



European  
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# EU support to Eastern Partnership countries in tackling COVID-19

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## Overview of EU support

The EU, together with  
the EIB, mobilised

over  
**€2.5  
billion**

to support Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,  
Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and  
Ukraine



in tackling the  
coronavirus health  
crisis



and socio-economic  
recovery.



## Coronavirus health crisis

### Response at regional level

- The EU and WHO Solidarity for Health Initiative delivered medical supplies such as:
  - ✓ **Over 11 million** personal protective equipment items
  - ✓ **12,000** lab kits
  - ✓ **Over 1,500** ventilators, oxygen concentrators, pulse oximeters
  - ✓ **Over 20,000** PCR testing kits
- The EU and WHO Solidarity for Health Initiative is training medical and laboratory staff and raising awareness across the six countries.
- A joint EU and WHO regional programme launched in February 2021 is providing critical assistance to ensure local readiness and preparedness for safe and effective vaccination of the population.
- The Eastern Partnership COVID-19 Solidarity Programme supports the most affected parts of the population through small grants focused on economic recovery, education, social services and protection
- The EU's regional Rapid Response Mechanism is providing grants to civil society organisations to respond to immediate needs, such as supporting local schools with distance learning.

## Socio-economic recovery at regional level:

Working closely with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and financing institutions from EU Member States to provide a coordinated European response as TEAM EUROPE:

**€100 million** support programme to help **SMEs**, including self-employed and others to **easily access credit** and **boost their businesses** after the crisis.

Over **€200 million** of existing **credit lines** and grants to **SMEs** in local currency through the **EU4Business** Initiative.

**€500 million** available for the EU's Neighbourhood through the EU's major de-risking instrument, the **European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD)** to rapidly provide liquidity across the region.

The EU is providing **€1.45 billion** in **Macro-Financial Assistance** to support governments that requested help with balancing the payment crisis

## EU support to each partner country

### Armenia

Over **€96 million** to support immediate needs and socio-economic recovery.

**Example of support:** Over 3,000 vulnerable households, with elderly people and people with disabilities and large families in Shirak, Tavush and Lori regions are receiving humanitarian aid packages thanks to the support of the European Union.

### Azerbaijan

Over **€31.6 million** to support immediate needs and socio-economic recovery.

**Example of support:** With EU funds, the Vocational Education Schools in several regions (Ganja, Mingachevir, Jalilabad, Gaxh and Ismaelly) are purchasing equipment to produce personal protection garments for medical staff.

### Belarus

**€17.4 million** to support immediate needs and socio-economic recovery.

**Example of support:** Thanks to EU cross-border cooperation projects linking communities in Belarus, Ukraine and Poland, emergency medical services such as ambulances and respirators are available in the hospitals to help doctors fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

### Georgia

Over **€183 million** to support immediate needs and socio-economic recovery.

**Example of support:** In the Adjara region, EU grants for 48 agricultural and rural development projects are helping to diversify the local economy, improve living and working conditions and enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of agriculture.

### Moldova

Almost **€128 million** to support immediate needs and socio-economic recovery.

**Example of support:** A Virtual Entrepreneur Academy supporting SMEs in rural areas is about to be launched and a new ICT Innovation Centre in Cahul for innovative SMEs and a seed-fund for innovative companies are being set up.

### Ukraine

More than **€190 million** to support immediate needs and socio-economic recovery.

**Example of support:** The EU supports the safety and skills of COVID-19 frontline responders through PPE and other medical equipment and appropriate training. In cooperation with civil society organisations, the EU contributes to alleviating the socio-economic impact of the crisis through the provision of food and medicines to vulnerable families. In addition, targeted support is provided to small businesses through training and consultancy services. The EU also supports eastern Ukraine on both sides of the line of contact with essential medical goods, PPE and emergency livelihood support to affected households.