

# Youth Work environment in Eastern Partnership countries and Russia

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## Eastern Partnership region

***Caucasus:*** *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia*

*ca. 16 million population  
with high rate of youth*

***Eastern Europe:*** *Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine*

*ca. 55 million population  
but decreasing*

*countries that signed association agreement with EU*



## Russian Federation

*83 subjects of the federation:  
including 21 autonomous republics*

*ca. 144 million population, where  
20% are ethnic minorities*

## Civil societies' development:

- well developed and raising in Georgia and Ukraine
- well developing in Armenia and Moldova
- limited in Azerbaijan, Belarus and Russia

## Freedom House index:

- partly free: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
- not free: Azerbaijan, Belarus and Russia

## Unemployment is rather low:

- on average 15%
- among youth ca. 30%
- lowest in Russia and Belarus
- highest in Armenia and Moldova

## But the average monthly salary remains low:

- ca. 200 euro netto in Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine
- ca. 300 euro netto in Armenia, Georgia and Belarus
- and in Russia ca. 480 euro netto

## Conflict zones:

- Nagorno Karabakh (Armenia/Azerbaijan)
- South Ossetia (Georgia/Russia)
- Abkhazia (Georgia/Russia)
- Crimea and Donbass (Ukraine/Russia)
- Transnistria (Moldova/Russia)

**ERASMUS+ Youth**  
is the most widespread and recognised  
programme for international youth  
cooperation in the region

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