What is Team Europe?

Team Europe is a collection of initiatives aiming to scale and focus the joint efforts of the European Union, its member states, external partners and European financial institutions with the goal of achieving transformational impact.

Team Europe approach-Working better together on the basis of three elements:

1) Scale - Coordinating and combining resources, expertise and tools.
2) Focus - Becoming a principal partner on selected joint priorities.
3) Ensuring visibility – Joining forces to communicate European values and the impact of joint actions to partner countries.

What is the Resilient Syunik Team Europe Initiative?

The Resilient Syunik Team Europe Initiative is the joint undertaking of the European Union, the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, EU Member states Austria, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden, with Switzerland also joining as an external partner. The main objective of this #TeamEurope initiative is to contribute to the sustainable socioeconomic and institutional development of the Syunik region, taking coordinated action in line with the development priorities of the regional and local authorities and the Armenia-European Union flagship initiative focusing on the area. The initiative is a flexible mechanism, it may be further expanded and is open for member states to join with new initiatives to promote the development of the Syunik region.

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MSME development
★ Improved capacities of start-ups, MSMEs and social enterprises.
★ Increased availability of non-financial services supporting businesses.
★ Increased access to financial services and products to support innovative and sustainable investments by start-ups, MSMEs and social enterprises.

➤ On-going projects
- R2D Syunik: Recovery, resilience, development for Syunik project implemented by ADA
- EU4IMPACT project implemented by ICMPD
- Katapult - Creative Accelerator Program implemented by AGBU
- Three4ResilientArmenia: Fostering Sustainable Livelihoods, Business Growth, and Employment Opportunities for Displaced and Host Communities project implemented by Armenian Caritas

➤ Planned projects
- Decentralised cooperation framework between the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region and Syunik

➤ Completed projects
- SEES project implemented by Impact Hub Yerevan and Impact Hub Syunik
- SWEIP program implemented by Impact Hub Yerevan and Impact Hub Syunik

Skills and employability
★ Enhanced employability and business skills for young people and vulnerable groups (including displaced people).

➤ On-going projects
- MAVETA project implemented by SDA (on behalf of HEKS/EPER), HLFL, GIZ
- Transformation of Syunik animal market into a social enterprise. "The Ranch" project implemented by Ranch LLC
- R2D Syunik: Recovery, resilience, development for Syunik project implemented by ADA
- SKYE Net – Skills and knowledge for youth empowerment network project implemented by World Vision
- SEIRA project implemented by WFP and SDA
- Empowering Youth in Meghri project implemented by Loft NGO
- Development of a professional training offer for young people in Syunik project in partnership with Kapan Medical College under decentralised cooperation framework between the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region and Syunik

➤ Completed projects
- EPIC project implemented by GIZ

Education
★ Improved access to formal and extracurricular education for students in Syunik.
★ Improved career skills for young people.

➤ On-going projects
- Kapan TUMO project implemented by Kapan municipality and Simonian Educational Foundation under M4EG regional facility
- EU support to education in Armenia (budget support)
- Supporting Francophone center of Goris under twin-cities cooperation framework between Vienne and Goris
- Establishing a Francophone center in Kapan under decentralised cooperation framework between the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region and Syunik

➤ Planned projects
- Rural educational centres in Southern Armenia project implemented by COAF

➤ Completed projects
- Future Today project implemented by UNICEF
- Adolescents as agents of climate action in their communities project implemented by UNICEF
- Improving access to quality education in Syunik region project implemented by ESTDEV

The aim of the Resilient Syunik Team Europe Initiative is to support the sustainable socioeconomic and institutional development of the Syunik region

Specific objectives
1. Improved business environment for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and enhanced private sector competitiveness.
2. Improved access to high quality, people-centric public services.
3. Prioritised green regional development and increased protection, sustainable use and restoration of biodiversity.

The initiative has an approximate five-year budget of €150 million, of which €65 million in grants and €85 million in loans. The budget of the initiative may further increase.

Green agriculture
★ Improved green agriculture practices.
★ Increased sustainable agricultural and livestock production capacity.

