



NEW SECURITY ARCHITECTURE IN EUROPE AND ITS IMPACT ON GEORGIA

ONE YEAR SINCE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

TBILISI, GEORGIA

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The conference aims to support the dialogue and embolden discussion over the upcoming cornerstone events for Georgia - assessment from the European Union in the fall to be followed by Council's decision on the Candidate Status and the upcoming NATO summit in Vilnius.

In the course of two panels, we will try to assess the situation after exactly a year since the European Council granted Georgia European Perspective and issued conditions based on 12 point recommendation plan for further advance to the candidate status.

Since last June, rather complicated and eventful processes have taken place that we all have witnessed. There were several action plans elaborated for achieving the best results, lots of consultations and negotiations. Accordingly, several reports are produced by various groups of CSOs assessing the process and recommending further policy change. We aim to gather all those stakeholders under one roof to share their findings in an attempt to synchronize all recommendations and support the process of realizing Georgia's European dream.

With the launch of the series of discussions, we propose to explore, analyze and discuss the essence of European integration beyond formal procedures. We must profoundly agree on the fundamental values and principles the modern, European Georgian state should be built on. Similarly to 104 years ago, when the founders of the first Georgian Republic surprised the world with their courage and faithfulness to the beliefs of liberal democracy, Georgian elites of today need to find strength and devotion to principles of freedom, democracy, justice, solidarity, equality, human rights, and human dignity.

However, before we get to the fall'23, there is a NATO Vilnius summit at the doorsteps. Different from the EU-related debates, there is not much information available or any public dialogue related to the Vilnius summit. *What is it to expect? What is it Georgian government tries to achieve? Where do we stand on the road to NATO membership?* These are all legitimate questions and we should have a frank dialogue with both government and our international allies.

On the 30th of May, 2022, we gathered all the stakeholders and discussed the new security architecture of Europe and its implications for Georgia. We also discussed how the Russian war against Ukraine brought the nearly entire civilized world together and paved the way for entirely new security narratives, opportunities, and visions for cooperation and integration. This year, we want to assess the state of affairs in Georgia and, more significantly, determine whether the reforms that have been made are enough to qualify Georgia for the candidate status and how will these hectic events happening in the modern world shape Georgia's future?

MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM THE CONFERENCE

- Advancing Georgia's Partnership with the EU and NATO on the road to membership;
- Where do we stand after one year since gaining a European Perspective;
- Exploring Georgia's Role in Strengthening Regional Security;
- Towards greater synergy amongst countries in EU enlargement pull;
- The future prospects of Georgia -Ukraine -Moldova (“Association trio”) partnership.

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AGENDA

09:30 - 10:00 *Registration, welcome coffee/tea*

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome by**

TINATIN KHIDASHELI Chairwoman of Civic IDEA, former Minister of Defence of Georgia

10:10 – 10:30 **Keynote address by**

- **SALOME ZOURABICHVILI** - President of Georgia
- **PAWEL HERCZYNSKI** - Ambassador of the EU to Georgia

10:30 – 12:00 **The Challenges of Georgia's European Integration - Are the implemented reforms sufficient?**

- **PETR MIKYSKA** - Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Georgia
Presidency of the Czech Republic - *1 July – 31 December 2022*
- **MARCOS GRANADOS GOMEZ** - Charge' d'Affaires at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain to Georgia, Presidency of Spain – *1 July – 31 December 2023*
- **DAVID USUPASHVILI** - Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia (2012-2016)
- **MAKA BOTCHORISHVILI** – Chair of the EU Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia (TBC)
- **TAMAR KHULORDAVA** - Chair of the EU Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia (2016-2019)

Moderation:

TAMAR KHIDASHELI - Director, Democracy Research Institute (DRI)

12:00 – 12:30 *Coffee/tea break*



12:30 – 14:00

Georgia's Euro-Atlantic Aspirations and what to expect from the upcoming NATO Summit in Vilnius?

- **ANDRIUS KALINDRA** - Ambassador of Lithuania to Georgia
- **RIINA KALJURAND** – Ambassador of Estonia to Georgia
- **VAKHTANG KAPANADZE** - Chief of Georgian Defense Forces (2013-2016)
- **TEONA AKUBARDIA** - Deputy Chair of the Security Committee of the Parliament of Georgia
- **TORNIKE PARULAVA** – Director of the Department of Euro-Atlantic Integration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
- **LEVAN DOLIDZE** - Ambassador of Georgia to NATO (2013-2014)

Moderation:

EKATERINE TSIMAKURIDZE, Democracy Index - Georgia

14:00 – 14:15

Closing remarks

VANO CHKHIKVADZE - EU Integration Program Manager at the OpenSociety Georgia Foundation

14:15 – 15:00

Lunch