

"Europe in the World" -Fact Sheet-

Region/Policy/ Activity	Eastern Partnership (EaP)
Country	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
Priorities	<p>The Eastern Partnership is a joint initiative of the EU, its 28 Member States and the 6 Eastern partners. The Partnership provides a differentiated, long-term strategy for partners to carry out sustainable reforms. It builds on the European Neighbourhood Policy, tailoring it to the unique relationship the EU has with its six Eastern European partners.</p> <p>The aim of the Eastern Partnership is to support reforms in Eastern European countries and promote closer political association and economic integration with the EU through the negotiation of Association Agreements, including Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas (DCFTA). It also works towards greater mobility of citizens and stronger cooperation in a number of specific sectors, such as transport, energy, and the environment. The Eastern Partnership supports interaction and contacts between EU and partner countries' citizens, focusing in particular on students, teachers, researchers, young people, artists and cultural professionals.</p>
Top 3 Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU is the main trading partner for all the EaP partners except Belarus where Russia is the first trading partner. However, EU is the main trade partner for Belarus in service exports where over half of total exports are destined for the EU. • More than 5000 students and academic staff have benefitted from mobility under higher education programmes, and an estimated 21000 young people and youth workers have received funding for their projects by the end of 2013. • EaP has been financed from the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). When creating the Eastern Partnership in 2009, the EU assigned €600 million, increasing the overall amount of ENPI funds for the Eastern partners to €2.5 billion for the period 2011-2013
Did you know?	<p>The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (CSF) is a policy initiative of the Eastern Partnership policy and creates a significant institutional platform for civil society organizations to monitor and contribute to the Eastern Partnership agenda. The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum held its first meeting in November 2009 with more than 200 Civil Society Organisations from the Partner countries and EU Member States.</p> <p>The First Eastern Partnership Business Forum was held in Sopot on 30 September 2011. The Business Forum is a means of engaging business communities in exploiting the opportunities opened up by the DCFTAs. It develops and presents recommendations of business communities on the future</p>

	development of the Eastern Partnership and provides a platform for experience sharing, establishing business contacts and discussing investment opportunities.
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Page 2: links to the Country & Delegations website pages, social media links, 3-4 photos of high level visits, national landmarks, EU projects

General links

http://eeas.europa.eu/eastern/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/international-affairs/eastern-partnership/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-east/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/international/eastern_partnership/eastern_en.htm

Delegations

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/armenia/index_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/azerbaijan/index_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/belarus/index_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/georgia/index_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/index_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/index_en.htm

Platforms and flagship initiatives

http://eeas.europa.eu/eastern/platforms/index_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/eastern/initiatives/index_en.htm

Civil Society Forum

<http://www.eap-csf.eu/>

Sample of Projects

<http://www.eap-fit.eu/>

<http://www.etwinning.net/fr/pub/index.htm>

<http://mail.aegee.org/eap/>

<http://www.euroeastculture.eu/en/eastern-partnership.html>

Photos:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/82918635@N08/12221246463/in/set-72157640321038924>

(**Ukraine:** Yuliya Ielfimova, project manager from Ukraine, poses for a photo in Koblevo on July 12, 2013 where children from Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Germany and Poland took part in Youth Exchange)

http://www.gov.md/public/files/07_2013/31_08_2013/IMG_4782.JPG (Catherine Ashton with Moldovan Prime Minister Iuri Leanca)

http://www.enpi-info.eu/list_images_east.php?id=1345&iden=1345#9 (**Georgia:** Aza Kukhalashvili, 80, and her husband Grisha Kukhalashvili, 87, beneficiaries of the EU-funded project “Durable Housing Solution”)