

# THE EU AND BELARUS: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

**Giving young people a bright future**

lies at the heart of the European Union's cooperation with Belarus.

**Together with Belarus, the EU creates opportunities**

for young people to fulfill their potential and take an active role in society.

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# EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEERING

## Study, work and make friends in Europe

Since 2014, more than 1500 young people and academic staff from Belarus have received *Erasmus+* scholarships to study, train, teach and connect with other young people in Europe. You, too, can apply for an *Erasmus+* scholarship to:

- Study one semester at a university in the EU
- Graduate with a joint Master's degree from universities in at least two European countries
- Gain work experience as a trainee in a European company or organisation
- Take part in a short-term group exchange to meet young people from the EU and engage in joint activities

**Programme:** *Erasmus+*

**Location:** European Union + Norway, Iceland, Turkey, North Macedonia, Liechtenstein, Serbia

## Earn a university degree in Lithuania

The *European Humanities University* in Vilnius offers undergraduate, graduate and doctorate study programmes in humanities, social sciences and art. More than 3200 students, most of them from Belarus, have already graduated from the university. Critical thinking and civic engagement are at centre of the EHU's teaching and learning experience, and students are encouraged to develop innovative ideas and projects. All graduates receive diplomas recognised across Europe and North America.

**Programme:** *European Humanities University*

**Location:** Lithuania

## Become a volunteer in Europe

Volunteering in a European organisation is a unique opportunity for you to gain work experience, learn new skills and improve your proficiency in foreign languages. You will receive a monthly allowance as well as accommodation and meals. After completing the programme, you will obtain a certificate valid across the European Union. Volunteering projects take place in many different areas including youth work, cultural activities, social care and environmental protection.

**Programme:** *European Solidarity Corps*

**Location:** European Union

## Study at a European school in Georgia

The *Eastern Partnership European School* was established in 2018 in Tbilisi for students from all Eastern partner countries, including Belarus. If you are a student aged 16-17 you are eligible for a one-year scholarship. The scholarship will be renewed for a second and last year based on your academic performance. At the end of the two-year study cycle graduates receive an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma with a specialisation in European Studies.

**Programme:** *Eastern Partnership European School*

**Location:** Georgia



# JOBs AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## Develop partnerships in Europe

The *MOST* mobility scheme allows Belarusian professionals to establish contacts with counterparts in Europe. *MOST* is popular among professionals employed in science and technology but also in culture, education, tourism, health and other spheres. More than 3150 people have already taken part in professional events or short-term exchanges in Europe. Take advantage of this opportunity to expand your professional network, develop new partnerships and grow your business.

**Programme:** *MOST*

**Location:** European Union

## Make your engineering project a reality

Fully equipped laboratories were established at two universities in Minsk in 2018 to encourage innovation and support job creation among aspiring engineers. You are an engineering student? Then visit the laboratories to develop prototypes and present your projects to entrepreneurs.

**Programme:** *Fablab*

**Location:** Minsk

*"Studying abroad was a life-changing experience for me. It gave me the feeling that I belong to a global community, and it made me want to have an impact and to inspire others."*

Liliya, *ERASMUS+*

## Create your agricultural business

If you live in a small town or a village in the Minsk, Homiel or Viciebsk regions, you may have access to training in how to create and run an agricultural business under the "*EU4Youth: School Garden for agricultural entrepreneurship*" project. Thanks to industrial incubators and gardens established in local schools, you will have a chance to learn about organic farming, build your entrepreneurial skills and improve your chances of finding employment in the agricultural sector. Become one of the 6000 young people who will benefit from this unique programme.

**Programme:** *EU4Youth*

**Location:** Minsk, Homiel and Viciebsk regions





## Develop your potential

If you live in a rural area of the Mahilioŭ and Homiel regions, the "*EU4Youth: Fostering potential for greater entrepreneurship*" project offers you opportunities for non-formal learning courses, professional orientation workshops, job fairs, the possibility to participate in an international Leadership Academy and a "training kit" on youth entrepreneurship to help you develop your entrepreneurial ideas.

**Programme:** EU4Youth

**Location:** Mahilioŭ and Homiel regions

## Improve your job prospects

Acquire essential skills and enter the labour market with the help of the "*EU4Youth: Employability and stability*" project. Participating young people from disadvantaged backgrounds will have a chance to take an internship, get support in developing their business proposals and look for funding to establish their own start-up.

**Programme:** EU4Youth

**Location:** Minsk, Minsk region

## Develop green skills

Are you interested in environmental protection, energy efficiency and green technologies? A new training centre at the Eco-techno-park in Volma offers state-of-the-art training to both students and professionals. The training courses are conducted in modern laboratories and are open to secondary-school, college and university students as well as professionals and young people undergoing vocational training.

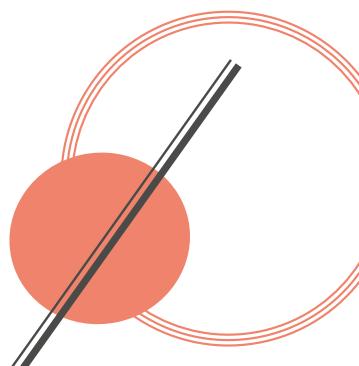
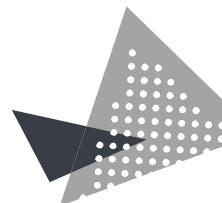
**Programme:** Employment and Vocation

*Education and Training in Belarus*

**Location:** Volma (Minsk region)

*"We found more than 10 potential partners in Germany and other countries. One of them now already works with us and brings tourists to Belarus."*

Aliaksei, MOST programme



# LEADERSHIP AND NETWORKING

## Represent Europe and meet like-minded youths

The *Young European Ambassadors* initiative brings together young people aged 16-25 from European Union and Eastern partner countries. The ambassadors encourage local youth engagement, share experiences and discuss matters of concern to young people. There are currently 47 *Young European Ambassadors* in Belarus who are actively involved in EU-related activities at home and abroad. Join the network!

**Programme:** *Young European Ambassadors*

**Location:** Belarus, European Union and Eastern Partnership countries

## Support your community

Are you passionate about strengthening civic engagement and making positive changes in your community? The *Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowship* programme allows you to develop your leadership skills and take an active role in society. Fellows take part in actions addressing the needs of local communities in areas such as youth work, the fight against corruption, capacity-building for civil society, e-services for better governance and much more.

**Programme:** *Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowship Programme*

**Location:** Belarus, European Union



"I'm truly grateful to the initiative for giving me the opportunity to meet and work with young activists who are passionate and ambitious about bringing change to their communities."

Hanna,  
*Young European  
Ambassadors*



"Participation in this fellowship scheme is an excellent opportunity for me to boost my leadership skills, meet new people from the six countries, and establish new partnerships."

Liudmila,  
*Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowship*



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## LEADERSHIP AND NETWORKING

*"Apply! The opportunities offered by the EU are numerous and most of them are fully funded. You will meet many people from many countries, improve your language skills and get inspired to create something that truly matters."*

Liliya, former Erasmus+ student

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