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European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) in Georgia

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The EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia was launched on 1 October 2008, in accordance with the arrangements set out in the EU mediated agreements between Moscow and Tbilisi of 12 August and 8 September 2008.

The Council decided, on 15 September 2008, to establish an autonomous civilian monitoring mission in Georgia, in accordance with the Conclusions of the Extraordinary European Council on 1 September 2008. In only two weeks – by 1 October – the EU deployed more than 200 monitors from 22 Member States on the ground.



Head of Mission Haber being briefed by EUMM monitors

EUMM's mandate is to monitor the implementation of the agreements of 12 August and 8 September 2008, including the withdrawal of Russian and Georgian armed forces to the positions held prior to the outbreak of hostilities. The mission is tasked to contribute to the stabilisation and normalisation of the situation in the areas affected by the recent conflict, to oversee the redeployment of Georgian police forces and to observe compliance of all parties with human rights and humanitarian law. The mission will also oversee the political and security aspects of the return of people displaced by the recent conflict.

EUMM's mandate covers the entire territory of Georgia. It is a unarmed monitoring mission with no executive powers. Moreover, the mission works in close coordination with the OSCE and the UN.

MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES

Theatre: Georgia

Headquarters: The Headquarters are in Tbilisi, with regional field offices in Tbilisi, Gori, Poti and Zugdidi.

Starting date: 1 October 2008. The duration of the mission is twelve months. A first review will take place after six months.

Head of Mission: Ambassador Hansjörg HABER is Head of EUMM and his deputy is General Gilles JANVIER.

Mission strength: The European presence comprises approximately 340 staff, including personnel of Headquarters and field offices and over 200 monitors.

Mission budget: EUR 35 million.

States participating: 22 European Union Member States contribute personnel to the mission.



The mission: EUMM in Georgia is an EU autonomous mission under the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP).

Main objectives: to contribute to stability throughout Georgia and the surrounding region in accordance with the six-point Agreement of the 12 August and the subsequent implementing measures.



EUMM monitors at a check point

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.



The European Union's European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) includes the gradual framing of a common defence policy which might in time lead to a common defence. The ESDP allows the Union to develop its civilian and military capacities for crisis management and conflict prevention at international level, thus helping to maintain peace and international security, in accordance with the United Nations Charter. The ESDP includes a strong conflict prevention component.

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