



## GEORGIAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

Address by the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform to  
Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

The unjustified and ruthless war waged by Russia in Ukraine has once again convinced our society of the correctness of the will repeatedly expressed by the Georgian people to choose the European path. The European aspirations and European choice of Georgians imply not only democracy and the rule of law, prosperity and social justice, healthy environment and gender equality, but also peaceful coexistence with civil societies or the democratic world.

Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova, three Eastern European countries, which have simultaneously applied for European Union membership, are being punished by the Russian authorities for their aspiration for civilization and freedom. The punishment involves annexation of territories, military coups, brazen military interventions, using economic or energy weapons. Russia believes that the former Soviet republics must be constantly under its influence. Moreover, Russian President Putin questions Ukraine's sovereignty.

Despite many obstacles or various mistakes, the aforementioned three countries have achieved a great success through significant reforms. The impetus for these people is that they strongly believe that they are European nations and that their place is in Europe.

Therefore, we, the representatives of the civil society, civil society organizations (CSOs) - members of the Georgian National Platform, urge you and the European Commission as a whole to take a vital step towards our peaceful, democratic and stable present and future and to support granting EU candidate status to all three countries of the Associated Trio, that will give great hope to our people and serve as a new and powerful impetus for their development.

### *Signatory Organizations:*

1. European Initiative – Liberal Academy Tbilisi
2. The Greens Movement of Georgia
3. Journalism Resource Center
4. The Association of Business Consulting Organizations of Georgia
5. Imereti Union of Science – “SPECTRI”
6. Research-Intellectual Club “Dialogue of Generations”
7. Samtskhe-Javakheti Regional Association “Toleranti”
8. Local Democracy Agency Georgia

9. Georgian Trade Union Confederation
10. NGO Coalition „Public Advocacy“
11. Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies
12. International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy
13. Human Rights Centre
14. EU-Georgia Business Council
15. Civil society institute
16. Youth Alternative
17. United Public Movement “Multinational Georgia”
18. Caucasus Environmental NGO network
19. Foundation ”Multi- Ethnic Resource Centre on Civic Education Development”
20. International Center of Geopolitical research
21. Junior achievement of Georgia
22. Foundation “Caucasus Environment”
23. Levan Mikeladze Foundation
24. The Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia
25. Women’s Political Resource Center
26. Biological Farming Association “Elkana”
27. Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture, Violence and Pronounced Stress Impact  
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28. Human Rights Research centre
29. International Center for Environmental Research
30. International Center for Advancement of Research, Technology & Innovation
31. Association “MERKURI
32. International Center for Democratic Initiatives
33. Women Enterprise” Fund Georgia
34. Georgian Institute of Politics
35. Community Foundation GENIUS LOCI
36. Institute for Euro-Atlantic integration and strategic studies
37. Rights Georgia
38. Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia
39. Thomas Jefferson Research Centre
40. People’s Harmonious Development Society
41. Student Youth Council
42. Electronic Governance for Georgia
43. Association DEA for Disabled Women and Mothers of Disabled Children
44. Institute for the study of nationalism and conflict
45. Georgian National Committee of International Council On Monuments and Sites  
ICOMOS Georgia
46. World Experience for Georgia
47. Penal Reform International
48. New Generation for Democratic Georgia
49. Association “Green Alternative”
50. International Organization of Human Rights protection and Prisoners social welfare
51. Teachers’ Union “Education and Universe”
52. Association for the Farmers’ Rights Defence
53. Community Development Academy
54. Georgia International Development Agency
55. “School-Family-Society” Association
56. Civil Society Development Institute

57. Association and Radio “Green Wave”
58. Journalism Research Centre
59. Peaceful and Business Caucasus
60. Cultural-Humanitarian Fund “Sukhumi”
61. Youth Association “Droni”
62. HERA XXI
63. International Society “Caucasian Mosaic”