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- **MOBILITY & EMPOWERMENT**
  - In 2015 – 2018 over 2784 participants in student, academic and youth exchanges under ERASMUS+
  - 390 ‘Young Cells Scheme’ grants have been awarded to public administration scholars
  - 3500+ young and disadvantaged people received employment and entrepreneurship training

- **TRADE & INVESTMENT**
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  - The EU’s contribution to total Foreign Direct Investment was 50% in 2018
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  - In 2018, 30.6% in exports to the EU and 43% in imports from the EU

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