



# **EU support to youth in the Eastern Partnership**

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## ***Policy milestones***

*Focus on youth*

*5<sup>th</sup> EaP Summit*

*3<sup>rd</sup> EaP Youth Forum*

## ***Programmes***

*Erasmus+*

*EU4Youth*

## Focus on youth

*President Juncker:* "I cannot and will not accept that Europe is and remains the continent of youth unemployment"

- *The challenge of **NEETs***
- ***Life skills:** creativity, problem-solving, teamwork*
- ***Entrepreneurship** in a broad sense*
- *The importance of **studying abroad**, Study Mobility for Traineeships*
- ***Youth work** develops entrepreneurship*



# 5<sup>th</sup> EaP Summit – November 2017

*Clear and continued EU commitment to the EaP*

***€340 m** new Youth and Education Package for 2017-20: Erasmus+, EU4Youth, EaP School, bilateral progrs.*

*Roadmap for **Youth** Engagement*

*Over **80,000** young people, youth workers, students, academic staff and young professionals will benefit from Erasmus+ exchanges*



# 3<sup>rd</sup> EaP Youth Forum – June 2017 Recommendations

**Youth organisations:** *raise awareness of voluntary service and benefits of active citizenship*

**EU:** *open European Solidarity Corps to EaP*

**National governments:**

- *social entrepreneurship into national youth policies*
- *entrepreneurial learning as horizontal subject*
- *train, employ and promote self-employment*

*Creating synergies between formal and non-formal education*

# Programmes

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*Grant scheme for policy development* [2]

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# Erasmus+ objectives for youth

*Key competences and **skills***

***Recognition** of non-formal and informal learning*

***Disadvantaged** youth, social inclusion, solidarity*

***Participation** in democratic life and in labour market*

*Improving **youth work***

*Policy **reforms** and evidence-based youth policy*





# Erasmus+ targets for 2020 in EaP

**20,000** academic mobility opportunities

**60,000** young people and youth workers engaged

**350** Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

**2,600** teachers and **1,000** schools connected online

Better education **systems**

**Internationalised** higher education systems, Bologna Process

# Erasmus+ Programme (2014 - 2020)

## **Key Action 1**

- *Youth exchanges*
- *Youth workers training and networking*
- *Volunteering projects*

## **Key Action 2**

- *Strategic partnerships*
- *Capacity building EaP Youth Window [only centralised in European Commission's EACEA]*

