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THE EU AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: A PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH



A NEW YOUTH AND EDUCATION PACKAGE TO DELIVER CHANGE BY 2020

Improving prospects for youth is at the heart of European Union cooperation with its Eastern Partners. Together with the Republic of Moldova, 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 €340 million of support to youth.



EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MOBILITY

Erasmus+: €120 million for the EaP region for 2017–2020, 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
- Internships
- European Solidarity Corps
- Youth exchanges

- From 2015–2017, EU funding enabled 915 students and academic staff from the Republic of Moldova to study or teach in the EU, and 419 Europeans to study or teach in Moldova; 18 Master's students from the Republic of Moldova have received full Erasmus scholarships.

- From 2015–17 more than 2,300 young people and youth workers from Moldova have taken part in Erasmus+ exchanges, youth policy dialogue and volunteering activities.

eTwinning Plus: 175 schools from the Republic of Moldova involved in exchanges and professional development for teachers. By 2020, over 3,000 projects, 2,600 teachers and 1,000 schools from across the Eastern Partnership will be connected via eTwinning Plus

EaP European School: in Tbilisi from September 2018 – a beacon of excellence for pupils from the EaP region – including Moldova – who will receive an internationally recognised degree.

Vocational Education and Training (VET): The EU has provided €30 million of support to reform of the VET sector in the Republic of Moldova (2014–17), including support to the creation of 11 centres of excellence, development of new curricula in line with labour market demands and training for teachers. EU support for VET is ongoing through a €1.3 million programme.



EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

EU4Youth: €20 million for the EaP region to foster entrepreneurial potential and develop labour market skills, including through establishment of business incubators and innovation clusters, mentoring schemes focused on entrepreneurship and non-formal catch-up programmes for early school leavers. Moldova is taking part in an EU4Youth grant project launched in 2018 to support jobs and entrepreneurship among disadvantaged youth in rural areas, as well as in 15 capacity building projects.

European Training Foundation: mapping of policies supporting young people in their transition to work, to identify priority areas for action and to support national youth strategies – read the **Moldova report**.

Moldova participates in **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**, a cross-border exchange programme that gives new or aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to learn from experienced entrepreneurs in other countries.



PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

Eastern Partnership Youth Forum: biannual event to deepen dialogue and cooperation – 2017 Forum allocated funding for the creation of youth engagement roadmaps. 2019 Forum in Vilnius on 18–19 June.

Civil Society Fellowship Programme: supporting young civil society leaders from Eastern partner countries in developing leadership and skills – one new civil society fellow from Moldova selected in 2018 call.

Young European Ambassadors: nearly 500 '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 **YEAs from the Republic of Moldova**, aged between 18 and 26.

Euroclubs: Moldova has a network of school Euroclubs set up with EU support to inform and educate young people about the EU and EU-Moldova issues and assist in establishing relations with European youth NGOs.

YOUNG VOICES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

ERASMUS+ YOUTH WORKER



IULIANA GOLUB

Took part in an Erasmus+ youth training course in Armenia and in young leaders' forum in Kyiv

"The educational programmes and opportunities offered by the EU have played a crucial role in educating me and building my personality."

ERASMUS+ GRADUATE



CORINA LEAH

Studied biology in Graz, Austria as part of Erasmus Mundus

"Erasmus+ is a challenge that enhances personality development through free thinking and decision-making, as well as the ability to master various situations."

EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER



FELICIA IVAŞCU

Worked as a volunteer at a library in Poland, carrying out activities for children

"Volunteering abroad I met a lot of people with different backgrounds, I became more open-minded and learned to be out of my comfort zone – my advice, don't hesitate to take this opportunity!"

YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR



DANIEL COJOCARI

YEA from Moldova

"I started working in a youth organisation; I do volunteering and apply for various European projects. Now, I travel more, develop my skills, meet new people, and learn new things."

eTWINNING PUPIL



CRINA CARAGI

High school student, from the village of Mereni, Anenii Noi district, whose school is member of the eTwinning network

"eTwinning is a platform where you need to be creative, to challenge yourself, to communicate with others not only in your school, but with schools from abroad... We discovered that we have so much in common."

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



ARHIP CONSTANTIN

Joined the Eastern Partnership School in September 2018

"I like this programme a lot because you can choose the subjects you want to study. We will learn how to actually learn, how to develop critical thinking and study better."

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