

# **EU4YOUTH**

### Alumni Network in the Eastern Partnership region

The EU4Youth Alumni Network brings together active young people from the Eastern partner countries who are beneficiaries of EU4Youth grant projects, Erasmus+, Youth in Action, the European Solidarity Corps, Young European Ambassadors Network, as well as other EU-funded programmes aimed at supporting young people.

The Network aims to mobilise the enthusiasm and voluntary spirit of these young leaders, and offers them the opportunity to connect with youth in their countries, including those from disadvantaged groups, to help them become more active in their communities and to participate in EU mobility programmes.

Each cycle of the Alumni Network lasts around 10 months (from September until June), bringing together up to **75** participants from all over the region:













### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND METHODOLOGY

During each cycle, the Alumni work with young people in their local communities and develop their own initiatives, following this framework:

#### **CONNECT**

with the disadvantaged group in the local community and identify their needs



#### **GENERATE**

ideas for activities with these young people during the IdeaLabs events



#### **IMPLEMENT**

own initiatives with local youth in their communities



#### **PRESENT**

the results achieved at the final event



New competences and experience in youth work



Mentorship by a professional youth worker



Participation in local and international events



Administrative and financial support

## SOCIETAL IMPACT

Since the Network was launched in 2019, dozens of Alumni throughout the region have designed and implemented hundreds of actions, each engaging a small group of young people in their community - most of them from disadvantaged groups. The impact of this work expands with each new beneficiary, who carries it further into their circles.

This project has taught me empathy and compassion and hone skills like intercultural and multicultural communication, mentorship and coaching. But most importantly, I have been reminded that nothing is impossible and everyone is good at something; there just

needs to be someone who can

reveal that talent" —

EU4Youth Alumna Mijerita Khachatryan PERSONAL GROWTH

As EU4Youth Alumni, we wanted to develop the social skills of young people with Down's syndrome, to accelerate their integration into society, to support their access to education and employment. It was a very rewarding experience" —

EU4Youth Alumnus Alishir Boyukkhanli

The EU4Youth Alumni Network is managed by the EU4Youth Coordination and Support project (implemented by EY), in close cooperation with SALTO Eastern European and Caucasus and its network of Information Centres for Erasmus+ Youth in Action and the European Solidarity Corps, and the EU Neighbours East project.

