



EU4Belarus: Solidarity with the People of Belarus

The €24M EU4Belarus programme will contribute towards reinforcing resilience to achieve civic empowerment in the country. It demonstrates EU's solidarity with and support for the people of Belarus in four key areas: 1. civil society and independent media, 2. youth, 3. SMEs and 4. health.

Strengthen the role of civil society organisations and independent media to promote and assist initiatives of local communities and citizen groups

Support to civil society:
€8M

Support to SMEs:
€4M

Support SMEs in building up the resilience in the current economic downturn. Strengthening cooperation between SMEs and civil society



***Additional support to SMEs:**
€6M

SMEs access to finance, outside of the programme

Foster people-to-people contacts by increasing access to scholarships and stipends for studies and professional exposure and retraining in the EU

Support to youth:
€8M

Support to health:
€4M

Improve health resilience and the capacity of Belarusian society to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Examples of activities foreseen within the programme:



Civic resilience

- Support to citizens and local civil society organisations, civic groups and human rights activists
- Support to independent media, bloggers, vloggers, and journalists



Youth resilience

- A scholarship and mobility program for academics, students and young professionals affected by the political crisis
- Further support to the European Humanities University



Economic resilience

- Provision of tailor-made advisory services for the SMEs to further grow the business, developing market strategies, increase production volumes, differentiate trade partners, etc.
- To be complemented with €6M access to finance support



Health resilience

- Provision of key equipment for health centres and laboratories, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Enhanced communication on COVID-19 related matters for vulnerable groups