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## THE EU AND AZERBAIJAN: A PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH



### A YOUTH AND EDUCATION PACKAGE TO DELIVER CHANGE BY 2020 AND BEYOND

Improving prospects for youth is at the heart of the European Union's cooperation with its Eastern Partners. Together with Azerbaijan, 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 close to **€330 million** of support to youth for 2017-2020.

*Support for youth will remain at the centre of the Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020.*



#### EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MOBILITY

**Erasmus+:** €210 million for the EaP region for 2014–2020, 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
- European Solidarity Corps
- Youth exchanges

- From 2014-2019, EU funding has enabled **1,625 students and academic staff** from Azerbaijan to study or teach in the EU, and **883 Europeans** to study or teach in Azerbaijan; **39 Master's students** from Azerbaijan have received full Erasmus scholarships.

- **3,333 young Azerbaijanis** and youth workers have benefited from Erasmus+ exchange projects, with 54 of these involved in specific activities targeting young people and decision-makers.

**eTwinning Plus:** **664 schools from Azerbaijan** are involved in exchanges and professional development for teachers. By 2020, over 7,700 teachers and over 3,000 schools from across the EaP are connected via eTwinning Plus.

**European School in Georgia:** launched in September 2018, a **beacon of excellence** for pupils from the EaP region – including Azerbaijan – who will receive an internationally recognised degree.

**Education for Employment** – **€43 million** in support to 'Education for Employment' programme (2015-2022), to contribute to the modernisation and quality assurance of the education system.



#### EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**EU4Youth:** €43 million for the EaP region to foster **entrepreneurial potential** and develop **labour market skills**, through the establishment of business incubators and innovation clusters, mentoring schemes focused on entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship, and non-formal catch-up programmes for early school leavers. **22 Azerbaijani organisations** participate in EU4Youth capacity building small grants projects.

**European Training Foundation:** supporting cooperation by **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

The 4th **Eastern Partnership Youth Forum** of June 2019 discussed 'Critical thinking through media literacy and active participation'.

**EaP Civil Society Fellowship Programme:** supporting young civil society leaders from Eastern partner countries in developing leadership and skills – **6 fellows from Azerbaijan** were selected in 2017-2020.

**EU4Youth Civil Society Fellowships for Youth:** supporting youth organisations and about 460 fellows in becoming active participants in policy-development.

**Young European Ambassadors:** **nearly 700** 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 **102 YEAs from Azerbaijan**.

**EuroSchool:** fourth year of summer school held in August 2019, supported by the 'EU NEIGHBOURS east' project – 15 students from across the country took part in activities to raise understanding about the EU and its cooperation with Azerbaijan, as well as youth opportunities under EU programmes.

## YOUNG VOICES FROM AZERBAIJAN

### EaP CIVIL SOCIETY FELLOW

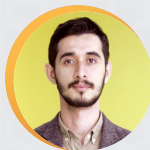


**LAMIYA RZAYEVA**

EaP Civil Society Fellow

*"I believe my project will help us to strengthen the role of media in lobbying for better social services, social programmes and prevention of social problems."*

### EU4YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING



**ZAUR UNSIZADA**

EU4Youth project beneficiary

*"This programme really changed my perspective on social entrepreneurship by emphasising the importance of impactful activities. I would highly recommend this programme to those who believe in a change and world transformation."*

### ERASMUS+



**HIKMAT MURSALZADE**

Participant, team leader, facilitator at Erasmus+ Youth projects

*"After taking part in so many projects, I feel much more hopeful to make my homeland better than I found it. In this regard, Erasmus+ unites us in hope!"*

### EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



**ÜLVI GITALIYEV**

Eastern Partnership School pupil

*"When I graduate, I will know that my two years at the school have given me the key to all the doors of education and employment that our continent has to offer, knowing that the same door will be opened by many others after me."*

### EU4YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING



**FIDAN RUSTAMOVA**

EU4Youth project beneficiary

*"It was really refreshing to learn about social entrepreneurship: from its origins to applications in today's business environment. We also got the chance to meet people from different backgrounds and share experiences."*

### YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



**TURKAN MAMMADLI**

Young European Ambassador

*"Being selected as a Young European Ambassador not only changed my life but also gave me an opportunity to become a positive change maker for young people living in rural areas."*

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