



Development cooperation with Eastern Partnership Countries

Estonia's contribution:

Eastern Partnership (EaP) is the priority area of Estonia's foreign policy, supporting the growth of security, stability, and prosperity in the European neighbourhood. Since 2014, a total sum of 33 million euros has been disbursed to support the EaP countries. Along with partners from the six countries of the EU's Eastern Partnership, the Estonian Centre for International Development (ESTDEV, formerly known as the Estonian Center of Eastern Partnership),

together with other Estonian partners, have been implementing numerous cooperation projects. These projects focus on countering disinformation, supporting the rule of law in the areas of police, public prosecution, anti-corruption, and good governance, and sharing best practices in the field of digitalisation and e-services. Estonia is ready to increase the implementation of multilaterally funded development cooperation activities.

The Eastern Partnership:

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) was established in 2009 with the aim of offering enhanced cooperation with the EU to six of the EU's eastern partners: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Belarus. The latter four are also Estonia's priority countries for development cooperation. Due to the COVID-19

pandemic, the EU EaP's summit has been postponed several times, with the next meeting taking place on 15 December 2021 in Brussels. The Belarusian chair will most likely remain empty. Despite the suspension, Estonia has decided to continue with the support to the development of the Belarusian civil society.

Estonia's support per year in euros:

2021 – 3,900,000 €*

2020 – 4,190,000 €

2019 – 5,240,000 €

2018 – 4,970,000 €

Estonia's priority support areas to EaP countries:

Ukraine:

- Open democracy and good governance;
- Innovation and entrepreneurship;
- Modern education.

Georgia:

- Good democratic state structures and systems;
- Innovation and entrepreneurship;
- Modern education.

Moldova:

- Open democracy and good governance;
- Modern education and lifelong learning;
- Rural development.

Belarus:

- Civil society and democratic initiatives;
- Independent media;
- Women's and children's rights.