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# THE EU AND ARMENIA: 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 the European Union's cooperation with its Eastern Partners. Together with Armenia, 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 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 **2,486 students and academic staff** from Armenia to study or teach in the EU, and 1,255 Europeans to study or teach in Armenia; **55 Master's students** from Armenia have received full Erasmus scholarships.

- **8,329 young Armenians** and youth workers have benefited from Erasmus+ exchange projects, with 136 of these involved in specific activities targeting young people and decision-makers.

**eTwinning Plus: 567 schools from Armenia** are involved in exchanges and professional development for teachers. By 2020, over 7,700 teachers and over 3,000 schools from across the EaP are connected via eTwinning Plus.

**European School in Georgia:** launched in September 2018, a **beacon of excellence** for pupils from the EaP region – including Armenia – 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.

**Enhanced education** – €23 million in EU support for 2019-2023 for the **'STEM' programme**, to improve the quality of science, technology, engineering and maths education.



### 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. Armenia is taking part in **six large EU4Youth grant projects** launched in 2017-2019 to support employability and entrepreneurship among disadvantaged youth, and 53 Armenian organisations participate in EU4Youth capacity building small grants projects.

**Vocational Education and Training:** €15.2 million in EU support for 5-year programme (2017-2021) for Employment and Vocational Education and Training in Armenia – **'Better Qualifications for Better Jobs'** – to improve efficiency of labour market and the employability of the workforce.

**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 **Armenia 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 – **11 fellows from Armenia** 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 Armenia**.

**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 Armenia will reach out to at least 50 disadvantaged youth in their communities.

# YOUNG VOICES FROM ARMENIA

## EaP CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW



**SUREN GALSTYAN**  
EaP Civil Society Fellow

*"The Fellowship has provided a unique platform for emerging young leaders to enhance their leadership skills and implement positive changes in their communities."*

## EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER



**VREZH MATSHKALYAN**  
European Voluntary Service,  
working in Szeged, Hungary

*"This is when and where I discovered my better self. EVS breaks all boundaries: if someone ever asked me: 'What is unity?' I would say: 'You can find it on EVS projects.'"*

## EU4YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY & STABILITY



**AREVSHAT GARIBYAN**  
EU4Youth project beneficiary

*"The EU4Youth course in Life Skills taught me how to do business and provided me with the funds to purchase equipment for the manufacture of dried fruits. It made my dream come true."*

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**ALLA SOGHOMONYAN**  
EU4Youth project beneficiary

*"I never knew a project could have this huge influence on my life. My life has changed, I've changed my way of thinking and acting, and I believe my business will grow and become successful."*

## YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



**NENSI MKRTCHYAN**  
Young European Ambassador

*"The YEA network is a life-changing experience in every way. But the best is that I discovered my potential and enlarged my horizons to a strong network of young people across Europe."*

## EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



**GAYANE GHAZARYAN**  
Eastern Partnership School pupil

*"The school gave me the chance to discover new cultures, new people, new interests, a new me! It contributed to my personal growth and I became more involved in civic engagement activities."*

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