



THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ARMENIA

#StrongerTogether

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EU-Armenia relations are based on the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA), in force since March 2021.

The EU is a key partner for Armenia and its largest donor. In February 2024, the EU and Armenia agreed to launch work on a **new Partnership Agenda**, setting out more ambitious priorities for cooperation in all areas. This new Agenda is underpinned by the €270 million **Resilience and Growth Plan** (2024-2027), centred around **three priorities**:

- **Investing in connectivity and business**
- **Bringing Armenia closer to the EU**
- **Fostering a resilient and inclusive Armenian society**

Visa liberalisation dialogue

This dialogue will steer reforms in substantial areas including the security of travel documents, border management, migration and asylum, public order, external relations and fundamental rights issues. Once all the conditions outlined under the visa liberalisation action plan are met, Armenia will achieve a visa-free regime for short-stays in the EU.

Humanitarian assistance

Following the displacement of more than 115,000 Armenians in September 2023, the EU allocated over €70 million to address the needs of the displaced persons, including €21 million in humanitarian aid and €40 million in budget support to facilitate their socio-economic inclusion.

EU Mission in Armenia

Since February 2023, the unarmed, civilian Mission has been present in Armenia to observe and report on the security situation along the Armenian side of the international border with Azerbaijan, contribute to human security in conflict-affected areas and supports confidence building. Its mandate was extended until February 2027.

Civil society

The EU is committed to support civil society in Armenia with a focus on strengthening democratic governance and policy dialogue. Assistance is channelled through various projects, including capacity building activities, and is based on the EU Country Roadmap for Engagement with Civil Society in Armenia (2021-2027). Since 2021, the EU has provided over € 3 million annually to CSOs in Armenia. Looking ahead, more than €9 million has been allocated for the period 2025-27.

Regional stability

The EU supports closer cooperation with the South Caucasus and regional cooperation on connectivity through its Strategic Approach to the Black Sea region and a dedicated Connectivity Agenda. The EU remains committed to contribute to a prosperous and stable South Caucasus by fostering ties across the region, bringing economies and people closer together.

INSTITUTIONS

The EU provides substantial assistance for the implementation of key reforms on justice, police, fight against corruption and anti-discrimination, including through budget support and technical assistance. Support to democratic institutions is also provided through regional projects, such as the Partnership for Good Governance together with the Council of Europe.

ECONOMY

In 2024, the EU supported 11,853 SMEs and funded 40 projects. Together, these projects generated approximately 27,313 new jobs and contributed to a notable 17.2% increase in the total turnover of SMEs in Armenia.

EDUCATION

The EU is providing €32 million in budget support and technical assistance for the education sector (2023-2025), with a focus on secondary education and improving access to quality education in rural areas. In 2024, renovation processes started in at least 7 schools, and multi-age classes were introduced in 117 schools of the Syunik region.

GREEN

The EU supports the green transition in Armenia. Around 47 kindergartens and 6 polyclinics are being renovated in line with the most up-to-date energy efficiency standards and benefit from the renewable green energy installations.

DIGITAL

The EU-TUMO Convergence Center is revolutionising digital skills education for Armenian youth. So far, TUMO Labs' Guided Self-Learning programmes have received more than 7,500 applicants and enrolled over 2,000 students. TUMO Labs hosted 52 projects, organised 3 incubations with 18 graduating teams and supported the registration of 4 startups.





GLOBAL GATEWAY IN ARMENIA

Since 2021, through Global Gateway, the EU has been supporting SMEs' access to finance, energy efficiency solutions, the rehabilitation of education infrastructure and improved water management, among other sectors.

Under the Global Gateway strategy, expected mobilised investments now exceed €2.5 billion, thanks in part to progress on large-scale connectivity projects such as the **North South Corridor/Sisian Kajaran road**, or the **Caucasus Transmission Network**, which will connect Armenia's electricity grid with Georgia.

Investments in the southern province of Syunik also aim to improve critical infrastructure such as water supply, healthcare and education facilities, bringing the envelope of the **Resilient Syunik Team Europe Initiative to €200 million**.



Resilient Syunik Team Europe Initiative, formally launched in January 2023, is the joint undertaking of the EU, the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and ten EU Member States Austria, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden with Switzerland as an external partner. The initiative brings together over 40 ongoing projects focusing on social and economic development, municipal services, local infrastructure and environmental and energy resilience.



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