## **Key Action 3**

- *Meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth*

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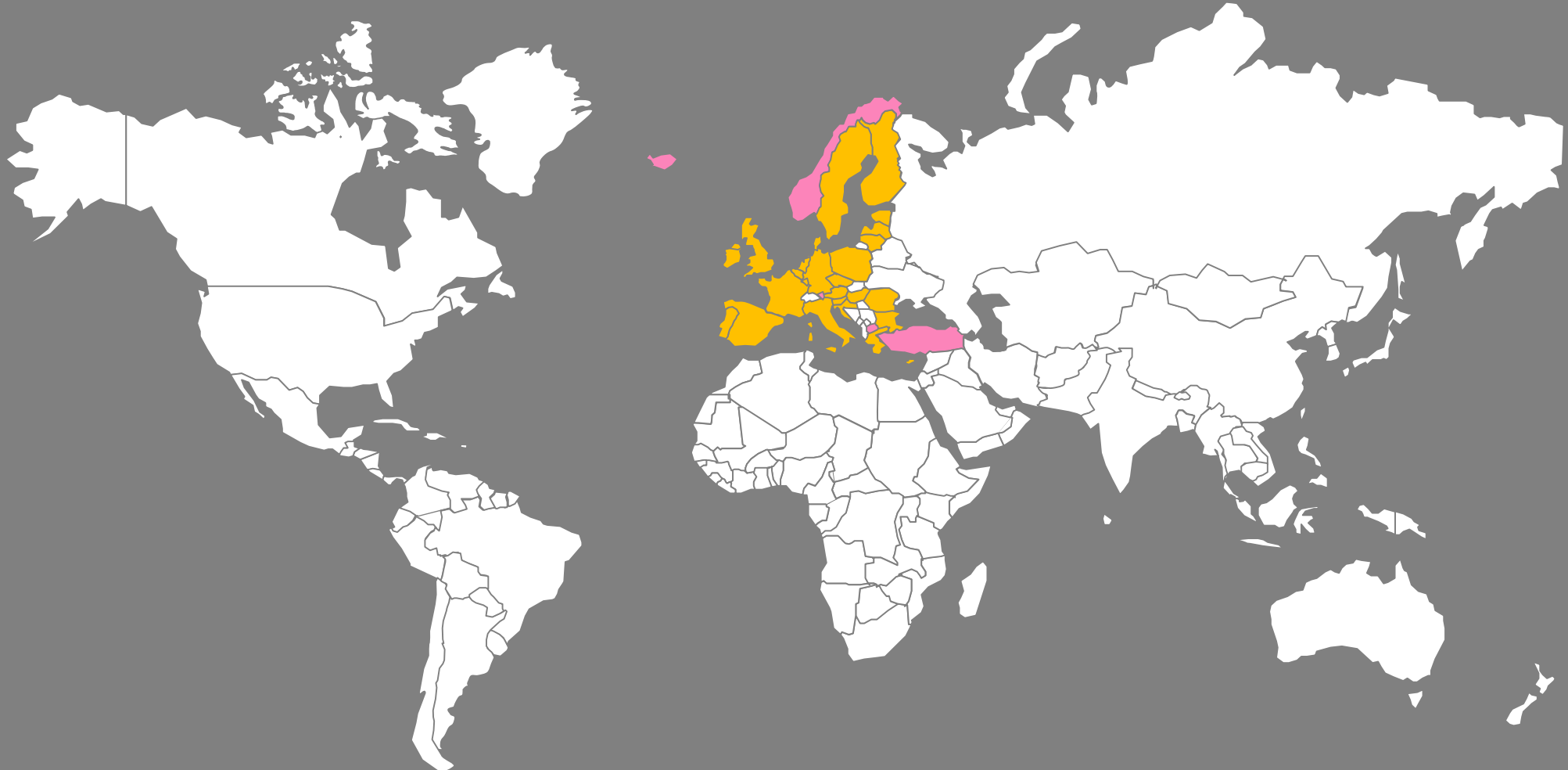
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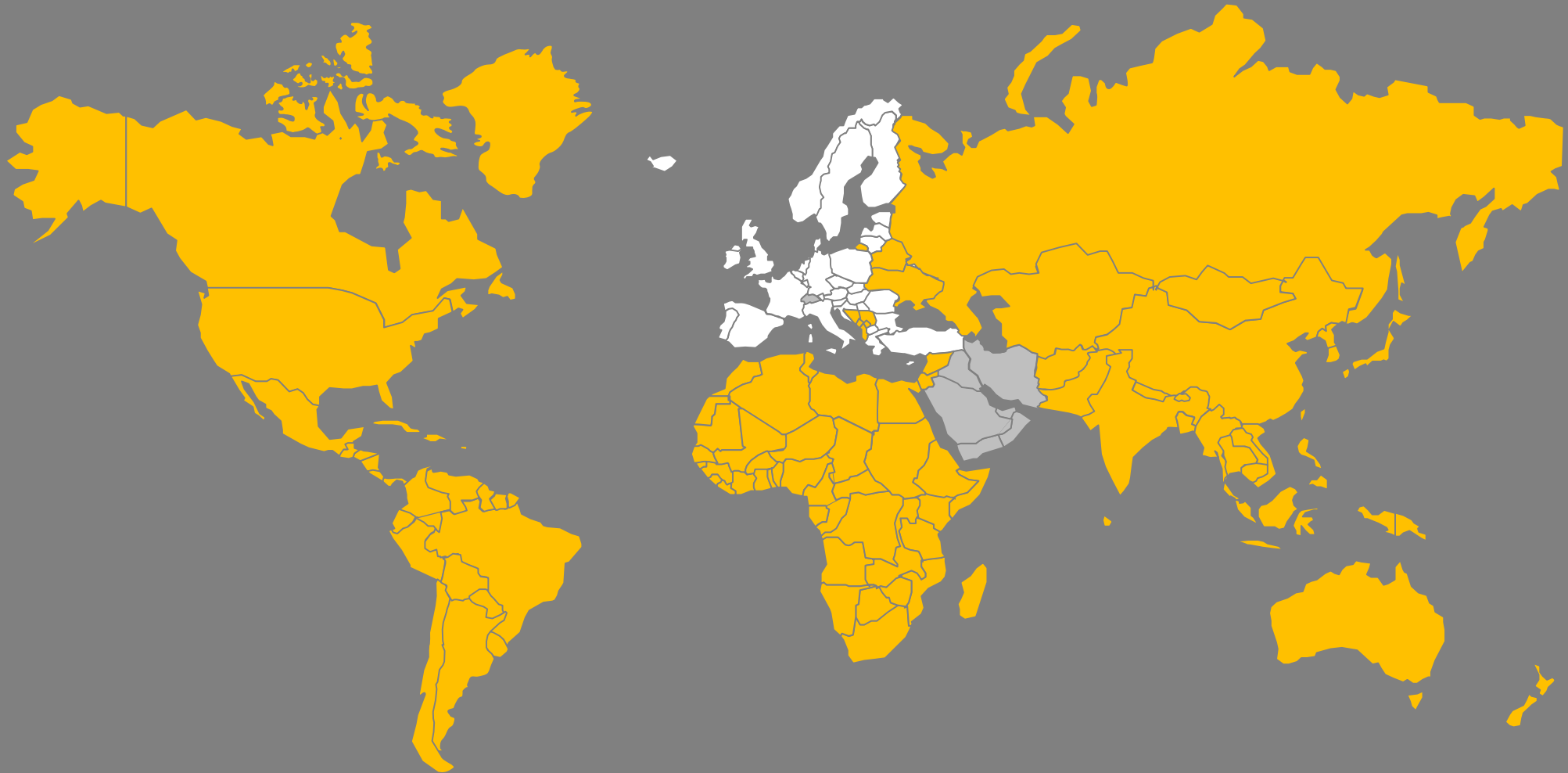
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# Programme Countries



