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#### The EU-funded Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowship

**programme** is searching for civically minded women and men from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine to join the 2022 cohort of Fellows. Successful Civil Society Fellows will be supported to constructively engage with communities and authorities to drive forward reforms and positive social change. The Fellowships should be linked to the priority themes of the Eastern Partnership:

- Having a resilient, sustainable and integrated economy
- Strengthening accountability, rule of law, and security
- Ensuring environmental and climate resilience
- Contributing to resilient and inclusive digitalization
- Promoting participatory decision-making and social justice

# There are two different types of Fellowship:

#### **01** Community Engagement Fellowships

Community Engagement Fellowships are designed to support Fellows engaging in one or more of the following activities:

- Collecting local evidence on key issues of public service delivery at local and national level;
- Involvement in policy-making: allowing fellows to gain expertise on specific policy issues;
- Capacity development involving fellows in job shadowing schemes and training of trainers;
- Involvement in monitoring public administration activity and results;
- Improvement of CSO accountability and link to constituencies, as well as cooperation between CSOs.

## **02** Civic Digital Fellowships

These Fellowships are designed to support Fellows engaging in one or more of the following activities:

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- Advocacy campaigns on issues such as open data, data quality, eservices for citizens, and budgetary transparency;
- Improving the quality and accessibility of data (i.e. making existing data machine-readable, generating open and reusable data for the development of digital solutions for transparency and accountability);
- Developing new digital solutions addressing community needs, helping citizens better hold governments to account and/or contributing to the improvement of public services;
- Promoting / rolling out and expanding the existing civic tech solutions that address community needs.

#### The benefits of joining the EaP Civil Society Fellowship programme include:

1	Tailored training and coaching from a range of experts and practitioners	3	Access to networking opportunities and promotion as a civil society leader
2	Support of 5,000 EUR to implement a Fellowship project	4	Enrollment in the Fellowship alumni network

#### How to join the Fellowship programme?

#### To be eligible for a Fellowship you need to:

- Be a natural person and not a legal entity (Fellowships are only awarded to individuals and NOT to organisations).
- Have a proven commitment to civil society, activism, and civil leadership, or a capacity to develop technological solutions for community needs.
- Be 18 years old or above.
- Be a citizens of one of the Eastern Partnership countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.
- Have good English language skills.

## To make a Fellowship application:

- Applicants should carefully read the full application Guidelines at www.eapcivilsociety.eu.
- The first step in the application process is the submission of your Fellowship Concept Note. Applicants with Concept Notes which meet the required evaluation criteria will be invited to make a Full Application.

#### To be a successful Fellow you need these characteristics:

- Strong sense of integrity.
- Desire to lead a change process in your community.
- Commitment to learning and sharing your learning with others.
- Supportive of the values of the EU.
- Ability to assume responsibility for the action proposed.
- Applications of Concept Notes must be made online at www.eapcivilsociety.eu and can be made at any time.
- The applications for the 2022 cohort of Fellows will close on 15th October 2022.
- 2022 Fellowships will indicatively be awarded in January 2023 and start implementation soon after.

To learn more about the Fellowships and to be inspired by existing Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellows check https://eapcivilsociety.eu/fellowships-2







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