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ARAB YOUTH WILL SAVE EUROPEAN ECONOMIES

To counter the effects of ageing populations, European countries will rely on flows of migration to make their economies more dynamic, create jobs and support long term growth:

“Flows of migration make economies more dynamic, create jobs and support long term growth. It is important to open the boundaries of growth to young people and support the movement of foreign students”

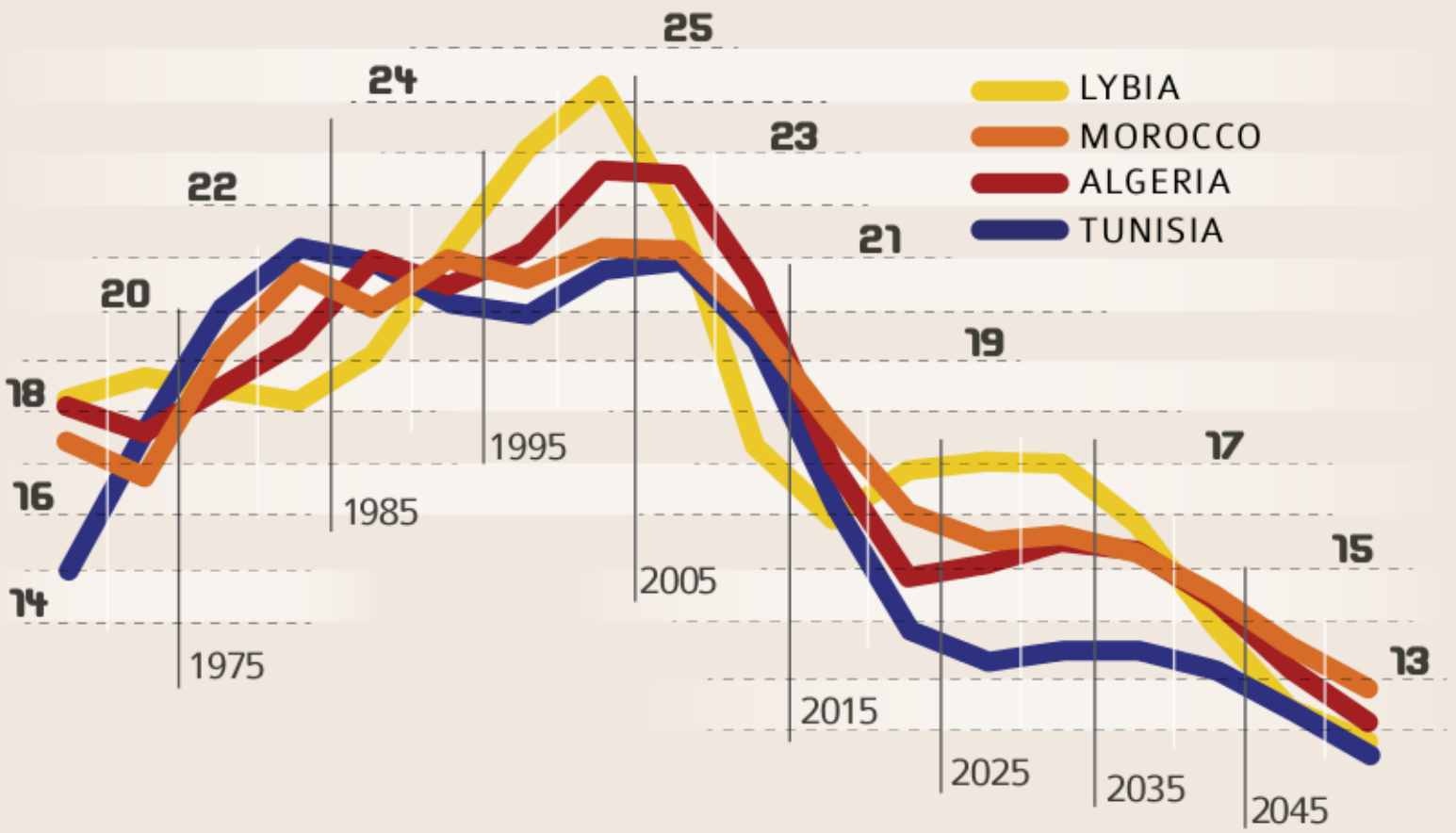
(Cercle des Economistes, Final declaration of Les Rencontres Économiques d'Aix-en-Provence, 6 July 2014)

