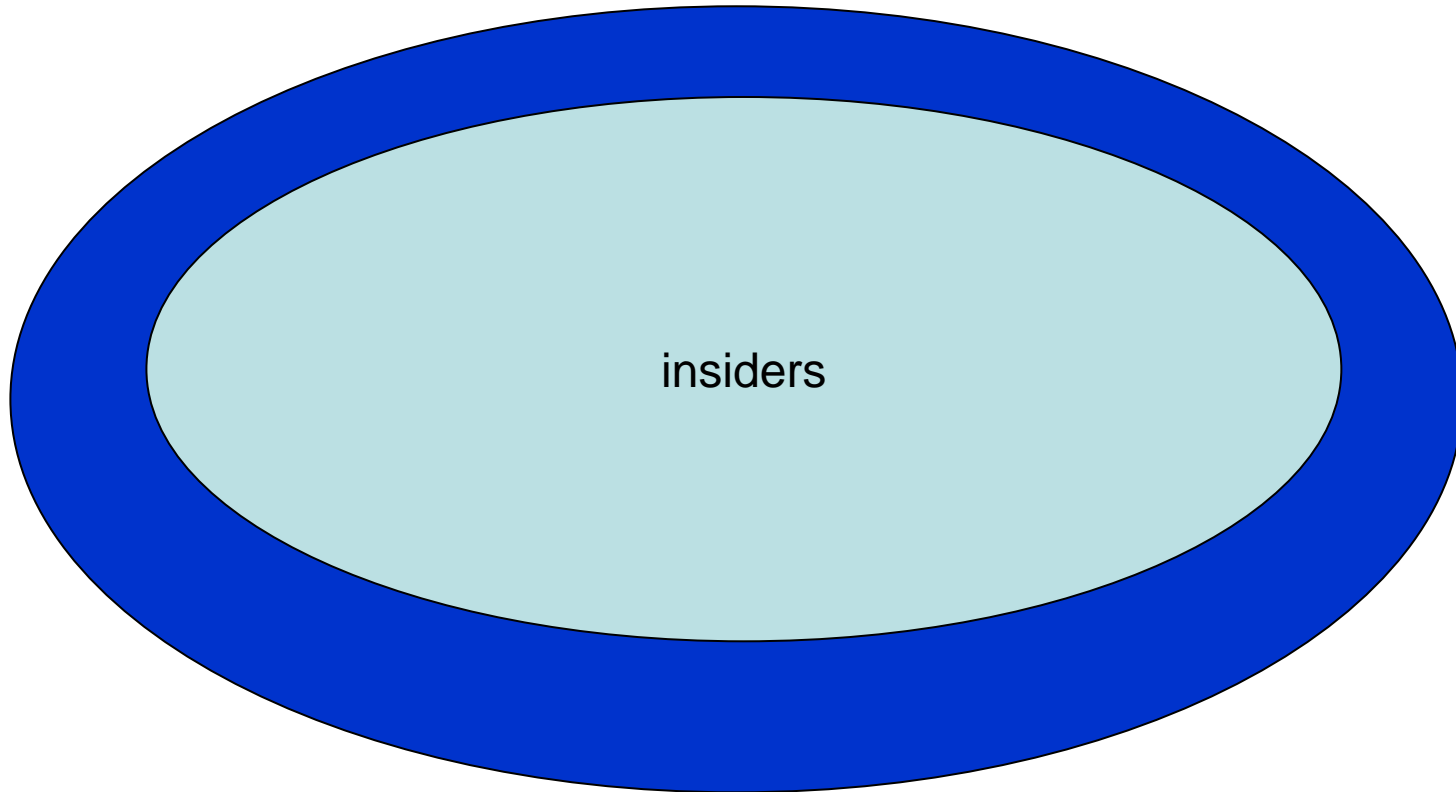
Training opportunities for all, especially the low skilled.



Components

- ✓ Flexible and reliable contractual arrangements
- ✓ Comprehensive lifelong learning strategies
- ✓ Effective active labour market policies
- ✓ Modern social security systems

segmentation of labour markets



outsiders



Different pathways

- Thanks!