

European Union and Georgia: a partnership which cares about needs and aspirations of young people

Did you know that...



2011 is the European Year of Volunteering. The EU's European Voluntary Service (EVS) programme is a great opportunity to travel, do something useful and learn a language. It is open to non-EU citizens as well
<http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/eeca>.



The Erasmus Mundus Scholarships and Academic Cooperation Programme is open for Georgian students. Between 2004 and 2011, 32 Georgian students and 5 scholars have participated to the programme.
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus



Georgian academics can develop research programmes with EU Universities. Between 1995 and 2011, 41 Georgian research projects have been developed.
<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus>



Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities are the four objectives of the EU research policy. EU and partner countries work together to promote and encourage the creation of poles of (scientific) excellence. Georgian researchers and research centres play a role in the economic growth, competitiveness and employment sectors by being part of this ambitious programme.
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7>

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The European Union is made up of 27 Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech, Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom. These countries have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.



European Union

The European Union (EU) traces its origins from the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Economic Community formed by six countries in the 1950s.

During the last 60 years, the EU has grown in size by the accession of new member states.

The EU itself is “founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities ... in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.”

The EU has established 130 Delegations and Offices around the World.

Diplomatic missions have been established around the world and the EU is represented at the United Nations, the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the G8 and the G-20. The High Representative heads up the European External Action Service (EEAS), a unique EU department, which serves as a foreign ministry and diplomatic corps for the European Union.

With a total population of over 500 million inhabitants, in 2010 the EU generated an estimated 26% of the global economy.

The EU has become the biggest donor of aid for development around the world.

The EU (European Commission plus the contributions of individual Member States) has accounted for some 60% of all global aid during the last two years. The EU gives more in development aid and humanitarian assistance than other rich countries do. The EU also works for trade rules that are fair for poorer countries.

The EU has helped more than 2 million young people to study in another country.

Going abroad to learn is a unique learning experience. The EU schemes for educational exchange and trans-border partnerships such as Erasmus Mundus offer financial support for institutions and scholarships for individuals. More Information at:

http://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus

The EU is leading the “Kyoto” drive to reduce the air pollution that causes global warming.

The EU is spearheading world efforts to preserve the environment and promote sustainable development. In recent years it has been important to get as many countries in the world as possible to take actions to avoid climate changes as agreed in the Kyoto Protocol.

The EU has implemented a clear-cut rule that men and women must have equal pay for equal work.

As long ago as the 1950s, the first EU treaties contained a clear rule that men and women must have equal pay for equal work. This has given the EU a pioneering role in the fight for women’s rights, which are now an integral part of all EU policies.

European Union and Georgia - an almost 20 year old Partnership ...

- 1992** The EU and Georgia establish bilateral relations;
- 1999** The EU and Georgia Partnership and Co-operation Agreement in force;
- 2006** The EU-Georgia Cooperation Council endorses the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan;
- 2008** The EU promoted the Brussels Donor Conference, where € 500 million of support to Georgia have been pledged;
- 2010** The EU and Georgia start the Association Agreement negotiations.
- 2011** The EU and Georgia Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreement in force;

There are three main EU bodies operating in Georgia:

The Delegation of the European Union to Georgia
<http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/georgia>

The EU Special Representative for the Crisis in Georgia
<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/showPage.aspx?id=1523&lang=EN>

The European Union Monitoring Mission
<http://www.eumm.eu>

Read more at:

<http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/georgia>