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Why a specific policy for ESL?

- **Because education has a high rate of return:**

- **Chance to find a job is two times as high;**
- **Regions with low ESL score low on youth unemployment;**
- **Crime rates are 5 times as high for ESL's;**
- **Lower costs of healthcare (3 million Euro/year);**

Overall conclusion:

- **Annual benefits of tackling ESL are higher than costs (900 vs 700 million Euro)**



How to tackle ESL?

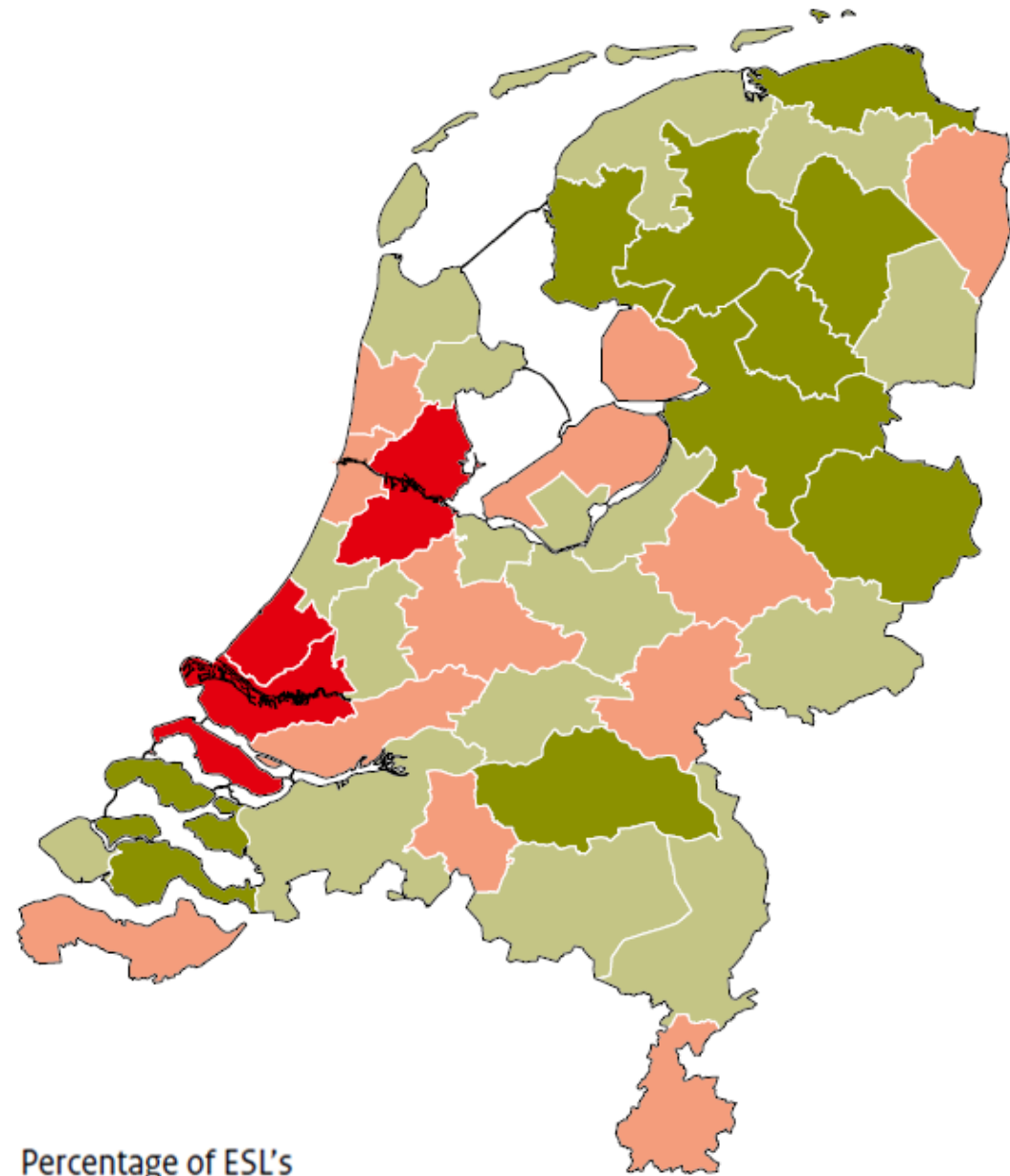
- **Keep focus on pupil / student instead of system: total approach (bottom up)**
- **Output based policy (covenants): Each reduced individual ESL results in a 2500 Euro payment to the school**
- **Own choice of instrument to achieve objectives (menu list)**
- **Facilitate, monitor and evaluate; pressure and support: Benchmark / compare regions**



Focus on results and monitoring

- **Provide information on different levels with different background details.**
- **Information products: annual figures and monthly reports**