FACT

YOUTH BULGE IS FADING IN ARAB COUNTRIES

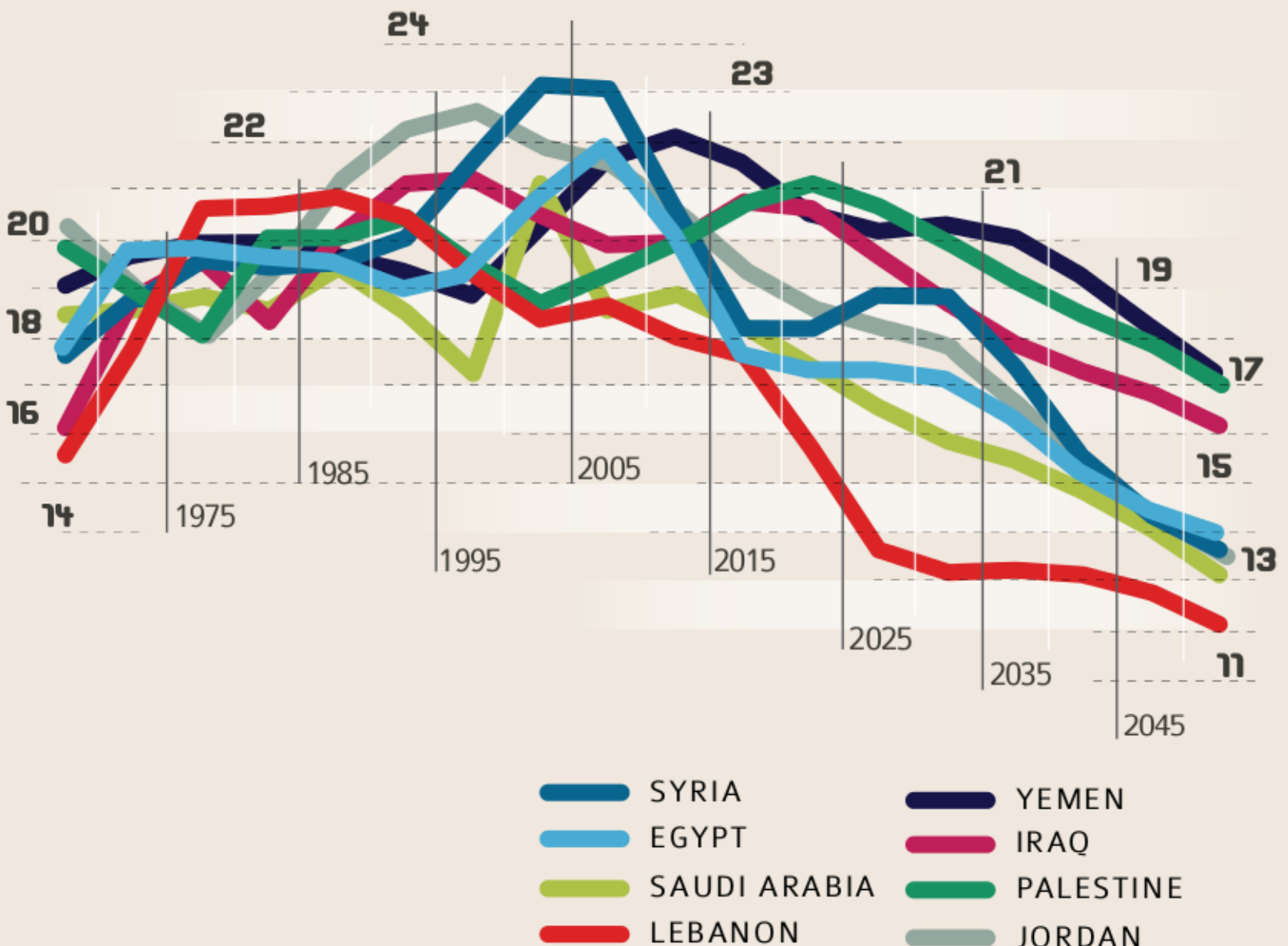
With the exception of Yemen and Palestine, the **youth bubble will fade** and reach the European level of 11% in 3-4 decades. *[Source: Youssef Courbage and Emmanuel Todd, 2011.]*

Youth Bulge, %15-24 Years Old in Total Population, Maghreb



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Youthbulge, %15-24 Years Old in Total Population, Mashrek



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