

EU4Youth: Unlocking the potential of young social entrepreneurs in Moldova and Ukraine**Duration:** 01.02.2020 - 31.07.2022**Countries:**
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The "EU4Youth: Unlocking the potential of young social entrepreneurs in Moldova and Ukraine" project helps to foster the social entrepreneurial potential of young people in Moldova and Ukraine by establishing a favourable ecosystem for social enterprises as well as by inspiring and supporting more young social entrepreneurs to develop and sustain their innovative solutions to the promotion of social inclusion and environmental sustainability across both countries. The project is funded by the European Union under its EU4Youth Programme.

Expected results:

- an active network of 500 social enterprises is established, which will contribute to the promotion of public-private partnerships in Moldova and Ukraine;
- creation of EcoHub supporting young social entrepreneurs, which will play an important role to stimulate mutual learning, information and best practice exchanges among young social entrepreneurs, as well as provide seed funding for 15 best social start-up initiatives with a strong focus on environmental sustainability and proven records on employment opportunities for marginalised youth;
- 6 Social Entrepreneurship Labs will be opened in 6 most depressed and remote regions in Ukraine, ensuring outreach to underprivileged youth including young women, single mothers and local people;
- an increase of public awareness on social enterprise, integration of social entrepreneurship topics into the university curriculum, and young social entrepreneurs are supported to earn public recognition for their innovative efforts to tackle social exclusion, inequalities and environmental degradation.

