

Empowering Young People in Eastern Europe and Caucasus

EU4Youth

**ALUMNI** 

Network

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# Lets start with a helicopter view ...





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#### Timeline of EU-EaP youth-related events





#### **20 DELIVERABLES FOR 2020**

#### CROSS CUTTING DELIVERABLES

- 1 More engagement with civil society organisations
  - Increase gender equality and non-discrimination

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3 Strengthen strategic communications and supporting plurality and independence of media

#### STRONGER ECONOMY

#### Economic development and market opportunities:

- 4 Improve the investment and business environment and unlock Small and Medium-sized Enterprises' (SMEs) growth potential
- 5 Address gaps in access to finance and financial infrastructure
- 6 Create new job opportunities at the local and regional level
  - Harmonise digital markets
- 8 Support intra-regional trade among partner countries and the EU

#### STRONGER GOVERNANCE

#### Strengthening institutions and good governance:

- 9 Strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption mechanisms
  10 Support the implementation of key iudicial reforms
- 11 Support the implementation of public administration reform
- 12 Stronger security cooperation

#### STRONGER CONNECTIVITY

Connectivity, energy efficiency, environment and climate change:

- 13 Extend the TEN-T core networks, transport
- 14 Increase energy supply security
- 5 Enhance energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy; reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions
- 16 Support the environment and adaptation to climate change

#### STRONGER SOCIETY

#### Mobility and people-to-people contacts:

- 17 Progress on Visa Liberalisation Dialogues and Mobility Partnerships
- 18 Strengthen investment in young people's skills, entrepreneurship and employability
- 19 Establish an Eastern Partnership European school
- 20 Integrate Eastern Partnership and EU research and innovation systems and programmes

#### Youth and Education Package

The joint declaration of the Eastern Partnership summit in Brussels on 24 November 2017 announced the establishment of a special **Youth Package**.

Its consequence was the Youth and Education Package published in June 2018 by the European Commission as a mechanism facilitating support for investments in competencies and skills of young people, enhancing their civic engagement and employment, while fostering their entrepreneurial mindset.

The direct inspiration for preparing this package was the **Third Youth Forum of the Eastern Partnership**, organised in Warsaw in June 2017

# Youth and Education Package

### Education, Training and Mobiliy

Erasmus + Higher Education and Youth

European Solidarity Corps

eTwinning Plus

EaP European School

Vocational Education and Training



### Employment and Entrepreunership

EU<sub>4</sub>Youth

European Training Foundation

#### EU4Youth

Component 1: Capacity Building - Eastern Partnership Youth Window (under Erasmus+)

Civil society fellowships for youth - encouraging youth organisations to become more active in policy making

Partnerships for entrepreneurship - promoting entrepreneurship education and social entrepreneurship;

Component 2: Grant scheme focusing on disadvantaged youth and youth entrepreneurship

Component 3:

I Phase: EU4Youth Coordination and Support
II Phase: EU4Youth - Youth Engagement Roadmaps

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#### Introduction





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#### Conclusions of 3<sup>rd</sup> EaP Youth Forum

- Develop and financially support a community of exinternational volunteers through an on-line alumni platform in order to use their experience to create impact through activities at local, national and international levels.
- Use the good practice and 20 years of experience of the European Voluntary Service in shaping the European Solidarity Corps and include all possible support measures for youth with fewer opportunities thus broadening the level of inclusion and accessibility of all young people in the new programme.

## Conclusions of EaP Youth Window Evaluation and 4<sup>th</sup> EaP Youth Forum on Disadvantaged Youth

• ...Participants also highlighted the lack of accessibility in the application process for mobility projects. The complicated application form, financial constraints like travel expenses paid in advance and reimbursed only after the activities, participation fees requested by organisations, challenging visa processes, a lack of local engagement with such groups, etc. all this means there is less chance of them getting involved in mobility programmes. The Alumni network **unites young beneficiaries** of EU4Youth, Erasmus+ Youth in Action and European Solidarity Corps programmes and network of Young European Ambassadors from Eastern Europe and Caucasus, builds on the **enthusiasm and voluntary spirit** generated during participation in the nonformal education mobility programmes with the aim to **support better engagement of the disadvantaged young people** from the region in the EU mobility programmes.



Implementing Partners

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Who?





2 Trainers Youth Work Advisors 7 Mentors Youth workers



7 SALTO EECA Info centres

70 Supporting Youth Organisations



70 Alumni from six Eastern Partnership countries and from Russia

### Timeline of activities - overall

Activities	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	June 20	July 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20
Months												
Selection of the Alumni network members												
Selection of trainers and mentors												
Preparatory meeting		13-14.02										
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Kick-off training Ukraine			08.03-									
****** <b>**</b> *****			15.03									
Alumni Network official launch Brussels					EaP							
Alumni Network official launch Brussels					Youth Days							
Development of the action plans												
OF THE ACTION PLANS												
On-going mentorship and administrative support												
Evaluation meeting Georgia											26-27.11	
Monthly coordination												
Participation in EU funded mobilities												

### Key responsibilities for trainers

- Prepare and deliver preparatory meeting in Georgia;
- Prepare and deliver the 2 kick-off training courses in Georgia and in Ukraine;
- Reporting;
- Monthly coordination call and advisory support for mentors (max. 4 hours per month);
- Prepare and deliver evaluation seminar.



### Key responsibilities for mentors

- Take part in the preparatory meeting in Georgia;
- Support preparation and delivery of one of the kick-off training courses in Georgia (AM, AZ, GE) or in Ukraine (BY, MD, UA, RU);
- Support action plan development for each Alumna;
- On-going implementation support for Alumni (Mentoring, Training, Coordinating);
- Monthly reporting;
- Support preparation and delivery of the evaluation seminar.



### Key responsibilities of the info-centres

- Provide space to the Alumni at the organsiations premises or arrange alternative spaces;
- Provide support to Alumni in identifying the target locations for their local initiatives;
- Provide support to Alumni to liaise with the communities members and get permission of implementing their initiatives;
- Provide necessary logistics and administrative support to Alumni and Mentors in organizing the local initiatives in the defined communities;



### Key responsibilities of the info-centres

- Provide financial means to the Alumni (supervise and monitor the correct expenditure of funds);
- Provide monthly reports on implemented activities by the Alumni network members and update on financial expenditures;
- Work closely with the mentors and coordinate provision of all necessary support to the Alumni in implementation of their initiatives;
- Identify and engage as partners youth organisations working with Erasmus+, ESC or EU4Youth programme in the Alumni network activities;
- Support engagement of the representatives of the Alumni target youth groups into Erasmus+, ESC or EU4Youth projects provided by the partner organizations.



#### What we want to achieve ?







1 Alumna

min. 10 youth with less opportunities in local activities

min. 2 of them in EU funded mobility projects 70 Alumni

min. 700 youth with less opportunities on local level

min. 140 in EU funded mobilities