

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PARTNER COUNTRIES



EU support for young people's employment opportunities and active citizenship in the Eastern partner countries



EU4Youth programme fosters active participation of young people in society and supports their employability by developing youth leadership and entrepreneurship.

EU4Youth projects share the common purpose of strengthening societal resilience and stability. Recent three parallel events (**global spread of COVID-19, a post-election crisis in Belarus, war in Nagorno-Karabakh**) continue exacerbated the region's instability and cause serious disruptions to the Eastern partner countries, and to the implementation of EU4Youth projects.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MOBILITY

- ✓ Erasmus +
 - **16 000+** students and researchers could study or teach in European higher education institutes
 - **32 000+** young people and youth workers took part in non-formal learning opportunities
- ✓ **European School** based in Georgia: since 2018
- ✓ **Support on bilateral level:** reforms towards quality and inclusive education, training and lifelong learning
- ✓ **EU4Youth Alumni Network:** **70** alumni reached **1,110** young beneficiaries through **50** initiatives.
- ✓ **Young European Ambassadors:** **450** YEAs in the network

EAP YOUTH DIALOGUE PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

- ✓ **EU4Youth country roundtables** (with inputs on EU Youth Dialogue provided by DG EAC)
- ✓ **Draft Concept** on EaP Youth Dialogue available
- ✓ **National Policy Labs** in all EaP countries held
- ✓ **Awareness raising / capacity building** trainings on youth engagement in cooperation with National Youth Councils
- ✓ **Youth Survey** conducted in all EaP partner countries



NEW DEAL FOR YOUTH

Proposal under Joint Communication on Future of EaP (March 2020)
+ Joint Staff Working Document (July 2021)

ECONOMIC DIMENSION

- ✓ Bridging education - labour market gap
- ✓ Support for youth employment and employability, skills development for the green and digital transitions
- ✓ Youth entrepreneurship
- ✓ Active Labour Market Measures (Youth employment partnerships)

YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Youth engagement in policymaking - one of the priorities - explicit reference to EU Youth Dialogue
- ✓ EaP Youth Forum event
- ✓ Erasmus+ formal and non-formal education opportunities (including European Solidarity Corps) for 50,000 youth
- ✓ Consolidation of existing networks of Erasmus+, EU4Youth alumni and YEAs
- ✓ Award at least 200 civil society fellowships to strengthen civic activists' capacity

EAP YOUTH DIALOGUE - UPCOMING PLANS

- ✓ EU4Youth phase IV - "Youth Engagement and Empowerment" (NDICI-GE 2021, adoption by year-end)
- ✓ Regional 'Team Europe' initiative on Youth in the Eastern Partnership - as per draft Multi-annual Indicative Programme

