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## European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia

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Ambassador Herbert Salber is the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia. Following a senior level career in the German Foreign Service, he was first appointed on 8 July 2014 under Council Decision 2014/438/CFSP. The main task of Ambassador Herbert Salber is to contribute to a peaceful settlement of conflicts in the region, including the crisis in Georgia and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as well as to encourage regional cooperation. He co-chairs the Geneva International Discussions on behalf of the EU and holds regular consultations with the Armenian and Azerbaijani leaderships in full support of the work carried out by the OSCE Minsk Group.

The EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia's main office is in Brussels. A regional office is based in Tbilisi, with political advisors present in Baku, Tbilisi and Yerevan.

The previous EUSR under the same mandate, Ambassador Philippe Lefort, served from 1 September 2011 until 31 January 2014. Before 2011, the mandate was divided into two different components and covered by Ambassador Pierre Morel (EUSR for the crisis in Georgia from September 2008 until August 2011) and Ambassador Peter Semneby (EUSR for the South Caucasus from February 2006 until February 2011).

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They support the work of High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini, in the regions and on the issues concerned. They play an important role in the development of a strong and effective EU Foreign and Security Policy. They provide the EU with an active political presence in key countries and regions.

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