



European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM)

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The EU Monitoring Mission's operational phase starts on 1 October. The European Union decided, on 15 September 2008, to establish a civilian monitoring mission in Georgia in accordance with the EU mediated six-point Agreement of the 12 August and the subsequent implementing measures agreed on 8 September in Moscow and Tbilisi.

The mission: the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) is an autonomous, civilian and unarmed mission led by the EU under the European Security and Defence Policy.

The mission will work in close coordination with the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) and the OSCE Mission in Georgia.

Main objectives: to contribute to stability throughout Georgia and the surrounding region. In the short term, the mission shall contribute to the stabilisation of the situation, in accordance with the Agreements of 12 August and 8 September.

Main tasks:

- stabilisation: monitoring and analysing the situation pertaining to the stabilisation process, centred on full compliance of the six-point Agreement, including troop withdrawals, as well as violations of human rights and international humanitarian law;
- normalisation: monitoring and analysing the situation as regards governance, rule of law, and public order as well as the security of transportation links, energy infrastructures and the return of internally displaced persons and refugees;
- confidence building: contributing to the reduction of tensions through liaison, facilitation of contacts between parties and other confidence-building measures;
- Informing EU policy about the situation on the ground.

Structure and parameters of the mission:

- The European presence will have more than 200 monitors on the ground as of 1 October. In order to sustain this level of field staffing the total international mission personnel, including HQ staff, will be 352.
- 22 European Union Member States contribute personnel to the mission (details below).
- Ambassador Hansjörg HABER (Germany) is the Head of EUMM. The Deputy Head of Mission is General Gilles JANVIER (France).
- The Headquarters is in Tbilisi, with regional field offices in Tbilisi/Basaleti, Gori, Poti, Zugdidi.
- Place of initial deployment, numbers and nationalities : Tbilisi/Basaleti : 96 (SE, RO, UK, IR, NL, DK, FI) ; Gori : 70 (FR, BG, MT, LU); Poti : 30 (ES, EE, LV, HU, GR, AT) ; Zugdidi : 70 (IT, DE, CZ, LT).
- The budget for the mission is EUR 35 million.
- The initial duration of the mission is twelve months, extendable. A first review will take place after six months.
- The first patrols, each constituted of two vehicles, will start on 1 October.

Numbers of monitors by country :

Sweden 25, Romania 20, United Kingdom 19, Ireland 4, Netherlands 8, Denmark 10, Finland 10, France 36, Bulgaria 4, Poland 26, Malta 2, Luxembourg 2, Spain 10, Estonia 2, Latvia 3, Hungary 3, Greece 8, Austria 4, Italy 35, Germany 25, Czech Republic 5, Lithuania 5.