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# THE EU AND ARMENIA: 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 Armenia, 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 1,323 students and academic staff from Armenia to study or teach in the EU, and 578 Europeans to study or teach in Armenia; 25 Master's students from Armenia have received full Erasmus scholarships.

- 1,443 young Armenians and youth organisations have benefited from Erasmus+ exchange projects and 123 have been involved in the specific activities targeting young people and decision-makers.

- From drone technology, to modernisation of libraries - **discover some of the Erasmus+ projects active in Armenia.**

**eTwinning Plus:** 246 schools from Armenia 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 EaP 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 Armenia – who will receive an internationally recognised degree.

**Vocational Education and Training (VET):** €15.2 million in EU support for 3-year programme for Employment and Vocation Education and Training in Armenia – 'Better Qualifications for Better Jobs' – to improve the efficiency of labour market and the employability of its workforce.

**Enhanced education: €23 million 'STEM' programme** to improve the quality of science, technology, engineering and maths education.



### 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. Armenia is taking part in **four EU4Youth grant projects** launched in 2018 to support employability and entrepreneurship among disadvantaged youth, as well as 18 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 – 2017 Forum allocated funding 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 Armenia** 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 Armenia**, aged between 18 and 27.

**Euroclubs** aim to promote and develop European values among young people. **A network of Euroclubs in the Armenian Marzes** (regions) informs and educates young people about EU and EU-Armenia issues, helping to establish partnerships with European youth NGOs, to apply for EU resources, and supporting young people's aspirations for stronger ties with the EU.

# YOUNG VOICES FROM ARMENIA

## CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW



**SAMVEL GRIGORYAN**

EaP Civil Society Fellow

*"The Fellowship is a great chance to learn how to manage projects, a unique opportunity to get practical knowledge and improve my skills and professional capacity."*

## EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER



**VREZH MATSHKALYAN**

European Voluntary Service, working in Szeged, Hungary

*"One of the most exciting parts of volunteering was the teamwork! Wooow! Working in a group of enthusiastic, motivated and inspiring people is the best thing I could ever have."*

## ERASMUS GRADUATE



**SATENIK KHACHATRYAN**

Studied education and childcare in Norway, Ireland, Malta and Sweden with Erasmus+

*"Children and parents from these rural communities think they can't study abroad. And I tell them how sending an application from the village post office took me to four different European countries."*

## ERASMUS YOUTH WORKER



**VAHAN KOSTANYAN**

Erasmus+ beneficiary

*"Being one out of the nine million beneficiaries of Erasmus+ seems like a drop in the ocean, but the feeling of starting as a participant and eventually organising your own projects is simply amazing."*

## YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



**ANI KHACHATRYAN**

Young European Ambassador from Armenia

*"This project not only gives me professional experience, but also the opportunity to make friends. This is one of my biggest achievements. I can put my finger on any European country on the map and say that I have friends there."*

## EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



**YANA DANIELYAN**

Joined the Eastern Partnership School in September 2018

*"I thought 'Wow, maybe it's too good to be true!' The EU is funding it, but when I came here I realised that whatever I dreamed about, it was true."*

### FIND OUT MORE:

EU SUPPORT FOR YOUTH  
[www.euneighbours.eu/en/east/eu-in-action/youth](http://www.euneighbours.eu/en/east/eu-in-action/youth)

ERASMUS+  
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