



EU4YOUTH PROGRAMME – FACTSHEET

EU4Youth fosters the active participation of young people in society and their employability, by developing youth leadership and entrepreneurship through actions such as capacity building, fellowships, and support to policy dialogue.

The EU4Youth Programme has three components:

Capacity building

Eastern Partnership
Youth Window –
Erasmus+ projects

Grant scheme

Focus on disadvantaged
youth and youth
entrepreneurship

Coordination

EU4Youth Support
& Coordination team

EU4Youth II –
Youth Engagement Roadmaps

CAPACITY BUILDING

These projects are implemented in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Youth Window of the Erasmus+ programme, and are managed by the European Union's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). Over three calls for proposals (2017-2019), **102 projects** have been awarded **worth more than €11 million** in total – **59 Civil Society Fellowships** (young leaders take part in mobility activities and work in the EU), and **43 Partnerships for Entrepreneurship** (projects promoting entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship among young people).



"This project taught me not to be afraid of failure. After participating in the training course I tried to start my business. After two failures, the third one was a success."

Daniel Frumusachi
EU4Youth capacity building project beneficiary from Moldova



"The project has given me the opportunity to get a second profession and learn new skills."

Sveta Khachatryan
EU4Youth project beneficiary with a disability from Armenia



"The knowledge and experience gained will never fade away. The skills and experience I received while being a leader at Saguramo SKYE club played a huge role in my employment."

Davit Badzagva
EU4Youth project beneficiary from Georgia

GRANT SCHEME

The grant scheme under this component of the Programme focuses on **disadvantaged youth** and **youth entrepreneurship**. So far, **10 projects have been awarded**: 6 were launched in 2018 and 4 in early 2020. These projects aim to support educational and training opportunities, to help young people implement their entrepreneurial ideas, and to assist leaders in the field of education. The latest projects all have a specific focus on **social entrepreneurship**. The 10 multi-country projects have a total budget of €14.5 million, and are implemented in all the Eastern partner countries except Azerbaijan.

Between 2018 and 2019:

- ✓ Over **8,000 young people** trained through 576 activities
63% women
46% disadvantaged
- ✓ Almost **300 young people** mentored
59% women
13% disadvantaged

- ✓ Almost **250 young people** received financial assistance
67% women
88% disadvantaged
- ✓ Over **340 young people** completed an internship
60% women
47% disadvantaged
- ✓ **7 youth structures** promoting youth integration have been established or supported

The third component of the Programme is made up of two complementary actions:

✓ EU4YOUTH COORDINATION AND SUPPORT

This project began in 2018 and focuses on supporting coordination among EU4Youth projects and contributing to the monitoring and visibility of the 10 grants scheme projects.

Key activities include:

- The 'EU4Youth Alumni Network' pilot project, which aims to streamline all beneficiaries of EU mobility programmes and youth networks in the EaP countries in order to increase outreach towards disadvantaged youth groups. The pilot is expected to **bring together 60 alumni and reach 600 disadvantaged young people**.
- **Supporting grant beneficiaries** to ensure **visibility and communication** actions of EU4Youth Programme on national and regional levels, through continued consultations and capacity-building activities.
- **Supporting monitoring** of the overall impact of the Programme and ensuring coherence and coordination between different components and stakeholders.
- Supporting the European Commission on the identification of the issues and gaps which would feed into the policy making processes through **permanent analysis of the youth related interventions** in Eastern partner countries by different donor institutions, including the EU.



"The EU4Youth Alumni network gives us a chance to help young people in our communities, to increase their skills and develop their competencies. Being able to empower young people from disadvantaged backgrounds is very rewarding."

Pasha Babayev
Alumnus from Azerbaijan



"To support young people means giving them necessary knowledge and skills, and creating the enabling environment for them to be able to build their own future."

Anahit Ghazanchyan
implementer from the EU4Youth - Social Entrepreneurship in Armenia and Georgia project



"This programme really helped me out. And I am sure that there are still many young people like me in our region who need financial support to acquire knowledge. Keep up the good work, EU!"

Ekaterina Steinberg
EU4Youth project beneficiary from Ukraine



"I am proud to be part of such a great initiative, working together and bringing wealth and stability to our countries. Young people in our countries can have a better chance for a better future."

Yevgeniya Rzayeva
implementer from the EU4Youth - Employability and Stability in Armenia, Belarus and Ukraine project

✓ YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ROADMAPS

This project began in 2020 and will support Eastern partner countries in developing effective policy responses to recurring youth challenges, and foster youth involvement in policy-making.

The project will focus on three actions:

- Enabling **thematic reviews of policies**, practices and instruments in the partner countries.
- Supporting the creation of **youth employment partnerships** among stakeholders in the youth employment sector, with special emphasis on partnerships with women's organisations.
- Regional **workshops on youth policies** with a focus on youth employment.