



# THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ARMENIA

## #StrongerTogether



EU and Armenia relations are based on the **EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**, which fully entered into force on 1 March 2021.

Armenia is committed to pursuing a comprehensive reform agenda based on democracy, transparency, and rule of law in particular the **fight against corruption, reforming the judiciary** and enhancing its **accountability to citizens**, and ensuring **equal economic, employment and social opportunities for all**.

The **EU is a key reform partner in Armenia**, providing around **€65 million** of grant money annually for Armenia's ambitious reform agenda.

The **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI)** is the main instrument for the EU's cooperation with external partners, including Armenia, for the period 2021-2027.



Armenia has made significant efforts to reform the justice system by strengthening the integrity and accountability of the judiciary, improving access to modern and quality judicial services, and establishing a specialised Anticorruption Court.



Thanks to EU support, over 13,100 young Armenians have taken part in exchanges, mobility, training, and volunteering projects in the EU in 2020.

The EU is one of Armenia's main trading partners, with an 18.9 % share of its total trade in 2021. Total bilateral trade between the EU and Armenia exceeds €1 billion per year.



## ECONOMIC & INVESTMENT PLAN

The EU supports Armenia with concrete investments to help post-pandemic recovery, improve the lives of Armenian citizens, and foster economic growth and job creation. In the coming years, the EU will invest in the following **flagship projects**:

## INSTITUTIONS

- The EU supports Armenia in the implementation of key reforms on justice, police, the fight against corruption, and anti-discrimination.

## ECONOMY

- In 2020, EU4Business invested close to €100 million of funds. This has benefitted over 7,000 SMEs and created over 1,400 new jobs.



## GREEN

- 7,000 households have received EU support for energy efficiency renovations.



## RECOVERY RESILIENCE REFORM

## SOCIETY

- Over 14,750 students and academic staff exchanges have taken place between Armenia and the EU under Erasmus+ (2014-2020).

## DIGITAL

- The EU-TUMO Convergence Center empowers Armenian youth with top skills relevant for the knowledge economy. It hosts the renowned tuition free computer programming School 42, which was launched in January 2021 with 150 participants, including 50% women.



## COVID-19 RESPONSE

The EU reacted fast and responded to the urgent needs of Armenia and its citizens. As part of Team Europe, the EU mobilised a tailor-made response package of over €96 million, support immediate needs and socio-economic recovery. These funds provided substantial budget support to the government and also targeted social assistance to over 3,000 vulnerable households, access to online education for 350 children, support to over 1,000 Armenian SMEs to develop new digital approaches for their businesses and key medical equipment for patient care in hospitals and COVID analysis in laboratories. Armenia receives vaccines through the COVAX Facility, supported by Team Europe with over €3 billion, and bilaterally from EU Member States. Since 28 October 2021, digital COVID certificates are mutually recognised between the EU and Armenia.



**Sustainable, innovative and competitive economy** – direct support to 30,000 SMEs

**Connectivity and socio-economic development** – the North-South corridor

**Digital transformation, innovation, science and technology**

**Socio-economic resilience in the southern regions and education**  
Notably in the Syunik region

**Green Yerevan** – energy efficiency and green buses

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