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# LOOKING TO THE EAST

# Regional cooperation in the EU Neighbourhood Eastern Partnership

Regional cooperation in the Eastern Neighbourhood complements national assistance programmes, addresses regional challenges, promotes cooperation amongst partners and builds bridges. Regional cooperation brings together the 6 partner countries participating in the Eastern Partnership area to engage in discussion and exchange views and experiences. The EU supports closer cooperation and dialogue with its Eastern Neighbours and is fully engaged in their modernization efforts.



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### The EU: a major donor for the Neighbourhood

EU support to the region is mainly channeled through the European Commission's Directorate General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid. <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid>

The **European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)** funding approved for the period 2014-2020 is € 15.4 billion. The ENI replaces the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), for which the funding was € 11.2 billion for the period 2007-2013. The new instrument provides faster and more flexible funding, allowing for incentives for best performers, to 16 partner countries to the East and South of the EU's borders.



**East:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.  
**South:** Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria\*, Tunisia. \* EU Cooperation with Syria is currently suspended due to the political situation

The EU and the countries on its Eastern borders have been building and deepening relations since the development of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in 2004, following the Union's enlargement. The aim is to bring these Neighbours closer to the EU and to support them as they carry out economic, social and political reforms.

With Russia, the EU has a separate Strategic Partnership and the country does not participate in the ENP, but activities on the ground get support from its financial arm, the ENPI.

The **Eastern Partnership (EaP)** completes the EU's foreign policy towards Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus as a specific Eastern dimension of the ENP. Launched in 2009, the EaP creates the necessary conditions to accelerate political association and further economic integration between the EU and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

The EaP has gone a long way in shaping the agenda of cooperation between the EU and its eastern neighbours and providing a solid framework for sharing expertise and best practice. The initiative has given rise to new platforms for dialogue at government and expert level (thematic platforms), as well as in the fields of parliamentary and participatory democracy.

The main co-operation fields with the Eastern partners are:

- Democracy, good governance and stability;
- Economic development;
- Climate change, energy and environment;
- Social and human development;
- Regional integration.

Projects carried out under these priorities are funded by the ENPI, the main financial and cooperation instrument through which assistance is given to partner countries in the European Neighbourhood...

### Political dialogue

Preparing staff for EU-ENP related jobs

### Migration and border management

Integrated border management (IBM) – Flagship Initiative Training Project • EaP Integrated Border Management – Armenia/Georgia Bagratashen-Sadakhlo crossing point • Eastern Partnership Integrated Border Management – Information exchange Belarus/Ukraine • Enhancement of border management capabilities at the Ninotsminda-Bavra Border Crossing Point between Georgia and Armenia • EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) • Strengthening surveillance capacity on the 'green' and 'blue' border between Belarus and Ukraine

### Justice and rule of law

Council of Europe Eastern Partnership Facility • Eastern Partnership Police Cooperation Programme

### Culture and Media

Eastern Partnership Culture Programme • Regional Communication Programme

### Youth

Eastern Partnership Youth Programme • Eastern Partnership Youth Window

### Civil society and local authorities

CIUDAD – Sustainable urban development • Support to the European Endowment for Democracy • Neighbourhood Civil Society Facility

### Education

Erasmus Mundus II – Action 2 Partnerships • TEMPUS IV for higher education • eTwinning Plus

### Economy

East Invest – Support to SME sector • Small Business Support Programmes in the Eastern Partnership • Eastern Partnership SME Finance Facility • Technical assistance for electronic communications regulators of the Eastern Partnership countries

### Environment and climate change

Air quality governance in the ENPI East countries • Clima East: Supporting Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Russia and ENP East countries • Environmental protection of international river basins (EPIRB) • ENPI Shared Environment Information System (SEIS) • Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG II) • Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood • National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management (Support to the EU Water Initiative) • Improving water quality in the Kura river basin – phase III • Waste Governance in the ENPI East

### Civil protection

Civil Protection (PPRD East)

### Energy

Energy saving in the building sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (INOGATE) • INOGATE Technical Secretariat and Integrated Programme • Supporting participation of Eastern Partnership and Central Asian Cities in the Covenant of Mayors

### Transport

TRACECA Civil Aviation • Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea (TRACECA) • SASEPOL – Maritime safety and security II (TRACECA) • Transport dialogue and networks interoperability II (TRACECA)

### Supporting the implementation of regional initiatives

Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme • Promoting participation of ENP partners in the work of EU agencies • Support for regional programmes (Eastern Partnership, Black Sea Synergy and Northern Dimension)

Discover more: "A Panorama of Regional Projects" in the Neighbourhood East (EU Neighbourhood Info Centre website).

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EuroEast Projects



"Fish don't know borders: rivers require joint efforts"  
Matti, Russia



"Erasmus Mundus gives young people a chance to be more attached to European values"  
Nigar, Azerbaijan

"We developed a project and proposed it for EU funding"  
Gabriel, Moldova



"We transfer experience to other cities"  
Sergiy, Ukraine



"A lake's water is life"  
Michael, Armenia



"Through the business advisory services, construction firms took a big step forward"  
Tsulukidze, Georgia



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