**MYTH**

**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 Economiques d’Aix-en-Provence, 8 July 2014)*

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**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: Yousef Courbage and Emmanuel Todd, 2011.]

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


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