



Foreign Minister Participated in the Foreign Ministerial Meeting of the Eastern Partnership Countries

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Foreign Minister David Zalkaliani participated in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Ministerial Meeting together with the HR/VP Federica Mogherini, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn and representatives of the Eastern Partnership countries.

Discussed: The progress made by the EaP countries and future prospects, challenges facing the region, implementation of Association Agreement, visa-free travel with the EU, enhancing trade relations, 10th anniversary of Eastern Partnership format.

“Georgia has a very ambitious plan. Our eventual goal is full membership and we need to take more effective steps to attain this goal.” – Zalkaliani said.

Within the frames of the visit, Davit Zalkaliani held meetings in the European Parliament and representatives from other EU institutions as well as with high-level officials. **MORE**



The U.S. Government Granted Georgia with Two Island-Class Patrol Boats



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The Government of the United States of America handed two Island-class patrol boats over to Coast Guard Department of the Border Police at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.

PM, Mamuka Bakhtadze and VPM, Minister of Internal Affairs Giorgi Gakharia together with US Embassy and the NATO Liaison Office representatives and diplomatic corps attended the ships' handover ceremony.

According to the Head of Government, the ships' transfer by the US government

emphasizes the unwavering support of the US for the security and stability of Georgia and the Black Sea Region as a whole.

“These boats are going to strengthen Georgia’s maritime security, and they are also going to enhance Georgia’s ability to participate with regional and international partners in Black Sea security...” Chargé d'affaires Elizabeth Rood stated. **MORE**



Georgia Hosted 15th Council of Europe (CoE) Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sport



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PM, Mamuka Bakhtadze together with the Deputy Secretary General of CoE, Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni opened the 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sport, organized by the Council of Europe, EPAS, and the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia.

Senior officials responsible for sport from CoE member states and the leaders of international sport and nongovernmental organizations participated in the event.

The conference was focused on two main themes: Protecting human rights and fighting corruption in sport.

“This day is so symbolic because, on Georgia's initiative, and in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the Tbilisi Declaration on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Sport has been developed, an unprecedented document in the realm of sport” Mamuka Bakhtadze said. **MORE**

EU Allocated Additional €6 Million for Education Program in Georgia

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The European Union allocated €6 million for its Erasmus+ program in Georgia. The increased budget will allow 800 additional scholarships, to be granted over the coming two years.

EU ambassador to Georgia Carl Hartzell, Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia Vakhtang Makharoblishvili and Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia Mikheil Batiashvili opened the event. **MORE**



Tbilisi hosted 2018 EBRD Trade Finance Forum (TFP)

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Tbilisi hosted the 2018 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Trade Finance Forum, attended by up to 200 participants from 40 countries.

Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development Giorgi Kobulia opened the event and emphasized the importance of trade financing in terms of trade sector development that will be useful for Georgia in general and for the local businesses in particular. **MORE**



Foreign Ministers of EU Member States & the six Eastern Partner countries meet in Luxembourg. Infos on the meeting: europa.eu/!Rb67XG Infos on the #EasternPartnership: europa.eu/!kR39HY Infos on the '20 deliverables for 2020': europa.eu/!Br96hb

David Zalkaliani: Interesting meeting w/Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade @simoncoveney #Ireland. Highlighted our fruitful bilateral relations, expressed readiness to further contribute to the consolidation of mutually beneficial cooperation.

MFA Romania: Excellent discussions in the margins of the #EaP ministerial meeting in Brussels with Georgian FM @DZalkaliani on bilateral relations & European & Euroatlantic aspirations.

MIA of Georgia: Under the Excess Defense Articles program of @StateDeptPM, the US Coast Guard @USCG transferred two patrol boats to Georgian Coast Guard. These vessels play a key role in strengthening Georgia's maritime patrol capability and ensuring #BlackSeaSecurity.

Council of Europe: Day 2, #Tbilisi : 15th #CoE Conference of Sports Ministers - supporting sport movement to protect & promote #humanrights & remove obstacles to fighting corruption in sport. coe.int/en/web/portal/

Italy in Georgia: participating at the 15th #Conference of #Ministers responsible for #Sport in #Tbilisi hosted by #EPAS & @MESCS_Georgia Protecting human rights & fighting corruption in sport on the agenda. W/ DSG @coe Gabriella Battaini Dragoni & Sport HO Michele Sciscioli @Palazzo_Chigi

Carl Hartzell: #Georgia already top 10 beneficiary of @EUErasmusPlus worldwide – ahead of China or US! Now #EU commits even more resources to education in Georgia: additional EUR 6 million available for #Erasmus now, including 800 additional scholarships! bit.ly/2R1MnIN #EU4Georgia

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