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EU4YOUTH PROGRAMME NEWSLETTER

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APPLY FOR A GRANT:

THE CALL FOR EU4YOUTH GRANT PROPOSALS IS NOW OPEN



The EU4Youth programme has launched a call for proposals. The grants on offer are for actions that focus on disadvantaged youth, and are aimed at fostering young people's digital capacities, developing skills for the green transition, and improving entrepreneurial and career management skills.

THE CALL IS DIVIDED INTO TWO LOTS:

Upskilling the **digital competencies of disadvantaged youth**, the promotion of **entrepreneurship** and support for related networks and partnerships. Proposals should be for between EUR 250 000 and EUR 300 000.

Development of youth **social entrepreneurship** and **career management** skills, with a focus on the **green** and **digital** economies, and support for related networks and partnerships. Proposals should be for between EUR 800 000 and EUR 1 000 000.

Projects should be submitted by a **groups of entities (a minimum of three and a maximum of six)**: one lead applicant and a minimum of two co-applicants, from at least two Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries (for example, a Georgian lead applicant, an Armenian co-applicant and an EU co-applicant; or a Ukrainian lead applicant, an Azerbaijani co-applicant and a Ukrainian co-applicant).



Any proposed action should take place in at least two EaP countries.

The deadline for applications is **14 June**.

[Read the full details of the call and access the Guidelines for Applicants](#)

STORIES FROM EU4YOUTH GRANT PROJECTS

EU4Youth making a sustainable impact in the Republic of Moldova by helping to unlock state subsidies for social entrepreneurs. [Read more about the story here](#)



Samvel is a young social entrepreneur from Armenia, who started out producing honey in his home village and is now about to sell his products in two shops in Dubai. [Read about his story here](#)



[Read more recent EU4Youth stories](#)



Over the years, EU4Youth has helped young people in Ukraine to develop their careers, find new sources of income and build their confidence so they can better contribute to their communities. Our hope is for these initiatives to continue to grow and flourish, but not to perish in the rubble of the war, an act of unprecedented aggression that has been directed against them.

With the massive wave of refugees seeking safety and protection inside and outside Ukraine, it is hard to comprehend the enormous contribution that will be needed to help rebuild everything as fast as possible – both on an individual and societal level.

But young people in Ukraine are resilient, brave and committed to rebuilding; our work continues, with them and with you. During these difficult times, EU4Youth stands by young people in Ukraine by providing shelter and first-aid goods to refugees, sharing skills, knowledge and experience which are now needed.

EU4YOUTH PROJECTS AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE AID FOR UKRAINE



BENEFICIARIES OF EU4YOUTH PROJECTS IN MOLDOVA STAND BY THE REFUGEES

Igor Hîncu is a young social entrepreneur. Ten years ago, he founded the social enterprise EduJoc – Educational Toys. When the fighting started, they decided to give refugee children a good memory from the war. [Find out more about their story](#)

The social enterprise Credem Eco delivers hot lunches and dinners to the refugees in Bălți. [Find out more about their story](#)

Both social enterprises participated in the activities organised by the [EU4Youth – Unlocking the potential of young social entrepreneurs in Moldova and Ukraine project](#)



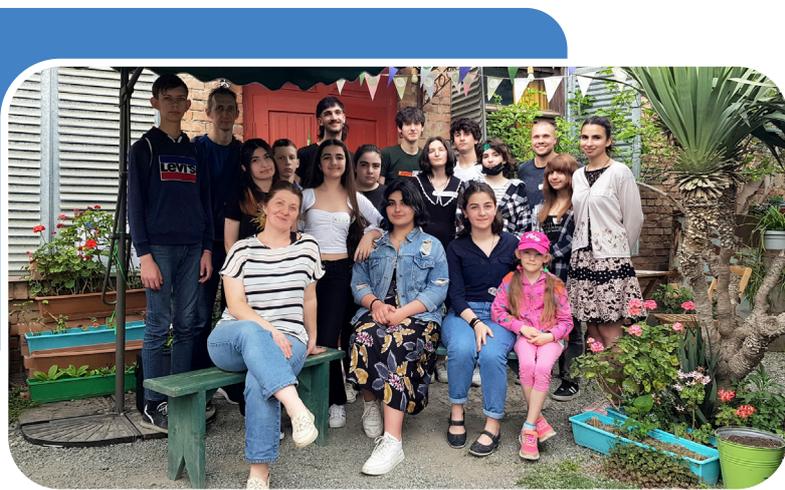
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS AND PARTICIPANTS OF EU4YOUTH PROJECTS ARE SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN GEORGIA

Beneficiaries of the [EU4Youth - Social Entrepreneurship in Armenia and Georgia \(SEAG\)](#) project in Georgia organised food and provisions for refugee families.

