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THE EU AND BELARUS: A PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH



A NEW YOUTH AND EDUCATION PACKAGE TO DELIVER CHANGE BY 2020

Improving prospects for youth is at the heart of the European Union's cooperation with its Eastern Partners. Together with Belarus, 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 1,000 students and academic staff from Belarus to study or teach in the EU, and 420 Europeans to study or teach in Belarus; 12 Master's students from Belarus have received full Erasmus scholarships.

- Belarusian youth organisations and almost 2,300 young people from Belarus have been actively involved in the Erasmus+ youth exchange and volunteering programme.

European Humanities University: €7 million in EU support for students from Belarus since 2011.

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

Vocational Education and Training (VET): €11.5 million in EU support for 5-year programme for Employment and Vocation Education and Training in Belarus to ensure greater synergy between VET and labour market demands, improving skills and job prospects for young people.



PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

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. Belarus is taking part in 3 EU4Youth grant projects launched in 2018 to support jobs and entrepreneurship among disadvantaged youth, as well as 8 capacity building projects.

Professional Mobility: MOST mobility scheme offers short-term exchanges for professionals in Belarus – about 300 Belarusians interested in creating their own business or facilitating SME development have taken part in short entrepreneurship and innovation events in the EU.

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 **Belarus report**.



EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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 – three new civil society fellows from Belarus 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 Belarus**, aged between 18 and 26.

YOUNG VOICES FROM BELARUS

CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW



LIUDMILA BATURA
EaP Civil Society Fellow

"Participation in this Fellowship scheme is an excellent opportunity for me to boost my management and leadership skills, to meet new people from the six countries, exchange experiences and establish new partnerships."

EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER



OLEG SHULGA
European Voluntary Service, working with CHANCE international in Berlin

"After one year working as a volunteer in Germany, I found myself, I realised that what I want to do in my life is to be a trainer in non-formal education. Not only did I collect the best memories, but set a new course for my entire life."

MISS WHEELCHAIR WORLD



ALEXANDRA CHICHIKOVA
received funding under the MOST project to take part in the Miss Wheelchair World contest in Warsaw

"This is not a beauty contest, as we usually think. It is an opportunity to break down stereotypes about girls in wheelchairs. With MOST, I felt that I wasn't alone and that people around me wanted to help."

ERASMUS GRADUATE



TAMARA SAKOLCHIK
spent a year in Bilbao studying international law on an Erasmus exchange

"I can say without exaggeration that participation in the programme opened the world to me. I realised that anyone who sincerely desires to get a high-quality and prestigious education abroad can make this dream come true."

YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



ALESIA PETROVETS
YEA from Belarus

"The Young European Ambassadors bring the value of diversity to their local communities; it's an opportunity to find new perspectives, to see things and broaden your mindset."

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



EVA HAISHUN
joined the Eastern Partnership School in September 2018

"I applied to this programme to get quality education and international experience and meet many interesting people from different countries."

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