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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 2023 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:

- Advocacy campaigns on issues such as open data, data quality, e-services 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 hold governments to account, improving public services and/or CSO accountability;
- Promoting / rolling out and expanding the existing civic tech solutions that address social issues.

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

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

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.
- Have citizenship in 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.

For the Summer-Autumn 2023 Call, applications are particularly encouraged from potential Fellows with proposals for contributing to an improvement of CSO accountability and link to constituencies

- Applications of Concept Notes must be made online at www.eapcivilsociety.eu and can be made at any time.
- **Deadline** for submission of Concept Notes for the second 2023 cohort of Fellows: **4th of September 2023**.
- 2023 Fellowships are expected to be awarded and start implementation in November-December 2023.

Learn more about the Fellowship Programme:
<https://eapcivilsociety.eu/fellowships-2>

Get inspired by existing EaP Civil Society Fellows:
<https://fellows.eapcivilsociety.eu>



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