



THE EU AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: 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 the Republic of Moldova, 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 **1,842 students and academic staff** from the Republic of Moldova to study or teach in the EU, and 985 Europeans to study or teach in Moldova; **29 Master's students from the Republic of Moldova** have received full Erasmus scholarships.
- From 2015-19 more than **4,331 young people** and youth workers from Moldova have taken part in Erasmus+ exchanges, youth policy dialogue and volunteering activities, with 130 of these involved in specific activities targeting young people and decision-makers.

eTwinning Plus: 341 schools from the Republic of Moldova 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 Moldova – 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. **Moldova is taking part in three EU4Youth grant projects** launched in 2017-2019 to support employability and entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship, among **disadvantaged youth**, and 40 Moldovan organisations participate in EU4Youth capacity building small grants projects.

Vocational Education and Training: The EU provided €30 million in support for 2014-17 to reform the VET sector in the Republic of Moldova, including support for the creation of 11 centres of excellence, development of new curricula in line with labour market demands and training for teachers.

Moldova 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 assessment of policies supporting young people in their transition to work, to identify priority areas for action and to support national youth strategies – read the **Moldova 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 the Republic of Moldova** 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 the Republic of Moldova**.

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 the Republic of Moldova will reach out to at least 50 disadvantaged youth in their communities.

YOUNG VOICES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

EaP CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP



VICTORIA ISAAC
Civil Society Fellow

"The Fellowship is one of the greatest moments of my career. It gave me the opportunity to bring change to my community and made me part of a greater family with great mentors and colleagues."

EU4YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING



DANIEL FRUMUSACHI
EU4Youth project beneficiary

"This project taught me to have courage and not to be afraid of failure. After participating in entrepreneurship course I tried to start my businesses. After two failures, the third was a success."

YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



ION BULGAC
Young European Ambassador

"For me, being a Young European Ambassador is a unique experience, because here I grew a lot as a personality, and at the same time I have always had the feeling that I am offering something to others."

EU4YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING



MARIANA TURCAN
EU4Youth project beneficiary

"What I have most appreciated about this project and experience are the new knowledge of the innovative tool that we learned about and are excited to share with youth workers in Moldova, and the diversity and openness of participants."

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



NINA JACOBSON
European Solidarity Corps participant, took part in a long-term volunteering activity in Italy

"It was so awesome to finally meet Me! I met myself due to ESC!"

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



CONSTANTIN ARHIP
Eastern Partnership School pupil

"The school game me a unique chance to grow due to academic rigour and extracurricular engagement. I discovered my passion to have a positive impact around me, in the society I live in, and the entire world."

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