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## THE EU AND UKRAINE: A PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH



### A YOUTH AND EDUCATION PACKAGE TO DELIVER CHANGE BY 2020 AND BEYOND

Improving prospects for youth is at the heart of European Union cooperation with its Eastern Partners. Together with Ukraine, the EU aims to create opportunities for young people to study, work, participate fully in society and fulfil their potential. Across the Eastern Partnership, the European Union is providing more close to **€330 million** of support to youth for 2017-2020.

*With the **New Deal for Youth**, proposed by the European Commission in March 2020 as an element of the Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020, investment in youth is expected to be enhanced during this period.*



#### EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MOBILITY

**Erasmus+:** €210 million for the EaP region for 2014–2020, enabling over 80,000 young people, youth workers, students and academic staff to benefit from exchange opportunities, including:

- **Scholarships to study in Europe**
- **Student exchanges**
- **European Solidarity Corps**
- **Youth exchanges**

- From 2014-2019, EU funding enabled **9,026 students and academic staff** from Ukraine to study or teach in the EU, and 3,985 Europeans to study or teach in Ukraine; **234 Master's students** from Ukraine have received full Erasmus scholarships.

- Over **14,640 young people** and youth workers from Ukraine have participated in joint Erasmus+ Youth projects (exchanges, trainings, policy debate, volunteering), with 262 of these involved in specific activities targeting young people and decision-makers.

**eTwinning Plus: 1,384 schools from Ukraine** are involved in exchanges and professional development for teachers. By 2020, over 7,700 teachers and over 3,000 schools from across the Eastern Partnership are connected via eTwinning Plus.

**European School in Georgia:** launched in September 2018, a **beacon of excellence** for pupils from the EaP region – including Ukraine – who will receive an internationally recognised degree. With the third cohort of pupils having taken up studies in September 2020, 105 young people have been receiving a high quality multilingual and multicultural education including an understanding of the EU, its core values, and the EaP.

**Relocated universities:** €10 million in EU support in 2017 for universities relocating from conflict affected areas of Ukraine.

**Professional mobility scheme:** new EU programme '**House of Europe**' worth €11.6 million supporting exchanges and internships of professionals in key reform fields of culture and creative industries.

[www.houseofeurope.org.ua](http://www.houseofeurope.org.ua)



#### EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**EU4Youth:** €43 million for the EaP region to foster **entrepreneurial potential** and develop **labour market skills**, through the establishment of business incubators and innovation clusters, mentoring schemes focused on entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship, and non-formal catch-up programmes for early school leavers. **Ukraine is taking part in six EU4Youth grant projects** launched in 2017-2019 to support skills for jobs among **disadvantaged youth**, and 58 organisations from Ukraine participate in EU4Youth capacity building small grants projects.

**EU4Skills: Vocational Education and Training: 'Better Skills for Better Jobs in Modern Ukraine'** – a €38 million programme for 2019-2021 addressing the modernisation of training to ensure that skills provided are demand-driven and responsive to a new, competitive economy.

– €3 million in support in 2017 for conflict-affected areas in the East (Luhansk and Donetsk), aimed at 'Enhancing the quality and relevance of professional education'.

Ukraine participates in **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**, a cross-border exchange programme that gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs in other countries.

**European Training Foundation:** supporting cooperation by **mapping of policies supporting young people in their transition to work**, to identify priority areas for action and to support national youth strategies – read the **Ukraine report**.



#### PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

The 4th **Eastern Partnership Youth Forum** in 2019 discussed 'Critical thinking through media literacy and active participation', and the 2020 **virtual EaP Youth Summit** promoted exchange around key priorities of the post-2020 'New Deal for Youth'.

**EaP Civil Society Fellowship Programme:** supporting young **civil society leaders** from Eastern partner countries in developing leadership and skills – **29 fellows from Ukraine** were selected in 2017-2020.

**EU4Youth Civil Society Fellowships for Youth:** supporting **youth organisations** and about 460 fellows in becoming active participants in policy-development.

**Young European Ambassadors:** **more than 700** Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) fostering cooperation between young people and youth organisations in the EU and the Eastern partner countries, as part of the 'EU NEIGHBOURS east' project – meet the **YEAs from Ukraine**.

**EU4Youth Alumni network:** building on the enthusiasm and experience gained in non-formal education programmes, alumni from different EU youth initiatives support greater engagement of disadvantaged young people from Eastern partner countries in their local communities and in EU mobility programmes. In its pilot phase 10 EU4Youth alumni from Ukraine will reach out to at least 50 disadvantaged youth in their communities.

## YOUNG VOICES FROM UKRAINE

### EaP CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW



**STEFANIA MARSHALENKO**

Civil Society Fellow

*"Being an EaP Fellow is a real opportunity to improve leadership skills in creating a useful business for your country's society and to gain invaluable experience and knowledge from professional mentors."*

### EU4YOUTH SKILLS FOR FUTURE



**YEVHEN FEDYK**

EU4Youth project beneficiary

*"Thanks to the project, my business is now successful. I am confident in the future, I have a job."*

### YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



**OLGA TSUPRYKOVA**

Young European Ambassador

*"This initiative is a constant source of inspiration and energy to create new partnerships and projects in Ukraine, and to make amazing new friends among from all over Europe!"*

### EU4YOUTH ENHANCING YOUTH EDUCATION



**VLADIMIR TAMOZHNIKOV**

EU4Youth project beneficiary

*"Today, the income from my interesting job allows me to support my family, to further develop my skills, and I now have plans to open my own barber's shop in the near future."*

### EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



**VLADYSLAV ZYMOVETS**

Took part in a long-term volunteering activity in France

*"Participation in the project has made me more self-aware and open-minded. It also gave me challenges that made me stronger."*

### EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



**ANASTASIIA SKRYZHADLOVSKA**

Eastern Partnership School pupil

*"The school helped me to become a member of a diverse community, gave me valuable knowledge and enhanced my personal skills. Here I felt the true spirit of international collaboration."*

### FIND OUT MORE:

EU SUPPORT FOR YOUTH  
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