The Knowledge Café enterprise **initiated the collection** of formula, baby food, soothers, baby bottles, diapers, vitamin D and other essentials. The enterprise also **delivered food** to about 30 Ukrainian families.



Additionally, the Knowledge Café opened an **English Language Club** for Ukrainian young people and children. Alongside volunteer teachers, there is an English–Russian–Georgian translator who facilitates communications between Ukrainian and Georgian children. In addition to language learning, the English Language Club is one of the most important social centres and information-sharing hubs for Ukrainian/Georgian youth.



The social enterprise Kodala, which produces wooden toys, **organised master classes for children**. The young participants were able to create ecologically clean wooden toys independently. The process of working with wood is a good tool for occupational therapy, and it is often used in stressful situations.



EU4YOUTH PROJECT IS SHARING EXPERIENCE WITH UKRAINIAN COLLEAGUES



The [EU4Youth - Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development \(SEED\) for Green Growth in Borderline Regions project](#) organised and held a Social Entrepreneurship to Tackle Post-War Crises webinar to declare solidarity with the Ukrainian nation, especially social entrepreneurs and people interested in becoming social entrepreneurs.

Within the scope of the webinar, four social entrepreneurs from Gori Municipality were invited to talk about their enterprises and the **lessons they have learnt**; and to express their solidarity with their Ukrainian peers caught up in and suffering from the ongoing war.

The webinar was streamed via Facebook and Zoom – more than 30 people attended the webinar and over 800 people watched on [Facebook Live](#). The meeting was translated into Ukrainian and will be shared with social enterprises based in Ukraine, as well as with Social Entrepreneurs Alliance Ukraine.

[Read more about the webinar](#)

EU4YOUTH STRATEGIC PARTNERS PROVIDE A RESILIENT RESPONSE TO THE WAR

EAP CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY LAUNCHED A CALL TO SUPPORT CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE EaP REGION

The **2022 Solidarity Fellowships** will support civil society activists and civic-minded women and men who demonstrate a deep commitment to leading a civil response to the war in Ukraine (as part of the emergency support under [#StandWithUkraine](#)). The Solidarity Fellowships are specifically designed for civil society activists from **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia** and **Moldova** who would like to work on addressing the consequences of the war in Ukraine.

[Find out more](#)

The call is open now, there is **no specific deadline**; applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The first round of assessments of the applications will be made in the last week of May.



SALTO EASTERN EUROPE AND CAUCASUS RESOURCE CENTRE ORGANISED TWO ONLINE COURSES AS A RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN THE EU

[Discover Ukraine!](#) is an introductory course for people who want to get to know Ukraine and its culture, history, geography, language, cuisine, wildlife and tourist attractions. It will help anybody cooperating with Ukrainians to better understand their culture.

The [European Solidarity Corps for Young Refugees](#) provides a competency building course about the opportunities they provide for young refugees, migrants and asylum seekers. It will be of interest to anyone working with these target groups, as well as to the refugees themselves.

EU-COUNCIL OF EUROPE CREATED ONLINE SPACES ABOUT YOUNG UKRAINIANS AFFECTED BY THE WAR

How is the youth sector in Ukraine affected by the war? How are young people dealing with the ongoing conflict? How are young people in Moldova organising and delivering support to the refugees that have come to their country from Ukraine?

Listen to the [Under 30' special episode](#) with guests Mariana Turcan and Vasyl Shatruck from the [EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership](#), and read more about the [situation of young people in Ukraine](#) before and after 24 February.

EAP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM DEVELOPED RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE

[The recommendations](#) contain concrete action points that should be addressed urgently by EU institutions, EU member states and Ukrainian authorities.



Learn more about what the EU is doing to support Ukraine and its people in these difficult days at euneighbourseast.eu/standwithukraine/





EAP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM YOUTH CONFERENCE (11-12 July)

Join the 4th EaP Youth Conference **"Youth for Revitalisation of Democracy"** on 11-12 July in Prague. By participating in the event, you will discover methods and tools to improve inclusive and meaningful youth participation in democratic processes and build more peaceful and resilient communities.

Call for participants is now open.

[Find out more about the event and apply by 29 May](#)