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# THE EU AND GEORGIA: A PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH



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

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 €340 million of support to youth.



### EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MOBILITY

**Erasmus+:** €120 million for the EaP region for 2017–2020, 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
- Internships
- European Solidarity Corps
- Youth exchanges

- From 2015–2017, EU funding enabled 2,504 students and academic staff from Georgia to study or teach in the EU, and 1,274 Europeans to study or teach in Georgia; 49 Master's students from Georgia have received full Erasmus scholarships.

**eTwinning Plus:** 422 schools from Georgia are involved in exchanges and professional development for teachers. By 2020, over 3,000 projects, 2,600 teachers and 1,000 schools from across the Eastern Partnership will be connected via eTwinning Plus

**EaP European School:** in Tbilisi from September 2018 – a beacon of excellence for pupils from the EaP region – including Georgia – who will receive an internationally recognised degree.

**Vocational Education and Training (VET):** 'Skills Development for Matching Labour Market Needs' – €48.85 million EU budget support programme (2018–2022).



### EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**EU4Youth:** €20 million for the EaP region to foster entrepreneurial potential and develop labour market skills, including through establishment of business incubators and innovation clusters, mentoring schemes focused on entrepreneurship and non-formal catch-up programmes for early school leavers. **Georgia is taking part in four EU4Youth grant projects** launched in 2018 to support skills for jobs among disadvantaged youth, as well as 27 capacity building projects.

**European Training Foundation: 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

**Eastern Partnership Youth Forum:** biannual event to deepen dialogue and cooperation – following the 2017 Forum, funding allocated for the creation of youth engagement roadmaps. **2019 Forum** in Vilnius on 18–19 June.

**Civil Society Fellowship Programme:** supporting young civil society leaders from Eastern partner countries in developing leadership and skills – **two new civil society fellows from Georgia** selected in 2018 call.

**Young European Ambassadors:** nearly 500 '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**, aged between 18 and 25.

## YOUNG VOICES FROM GEORGIA

### ERASMUS+ GRADUATE



#### BEKA BERIASHVILI

Studied Marketing Analysis and Strategy in Romania under an Erasmus scholarship.

*"We have a saying, 'Once Erasmus Always Erasmus'. Once you go through it, you become a different person."*

### EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER



#### NINO TURIASHVILI

Worked as a volunteer at a school in Lithuania

*"After nine months in Lithuania I have one more place to call home. I have other volunteers who became my friends and family. My EVS time in Lithuania was one of the best adventures of my life."*

### CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW



#### MARIAM KHUROSHVILI

EaP Civil Society Fellow – 2017

*"The EaP Civil Society Fellowship is an incomparable opportunity to be among 20 leaders from EaP countries and to be guided by experienced supervisors and mentors."*

### EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



#### KETI SIKHARULIDZE

Joined the Eastern Partnership School in September 2018

*"I've already made so many friends from different parts of the world, and I'm so glad about it!"*

### YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



#### NINO GOZALISHVILI

YEA from Georgia

*"I want to inform people about the vast opportunities in the EU and let them know that taking advantage of those opportunities is not a distant goal, but can be done here and now."*

### eTWINNING TEACHER



#### NINO BUNTURI

Teacher, taking part with her pupils in the eTwinning plus project

*"For my students, it's a chance to improve their collaborative skills, improve their English, and be part of the rest of Europe... Year by year the number of teachers taking part in eTwinning is increasing."*

### FIND OUT MORE:

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