

# EaP | Eastern Partnership



## STRONGER WOMEN — STRONGER GEORGIA

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For sixty years, the European Union has worked tirelessly to defend women's rights and to empower them to realise their full potential. Gender equality is at the heart of the EU's Eastern Partnership initiative. It is vital to the individual lives of women as well as men, and essential for long-term democratic development. In its cooperation with Georgia, the EU is driving real change by strengthening women in business, providing opportunities for quality education and promoting a fair society.

### WHAT IS BEING DONE

- **GENDER ACTION PLANS**  
*Taking account of gender issues across public policies, and generating statistics based on gender*
- **NEW AND IMPROVED LEGISLATION**  
*Adopting and applying anti-discrimination and domestic violence laws*
- **MORE WOMEN IN BUSINESS**  
*Making loans via local banks available for women-led enterprises*
- **NEW STUDY AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**  
*Offering a wide range of exchange programmes across Europe with Erasmus+*
- **YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS**  
*Enhancing the active participation of young women through the EU4Youth programme*

### WOMEN IN BUSINESS

The EU supports women entrepreneurs in Georgia through the **Women in Business** programme, which is implemented by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Support provided by the programme includes **business advice, training and mentoring** to women-led companies.

With help from Women in Business, the women-owned **23rd Policlinic of Treatment & Diagnostic Centre** in Tbilisi has received ISO certification, added an emergency department, conducted rebranding, purchased new medical equipment and increased the volume of operations it carries out. Following the project, the company's management signed contracts with three insurance companies for providing medical services for their clients.

Find out how you can take part:  
[www.ebrdwomeninbusiness.com](http://www.ebrdwomeninbusiness.com)

«Despite my young age and despite the fact that I am a girl I can stand tall and represent the niche market that is Georgian wine.»

**Baia Abuladze** has received support in marketing her wines from the EU4Business East Invest project.



Women entrepreneurs in Georgia also have access to a range of other funding and advisory services provided under the EU4Business initiative.

Find out more:  
[www.eu4business.eu/georgia](http://www.eu4business.eu/georgia)

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Through its **Erasmus+** programme, the EU offers young women and men in Georgia a huge range of exchange opportunities across Europe.



*«Studying in Denmark was a life-changing experience: it made me want to become a school teacher back home.»*

**Tinatin Nakashidze** studied in Copenhagen for one semester as part of an Erasmus+ exchange.

- **Georgia** was provided with more than **€13 million in funding for student and staff exchanges** under Erasmus+ in 2015-17, with **2,497 students and staff** from Georgia benefiting from exchanges to EU universities.
- The EU has set a **75% target to support young women** under the **EU4Youth** programme that runs until 2020.

### ERASMUS+ OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Scholarships to study in Europe
- Student exchanges
- Youth exchanges
- European Voluntary Service
- Opportunities for youth workers
- Youth involvement in reform dialogue

Find out more:

Erasmus+ website [www.ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus](http://www.ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus)

Erasmus+ national office Georgia [www.erasmusplus.org.ge](http://www.erasmusplus.org.ge)

Erasmus+ youth info centre in Georgia [www.facebook.com/droniorg/](http://www.facebook.com/droniorg/)

EU4Youth [www.euneighbours.eu/en/east/eu-in-action/projects/eu4youth](http://www.euneighbours.eu/en/east/eu-in-action/projects/eu4youth)

## A FAIR SOCIETY

An EU-funded project – **Unite to eliminate domestic violence and empower women and girls for a better future in Georgia** – is combatting domestic violence by providing support for victims of violence, as well as campaigning for the prevention of domestic violence and abuse, and empowering women and girls in Georgia to become agents for change. The activities take place mainly in Tbilisi and the regions of Kakheti and Kvemo Kartli.

### AS PART OF THE PROJECT:

- more than **60,000 women** have used free legal counselling services offered with EU support;
- **grants**, as well as **mentoring and support** have been provided **for business initiatives** aimed at empowering women who are victims of domestic violence.



*«I won the court case against my abusive husband and regained my independence. Now, I feel free and even have some income.»*

a **victim of domestic abuse**, who received support from the EU project.

Find out more:

[www.irc.ge](http://www.irc.ge)

