Nonparticipants consist of very different subgroups, including students, retired, those taking care of children ("voluntarily inactive"), as well as those inactive for economic reasons ("involuntarily inactive").

Sources: Eurostat, European Union Labour Force Survey; and IMF staff calculations.
Note: Reported statistics are estimated from a random sample of 10,000 respondents per country per year from the European Union Labour Force Survey. Categories in blue and red are subgroups of those who have worked before and are not retired. Retired includes early retirement.