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THE EU AND GEORGIA: 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 Georgia, 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 **4,757 students and academic staff** from Georgia to study or teach in the EU, and 2,724 Europeans to study or teach in Georgia; **108 Master's students** from Georgia have received full Erasmus scholarships.

- **11,391 young Georgians** and youth workers have benefited from Erasmus+ exchange projects, with 171 of these involved in specific activities targeting young people and decision-makers.

eTwinning Plus: 900 schools from Georgia 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 Georgia – 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.



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. **Georgia is taking part in six EU4Youth grant projects** launched in 2017-2019 to support employability and entrepreneurship among **disadvantaged youth**, and 80 organisations from Georgia participate in EU4Youth capacity building small grants projects.

Vocational Education and Training: €48.85 million in EU budget support for 2018-2022 to foster 'Skills Development for Matching Labour Market Needs'.

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 **Georgia 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 – **14 fellows from Georgia** 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 Georgia**.

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

YOUNG VOICES FROM GEORGIA

EU4YOUTH SAY YES



DAVIT BADZAGUA

EU4Youth project beneficiary

"The knowledge and experience gained will never fade away. In my case the skills and experience I received played a huge role in my employment."

EaP CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW



KHATIA ANTIA

Civil Society Fellow

"This is a unique opportunity to advance your leadership and other skills. As a health professional, I was able to return the experience gained to my community for their better health and well-being."

EU4YOUTH SAY YES



TAMAR KHELADZE

EU4Youth project beneficiary

"After being a leader of a SKYE club for one year, I got a job at a local NGO as a business development officer. At the same time, I continued to support local youth planning and implement community projects."

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



MARIAM KEBADZE

Eastern Partnership School pupil

"I never thought of studying abroad, but the EU gave me an opportunity which opened the doors of the best universities in the world. I became a member of a family of diversity, tolerance, cultural uniqueness."

YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR

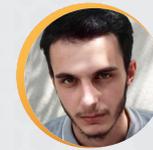


NIKA GURINI

Young European Ambassador

"The Eastern Partnership is a great opportunity for Georgia and its citizens. As a Young European Ambassador, the EU gave me knowledge and experience to create something new in my country."

ERASMUS+



DAVID KIRIA

Erasmus+ training participant

"I think that youth has the power to change the world for good and Erasmus+ offers all the tools to make it happen."

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