EDUCATION AND YOUTH

EU SUPPORTS

Higher education and Vocational education and training. The main EU tool is the Erasmus+ programme

The new Multi-sector Budget Support also includes conditions on Vocational education, concentrating on work-based learning, as well as training, attestation and promotion of VET teachers.

Bilateral projects in Vocational education and training (VET)

Secondary education:

EU Sector Support Programme with Budget Support total of € 32 mln, including € 2.7 mln for technical assistance.

The BS concentrates on secondary education, enhancing access to quality education, STEM subjects, schools infrastructure and management, professional orientation clubs, green economy projects and student learning outcomes assessment system.

"Introduction of AI tools for Teachers in Armenia" project aims to develop teachers' capacities to apply AI tools.

Non-formal/extracurricular education

Gyumri Market and Culinary School

Budget:
€2.500.000

The main objective of this grant is to improve the economy of the Shirak region, providing quality education and skills-building training for local stakeholders.

Innoljevan Center

Budget:
€640.000

Innoljevan is a hands-on education hub in Ijevan, Tavush, established with EU support. It provides young people and aspiring entrepreneurs with opportunities to develop practical skills in programming, robotics, 3D modelling, electronics and other technology-related fields, while also offering mentoring and vocational learning opportunities.

TUMO

EU contribution:
€12.500.000

EU contribution:
€1.000.000

EU TUMO Convergence Center

A hub for research, education, and start-ups geared towards university students and young professionals, the Center will bring together partners to bridge the gap between higher education and industry in Armenia.

TUMO Labs

TUMO Labs is a free educational programme for young professionals and university students over the age of 18.

Kapan Tumo

The TUMO Center for Creative Technologies in Kapan, housed in the city's restored historic railway station, provides free education in technology and design to young people. Through self-learning activities, hands-on workshops and project labs, students develop skills in 14 areas, including programming, robotics, animation, game development, 3D modelling, graphic design, filmmaking, music and generative AI. The Centre serves as the main hub of TUMO's educational network in southern Syunik.

COAF SMART Centers

Tentative Budget:
min.€10.000.000

The SMART Centres are foreseen to be operated by the COAF and will provide after-school educational opportunities for children and young adults from 50 rural communities in Syunik region.

Supporting Education Reforms & Skills in the Eastern Partnership region (SER)

Budget:
€2.500.000

Project purpose:
Provide Education sector Diagnostics, Capacity Development for Policy Implementation, tackling the main challenges identified by the diagnostics and organising regional training seminars for policy makers in the field of education.

Concrete achievements:
Diagnostic assessments is successfully completed in Armenia.
Key findings and recommendations are shared at high-level policy dialogues and national events, establishing a solid evidence base for further education reforms.

EU supports youth initiatives through bilateral and regional programmes.

Budget:
€2.000.000

€1.200.000 EU contribution

€800.000 KAS contribution

Currently EU supports implementation of **Youth in Action: Youth Empowerment, and Leadership Development in Armenia.** The objective of the project is to empower and educate young people and youth NGOs in order to encourage their active participation in civic and public affairs in Armenia.

EU4Youth regional projects:

1.Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship
2021-2025

Budget:
€15.120.000

€14.400.000 EU contribution

€720.000 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania contribution. Implemented by a consortium led by CPMA.

Project purpose:
To foster active participation of youth in both democratic life and in the labour markets of the beneficiary countries, with a focus on disadvantaged youth, thus contributing to sustainable and smart growth, social cohesion, economic and societal resilience to respond to war-generated impacts and reduction of inequalities in EaP societies.

2.Youth Engagement and Empowerment
2023-2025

Budget:
€5.600.000

€5.000.000 EU contribution

€600.000 from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Implemented by the German development agency GIZ.

Project purpose:
Project activities will help increase the capacity of youth organisations and state institutions to jointly promote a more participatory and structured policy dialogue and improve the quality and reach of youth work to mobilise and engage more young people from remote areas.

3.EU4Youth Coordination and Policy Support
2023-2026

Budget:
€2.500.000

Implemented by Ernst & Young

Project purpose:
Coordination and policy support for EU action on youth in the EaP region continued with strengthened outreach, partnerships and measurable results.

The EUD initiated establishment of the Youth Advisory Council to provide a continuous structured mechanism for Armenian youth for contribution to shaping and implementation of youth-related EU programmes and initiatives from January 2025. It acts as a bridge between the EUD, the youth community of Armenia and relevant state entities, fostering wider engagement, peer-to-peer communication channel, and dialogue mechanism for young people.