

EU4Youth: Student Democracy Now**Duration:** 01.02.2021 - 31.01.2024**Countries:**
Armenia**Total budget:** € 500 000**Implementer:**
Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia (EPF Armenia)**Social media:**
facebook.com/EPFArmenia**Website(s):** epfarmenia.am/project/EU4Youth-Student-Democracy-Now**Project description:**

The 'EU4Youth: Student Democracy Now' project is funded by the European Union. Eurasia Partnership Foundation in Armenia (EPF-Armenia) in a Consortium with Restart Scientific Educational Charitable Foundation (Restart Foundation), and Caucasus Research Resource Centre in Armenia (CRRC-Armenia) have been implementing the project since February 1, 2021. The duration of the project is 36 months, and the overall budget is EUR 500,000.

The 'EU4Youth: Student Democracy Now' project aims to protect the rights of young people and strengthen the capacities of students and student organizations and to empower them to engage in public affairs. The project addresses a broad scope of challenges faced by Armenian youth spanning from their lack of awareness on the mandates and functions of student councils to their meaningful participation in policy dialogue for the development of a new education system – a system which cultivates active citizenship, listens to the students' voice as active participants in educational institutions and provides space for student engagement in university governance.

The objectives of the project will be achieved through a series of interconnected activities with the direct involvement and participation of the main beneficiaries of the project: students, young people and student organizations. The project comprises the following three major group of activities:

Expected results:

- Increased capacity of students, student organizations and youth CSOs on critical thinking, organizational and social skills and competencies related to democratic values and human rights. More than 400 young people, including students and leaders of student organizations enhanced their knowledge and skills in organizational development, advocacy and rights protection, participatory university governance and cultivation of student-centered education. 60 young people from all regions of Armenia trained on how to develop online and offline tools addressing new and innovative forms of student self-organization, education, civic engagement, participation in university governance, decision-making and policy development. 3-5 innovative e-tools developed to improve the quality of student self-organization, transparency and accountability of universities, and engagement of students in advocacy, policymaking and university government. 150-200 students from regional universities, young activists and representatives of student and youth organizations develop critical thinking and analytical capacities.
- Improved participation of students, student organizations and youth CSOs in student- and youth-related policy-making. 10 priority topics related to student democracy, university autonomy and student-centered education identified and addressed via student initiatives. Two sets of student-led studies of international experience in the spheres of student democracy and student-centered education carried out and recommendations developed. At least 20 sub-grants provided