➤ On-going projects:
- EU GAIA project implemented by ADA
- Food, water, energy security initiatives to enhance resilience of vulnerable communities initiative implemented by WFP

➤ Planned projects
- Decentralised cooperation framework between the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region and Syunik

➤ Completed projects
- Ecoserve programme implemented by GIZ

Sustainable management of natural resources
★ Improved deforestation-free climate-smart and ecosystem-based natural resource management practices.

➤ On-going projects
- Livestock development in Armenia: South-North 2 project implemented by SDA
- LILA Living landscapes for market development in Armenia project implemented by WWF Armenia and SDA

➤ Planned projects
- FORACCA project
- Biodiversity and sustainable development project
- Armenia integrated resilient landscape improvement project

Social and health services
★ Improved access to community-based social services for vulnerable groups.

➤ On-going projects
- Partnerships for Syunik-enhanced community-based social services project implemented by People in Need
- Building a resilient social protection system in Armenia project implemented by UNICEF, UNDP and WFP
- Women empowerment for wellbeing (WoW) project implemented by GIZ
- Strengthening healthcare provision for the populations of Syunik project implemented by Santé Arménie and AGBU
- EQUAL-EU 4 Women Empowerment in Armenia project implemented by Oxygen Foundation
- Leading equality and access for disabilities project implemented by World Vision
- Strengthening access to gynaecological care and women's health education in Armenia project implemented by Action Santé Femmes Arménie
- Support for the operation of Goris cardiovascular center project implemented by Action Santé Arménie France under decentralised cooperation framework between the Bouches-du-Rhône region and Syunik
- Creation of a dental mobile unit and oral hygiene awareness in schools project implemented by Association of French-Armenian doctors (UMAF) under decentralised cooperation framework between the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region and Syunik
- Medical equipment donation bank project implemented by Humatem under decentralised cooperation framework between the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region and Syunik

➤ Completed projects
- Together for social communities project implemented by Hilfswerk International
- Advancing gender equality in Armenia's regions implemented by the Coalition of Domestic Violence Support Centers
- Enhancing and developing Goris' Hospital equipment and care capacity through twin-cities cooperation framework between Vienne and Goris
- Resilience and economic recovery of border communities in Armenia (REBCA) project implemented by WFP
- Food assistance for assets initiative implemented by WFP

Sustainable and green public infrastructure
★ Improved infrastructure for public service delivery.
★ Increased investment in sustainable and green public infrastructure.

➤ On-going projects
- Good governance for local development project implemented by GIZ
- Jerm Ojakh energy-efficiency project implemented by the National Mortgage Company and AFD
- R2D Syunik: Recovery, resilience, development for Syunik project implemented by ADA
- Vorotan hydropower cascade project implemented by Contour Global Hydro Cascade
- EU4Energy efficiency and renewable energy in Armenian communities project implemented by GIZ
- Ecoserve programme implemented by GIZ
- Tatev Ermitage project implemented by Scientific Research Center of the Historical and cultural heritage SNCO of MESCS of RA
- Improving rural irrigation systems initiative implemented by WFP
- Meghri border crossing modernisation project implemented by EBRD and UNDP

➤ Planned projects
- SE4Resilience project to be implemented by GIZ
- Sisian–Kajaran Road Project

➤ Completed projects
- Equitable access to irrigation water for Tegh bordering community project implemented by the Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development

Good local governance and citizen engagement
★ Increased ability of the local communities to plan and implement local economic development programmes.
★ Improved capacity of local governments for efficient and transparent delivery of public services.
★ Improved participation of citizens in public life.

➤ On-going projects
- M4EG regional facility implemented by UNDP
- Good governance for local development project implemented by GIZ
- DeaLoG project implemented by the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR)
- Towards transparent judiciary project implemented by Solidarity Fund/Helsinki Association for Human Rights
- Women in negotiations promoting peacebuilding process project implemented by Sose NGO
- STRIVE for a better future project implemented by Near East Foundation Belgium
- Youth in action project implemented by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- Initiative for media quality and resilience project implemented by Media Initiative Center

➤ Completed projects
- Women and youth for innovative local developement project implemented by UNDP
- A community close to the border project implemented by Aliq Media
- Supporting independent journalism in Armenia's South project implemented by Civiltas Foundation

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