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THE EU AND AZERBAIJAN: 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 Azerbaijan, 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 has enabled 876 students and academic staff from Azerbaijan to study or teach in the EU, and 451 Europeans to study or teach in Azerbaijan; 17 Master's students from Azerbaijan have received full Erasmus scholarships.

eTwinning Plus: 325 schools from Azerbaijan 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 Azerbaijan – who will receive an internationally recognised degree.

Vocational Education and Training (VET): extensive EU support through Education for Employment programme (€13.5 million, 2018-2022), Education support programme (€19 million, 2015-2019), as well as Support for VET in Azerbaijan, and Modernising VET Centres.



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. Azerbaijan is taking part in 6 EU4Youth 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.



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 Azerbaijan 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 Azerbaijan, aged between 17 and 26.

EuroSchool: third year of summer school held in August 2018, supported by 'EU NEIGHBOURS east' project – 15 students from across the country took part in activities to raise understanding about the EU and its cooperation with Azerbaijan, as well as youth opportunities under EU programmes.

YOUNG VOICES FROM AZERBAIJAN

CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW



LAMIYA RZAYEVA

EaP Civil Society Fellow

"I believe my project will help us to strengthen the role of media in lobbying for better social services, social programmes and prevention of social problems."

ERASMUS+ GRADUATE



IRANA ALIMOVA

Spent a year in Portugal studying chemical engineering on an Erasmus exchange

"This was not just a year in a new place; this year completely changed me. I learned to communicate better with people and to be more relaxed about life in general."

ERASMUS+ YOUTH TRAINEE



SARA RAJABLI

Took part in the 'Young European Social Entrepreneurs network', an Erasmus+ training course

"Thanks to such projects and people, I realised that, with the right approach to problems, a passion for ideas, and hard work, nothing is impossible!"

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



ULVI GITALIYEV

Joined the Eastern Partnership School in September

"This new school will give us the skills to go back to our countries and improve civic participation and civic life, and give our community the help it needs."

EUROSCHOOL GRADUATE



RANA BAYRAMOVA

EuroSchool participant

"After attending this summer school I am full of motivation. I used to think our chances of getting a scholarship to study in Europe were very low. But now I realise there is always a chance and I should try."

YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



SHAHIN HUSEYNZADE

Young European Ambassador

"Being a Young European Ambassador gives me the zeal and enthusiasm to make a change in our society and bring the best values from Europe to my beloved country."

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