

# EDUCATION AND YOUTH



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

## EU SUPPORTS



**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.

**Ongoing Bilateral projects in Vocational education and training (VET)**

**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.



**Innojjevan Center**

Budget:  
**€640.000**

The project is aimed at establishment of a sustainable ecosystem for development of innovative entrepreneurship in the domain of tourism, high value agriculture and food processing.



**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

A TUMO Center for Creative Technologies is a free educational centre specialising in design and technology for children aged 12-18 is being set up in Kapan's historic train station.



**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:

Strengthen the efficiency, equity, and relevance of education systems and support sustainable reforms.

### Main Areas of Work

- Rapid Education Diagnosis (RED): Evidence-based analysis of education systems, covering inequalities, financing, and governance.
- Capacity Development: Support for policy implementation and governance reforms.
- Peer Learning: Regional exchange with other EaP countries and EU Member States on shared challenges on key themes of education reform and system development.

### Focus in Armenia:

•Armenia's RED is completed and its findings discussed at the high-level policy dialogues.

•The project supports a functional review of education governance and capacity-building actions based on RED recommendations. Armenia also takes part in regional peer learning activities with other EaP countries.

## 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.

### Currently there are 3 ongoing 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 will act 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.