

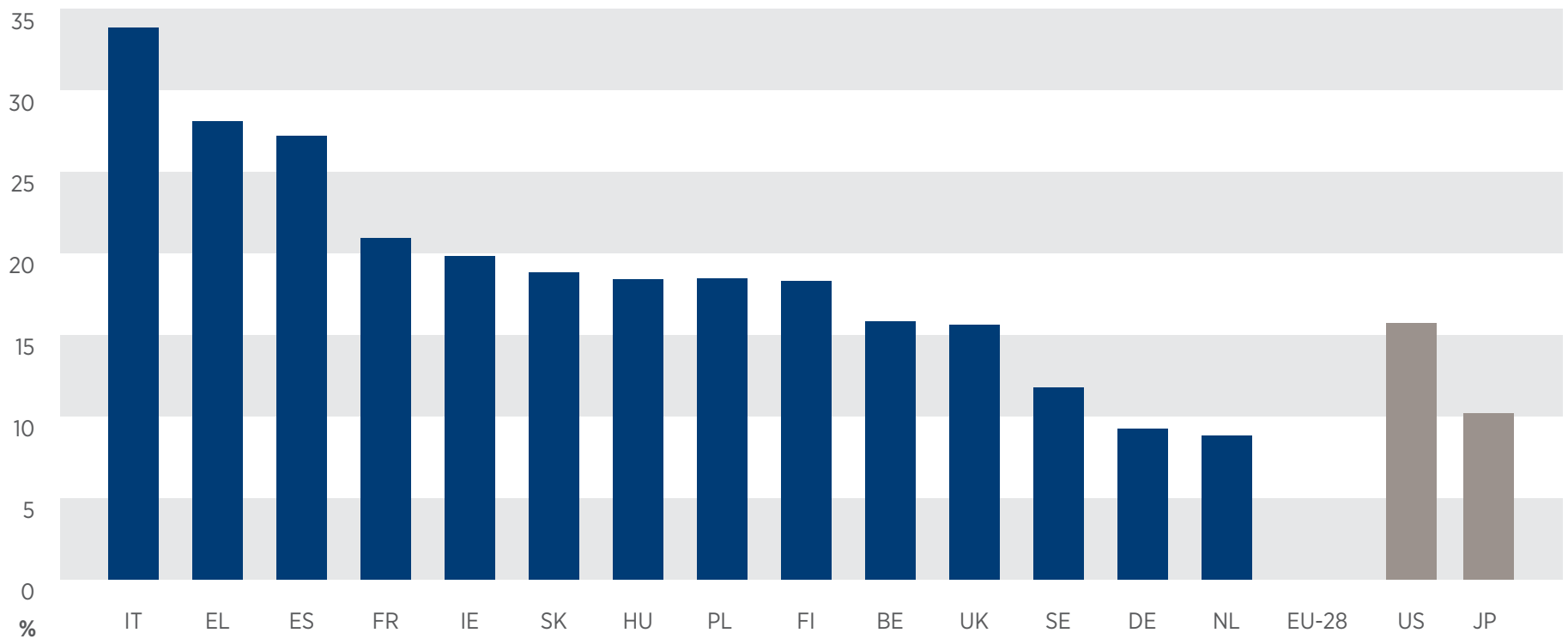
High youth unemployment

Youth unemployment rates are biased because many young people are still in education or training. NEET rates (not in Employment, Education or Training) give a slightly better picture. Nevertheless, high youth unemployment goes together with high NEET rates. They are very high in several countries, especially in Southern Europe.



Youth unemployment can be addressed by ensuring people's employability. It requires modernising EU Member States' education systems by the promotion of ICT, STEM* and entrepreneurship, and creating openness and interactions between schools, business and other parts of society (e.g. the public sector).

NEET Rate** in % of population - 2015***



Youth unemployment**** (in % of labour force) - 2015



* STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics ** Persons aged 20-24 Not in Education, Employment or Training ***Or latest year available ****Persons aged 15-24