



**GEORGIAN  
NATIONAL PLATFORM**

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

## Statement of Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform on Refusal of Government of Georgia to € 75 million of the EU Aid

Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform (Georgian National Platform) is concerned about the inconsistent policy of the Government of Georgia (GoG).

Taking into consideration the GoG's goal to apply for EU membership in 2024, it is not clear why the government refused to receive significant EU aid that would help the country achieve its goals, such as: strengthening the management of public finances in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, improving governance, implementation of judicial reform, fighting against corruption, supporting the business environment and implementation of other important reforms.

It is not right to discuss this issue only from a technical point of view that will negatively impact the relations between the EU and Georgia.

We consider it unacceptable for the GoG to take a step that is politically dangerous, in line with the GoG's interests and harmful to the country, which meanwhile contradicts Euro-Atlantic perspective for Georgia.

Considering that the threats posed by the Russian Federation are alarming in the light of recent developments in the region, we are carefully watching the significant negative impact of Russia's hard and soft power on Georgian society and believe that the only solution is Euro-Atlantic choice and path leading to welfare of the population of Georgia.

We believe that the EU should further strengthen the civil sector taking into consideration the GoG's inconsistencies in Euro-Atlantic integration.

We urge the GoG to take political and state responsibility and to fulfill all the commitments undertaken by Georgia towards the EU.

*Undersigned Organizations:*

1. Georgian Green Movement / Friends of the Earth
2. Liberal Academy Tbilisi Foundation
3. Research-Intellectual Club "Dialogue of Generations"
4. Journalism Resource Center
5. International Business and Economic Development Centre
6. Association of Business Consulting Organizations of Georgia
7. Imereti Union of Scientists "Spectrum"
8. Regional Association of Samtskhe Javakheti Toleranti
9. World experience for Georgia
10. Human Rights Center
11. Energy Efficiency Center
12. International Center for Geopolitical Studies
13. Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development
14. Organic Farming Association Elkana
15. Civic Education Development Multiethnic Resource Center Foundation
16. Youth Alternative
17. Teachers' Union "Education and the World"
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19. Friendship Bridge Kartlos
20. Human Rights Research Center
21. "Center for International Business Development and Investment Promotion"
22. Georgian Institute for Geostrategic and Euro-Atlantic Integration Studies
23. International Organization for the Protection of Human Rights and Social Security of Prisoners
24. IDP Women's Association "Consent"
25. "Caucasian Mosaic"
26. Women Entrepreneurs Foundation
27. EU-Georgia Business Council
28. "A New Generation for Democratic Georgia"
29. Georgian Alliance for Safe Roads
30. Association Hera XXI
31. International Development Agency of Georgia
32. Green Alternative
33. Center for Journalistic Research