**Benchmark:
Focus on regions
in the
Netherlands
(Early school
leaving figures
for 2011/2012)**

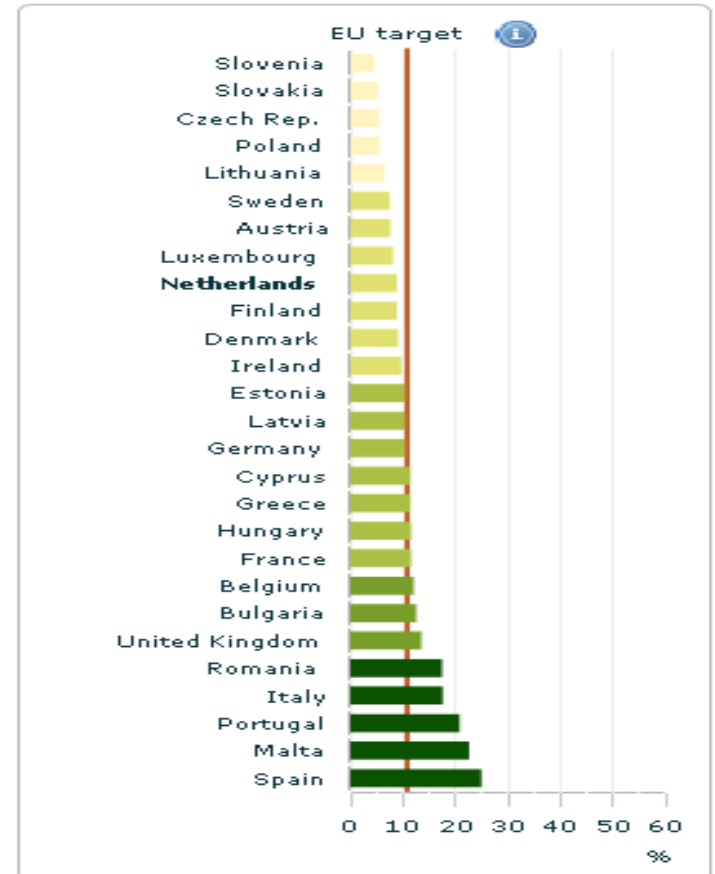
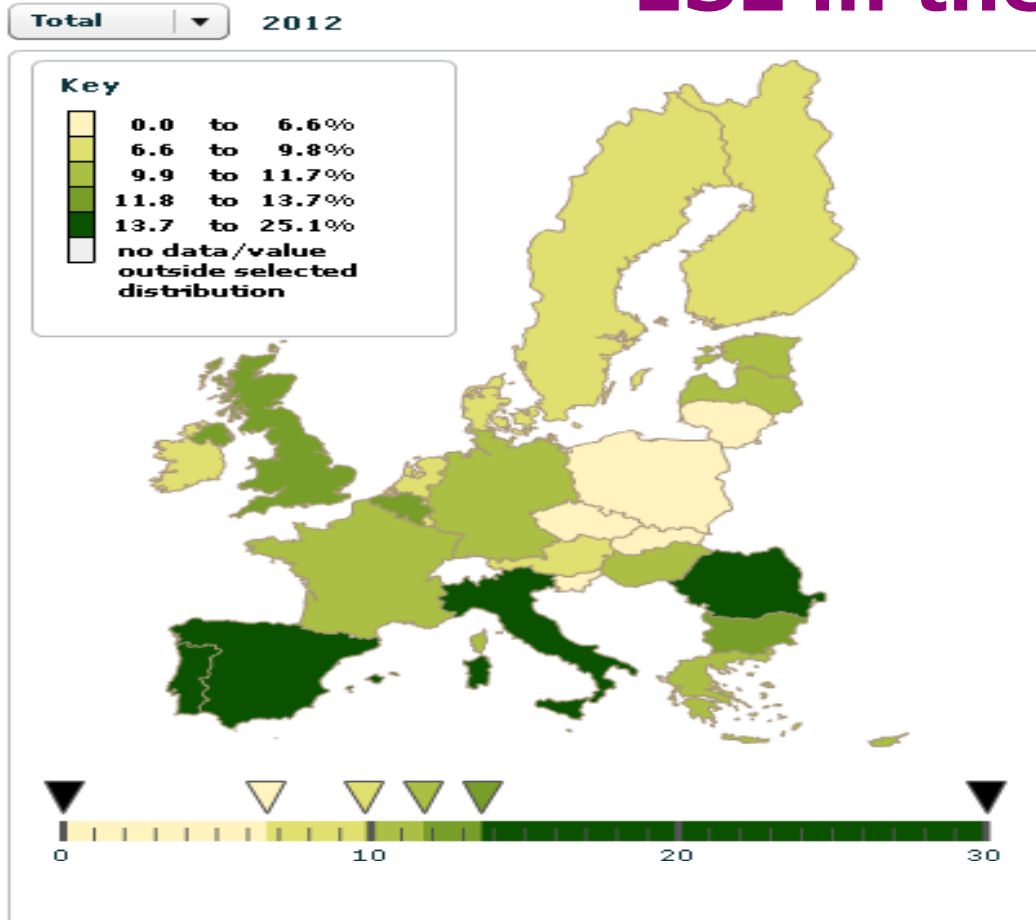


Percentage of ESL's

- less than 2,6 %
- 2,6 % - 3,1 %
- 3,1% - 3,6 %
- 3,6 % or more



ESL in the EU





Recommendations

- **Clear ambition shared by partners**
- **Monitoring and benchmarking**
- **Integrate ESL into comprehensive policies of all stakeholders**
- **Seek for long term political and financial commitment to reduce early school leaving**



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