**28 EU Member States + 5**

# Partner Countries



Rest of the world

## **Key Action 1: Mobility of individuals – three modalities**

- *Youth exchanges, age 13 to 30, duration 5 to 21 days*
- *Mobility of youth workers, 5 days to 2 months*
- *Volunteering projects, age 17 to 30, duration 2 to 12 months*



# Key Action 1: Mobility of individuals – involvement of Partner Countries

*E+ national agencies of Prog. Countries can allocate up to **25%** of their budget for coop. with neighbouring countries*

***6,500** Ukrainian young people and youth workers have participated*

*You can be partners but only organisations from Programme Countries can apply.*

*Current calls close on 1 February, 26 April and 4 October 2018*

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# Strategic partnerships

*Proved added value of participation from Partner Countries*

- SPs supporting innovation*
- SPs supporting exchange of good practices*
- Transnational Youth Initiatives: carried out by youth, foster social commitment and entrepreneurial spirit*

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## **Three ongoing SP with Ukrainian organisations [see *E+ project results*]**

- ***Peace and Love Vector***, on integration of refugees, with Center for Euroinitiatives (Sumy) - Swedish coord.
- ***The Voice of History***, with Centrum Kultury Polskiej i Dialogu Europejskiego (Iwano-Frankiwnsk) – Polish coord.
- ***Improving youth employment through volunteering across Europe***, with Iskra (Mykolaiv) – Portuguese coord.

