



## EU SUPPORTS DIGITAL ECONOMIES AND SOCIETIES IN EASTERN PARTNER COUNTRIES

Completing the internal digital market within the EU is a key priority. Linking it up with neighbouring countries will be to the benefit of all citizens across the region. The EU supports Eastern Partnership countries on reducing roaming tariffs, addressing the cyber security threat in a coordinated way, and exploiting the potential that the Digital Single Market presents to business and citizens to increase job opportunities in the region.

### ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS THE REGION



Improved high-speed digital connections among the six partner countries supporting digital research and education.

*Providing up to two million local scientists, students and academics at over 700 institutions with access to global research.*

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#### EXAMPLES FROM THE COUNTRIES

##### BELARUS

Installing automated video-control system and X-ray scanner at the Novaya Huta – Novi Yarylovychi border crossing, with real-time data exchange with Ukraine through «PRINEX» pre-arrival information exchange.

##### UKRAINE

Applying e-governance solutions for local authorities and developing interoperability of administrative services. Increased cyber resilience, notably before the elections.

##### REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

developing a new public system for electronic procurement (IT system M-tender) in line with EU public procurement directives and implementing a video-control system at selected road border crossing points. Sustainable joint blue border surveillance. Increased cyber resilience, notably before the elections.

##### ARMENIA

Development of e-Tax return, e-Civil registry, e-ID, e-Police, e-Notary, e-Penitentiary, e-Citizen and electronic document management systems for the government, e-business registry, e-Apostille, e-draft legal acts, e-request, Governmental Interoperability Platform (GIP) and Single Electronic Window (SEW) for the border crossings.

##### GEORGIA

New law on electronic trust services, moving towards a new National Broadband Strategy in line with EU best practices, use of Electronic Health Record.

##### AZERBAIJAN

Developing e-services for the government with a focus on e-Commerce.

## COMING NEXT

### BETTER DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT



- Reducing **roaming tariffs** among the six partner countries → Regional Roaming Agreement by 2020
- More support to **innovation and start-ups**
- More support for **information technology & research**
- Developing **digital skills** for SMEs and businesses

### PROVIDING THE RIGHT POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR E-SERVICES



- More **secure online identity** for citizens with new eSignature
- **High-speed broadband** development to boost economies and help develop e-services for businesses and citizens → roll-out of broadband strategies in the six EaP countries
- **Cyber security** → support cyber-resilience of the EaP countries

### ATTRACTING PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENTS



- De-risking **investments in digital infrastructure** under the External Investment Plan → New portfolio of projects to strengthen the digital economy
- More loans from International Financial Institutions for **broadband investments** through the Neighbourhood Investment Platform with the support of EU grants

### DEVELOPING E-SERVICES FOR CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES



- **e-Trade, e-Customs, e-Commerce, e-Logistics** → piloted
- **e-Democracy** applications for governments
- **e-Health**

## KEY PROGRAMMES

- Ongoing **EaP Connect** programme (€13 million) interconnecting Research and Education communities across the region and with their European counterparts via a high-capacity broadband internet network.
- New **EU4DIGITAL** programme (€12 million) focusing on harmonisation of roaming, promoting high-speed broadband internet to boost economies and expand e-services, and creating more jobs in the digital industry.
- Upcoming EU programme on **CYBER** (€7 million) to strengthen cyber security in the partner countries and increase trust in the use of digital services for the benefit of citizens and businesses.