



EU cooperation with the Eastern Neighbourhood

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European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)

- **What is it?**
 - Policy launched in **2004**
 - **For whom?:** 16 countries (10 in the South, 6 in the East without Russia)
 - **Aim:** prosperity, stability, security and good neighbourhood, avoid new dividing lines in Europe
 - ENP **review** ongoing

Eastern Partnership

What is it? Eastern dimension of the ENP

- Joint policy launched in **2009** to bring Eastern neighbours closer to the EU. Based on: common interests and shared values
- **For whom?** 6 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
- **Main goals - EaP is about:**
 - closer relations → political association
 - more trade, business, jobs → economic integration
 - people → mobility, contacts between people, civil society
 - reforms → sector cooperation

How is it financed?

- **European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) - Key financial instrument for ENP and EaP**
- **Where:** 16 ENP countries (no more bilateral cooperation with Russia)
- **Budget:** EUR **15.4 billion** for **2014-2020** (total figure)
- **For whom:** mainly partner governments and civil society organisations.
- Final beneficiaries => **citizens** of partner countries !

ENI assistance: How it works?

ENI assistance is provided for **3 types of cooperation**:

- **Bilateral cooperation programmes**

- ☐ **Largest** part of ENI funds
- ☐ **Focused on 3 priority sectors** + complementary support for implementation of agreements and civil society
- ☐ **Differentiation**: Tailor-made for each country according to needs, situation, ambition, progress

- **Regional cooperation**

- ☐ Initiatives demanding regional approach, challenges across borders, e.g. transport, energy, environment

- **Cross border Cooperation**

ENI East - Priority sectors

Georgia

- Public admin reform
- Justice reform
- Agriculture and rural development

Moldova

- Public admin reform
- Police and border management
- Agriculture and rural development

Ukraine

- War ☹️
- No multi-annual programming yet

Armenia

- Public admin reform
- Justice reform
- Private sector

Azerbaijan

- Education
- Justice reform
- Regional and rural development

Belarus

- Social inclusion
- Environment
- Local and regional development

+ **complementary support:** to support implementation of agreements and civil society

Thank you for your attention!

For more information :

- **DG NEAR website** (Eastern Partnership and country pages): ec.europa.eu/enlargement/neighbourhood/eastern-partnership/index_en.htm
- **EU Neighbourhood Info Centre:** www.enpi-info.eu

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