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# Support for policy reform

*Meetings between young people and decision makers*

*Fostering active participation in **democratic** life*

*Priorities set by the **Structured Dialogue** projects*

*Activities to be organised in **Programme Countries***

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# EU4Youth - Objectives

*Employability*

*The right skills*

*Entrepreneurship*

*Capacity of youth organisations*

*Bring together authorities - stakeholders*



# EU4Youth programme

€22.75 million for 2017-2018

## **Component 1:** EP Youth Window

- Civil Society Fellowships
- Partnerships for Entrepreneurship

## **Component 2:** EU4Youth Grant scheme

## **Component 3:** EU4Youth Coordination



## EU4Youth – Targets for 2020

- **300** *Civil Society Fellowships for youth*
- *Partnerships for Entrepreneurship and transnational cooperation **projects***
- *Support for **100** youth organisations and organisations addressing youth issues*
- *Reduce skills / labour market demands **mismatch***



## Some tips for applications

*Extensive and well-developed **partnerships** with:*

- *Local authorities*
- *Local employers*
- *NGOs*

*Support for **disadvantaged** groups*

*Gender equality and promotion of **women** as leaders and entrepreneurs*

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## **Key Action 2 & Component 1: Capacity Building**

- *Empower young people with key competences & skills*
- *Citizenship, entrepreneurship, leadership*
- *Targets: youth organisations, youth workers, leaders*

*How: calls for proposals by European Commission's  
EACEA, applicants must be established in EaP countries  
Current call open until 8 March 2018*

## Examples of capacity building activities

- *Policy dialogue, cooperation, networking and exchanges, conferences, workshops, meetings*
- *Large-scale youth events*
- *Information and awareness campaigns*
- *Youth work methods, tools and materials, curricula, training modules, documentation instruments*



# Eastern Partnership Youth Window

*Combines **capacity building** and **mobility** through:*

- Civil Society Fellowships for Youth*
- Partnerships for Entrepreneurship*



# Civil Society Fellowships for Youth

*Mobility included: Young leaders from EaP countries gain experience in organisations in Programme Countries*

*Mentoring schemes, job shadowing*

*Youth policy engagement projects upon return*



# Partnerships for Entrepreneurship

*Focus on entrepreneurship education and social entrepreneurship*

*Solution to social challenges in communities of origin*

*Involvement of the private sector*

*Possible mobility activities*



# EaP Youth Window – 2017 selection process

*- Civil Society Fellowships for Youth*

*60% of funds, 58 applications, 20 projects selected*

*- Partnerships for Entrepreneurship*

*40% of funds, 61 applications, 15 projects selected*

*Total: 119 applications, 35 projects selected, €3.43 m*



## **EaP Youth Window – Results by country**

*35 projects, 186 organisations from 32 countries*

*124 organisations from Programme Countries*

*52 organisations from EaP:*

- 16 from Georgia*
- 12 from Ukraine*
- 9 from Moldova*
- 8 from Armenia*
- 6 from Belarus*
- 1 from Azerbaijan*

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# Grant scheme for policy development

*Improve educational and training opportunities, employment perspectives of **disadvantaged** youth*

*Support young people's entrepreneurial **ideas** in appealing **sectors**: IT, creative industries, green economy, social ent*

*Actions with potential systemic **impact***

*Involvement of **private** sector*

*Next call for proposals: mid 2019 (closed call for information: <http://www.euneighbours.eu/en/east/stay-informed/opportunities/call-proposals-eu-4-youth-grant-scheme>)*

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# Coordination

*Synergies among components*

*Support for steering committee*

*Communication and visibility activities*

*Alignment with policy dialogues*

## More information

### ***Erasmus+ project results***

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

### ***Erasmus+ programme guide***

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources_en)