

Coalition for Euro-Atlantic Georgia expresses its deep gratitude towards European Union for providing visa-free travel for Georgia

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Today European Union once again recognized the historical aspiration of Georgian people to be part of Europe and reached an agreement on visa liberalization for Georgia. Soon, citizens of Georgia will be able to travel through Europe without visas. The Coalition for Euro-Atlantic Georgia extends special gratitude to the European family and supports this decision.

The European Union confirmed today that Georgia has fully met the conditions that had been set for the visa liberalization. Georgia has therefore demonstrated to Europe and to the whole world its ability to implement reforms, especially when the country's strategic interests are at stake.

This decision marks another step on Georgia's path towards the EU integration. The agreement gives visa-free travel opportunity not only to Georgia, as a country, but to each citizen of Georgia, including those who live in the occupied territories. This will promote deep cultural and personal connections between the peoples of Georgia and the European Union, while also serving as a stimulus for tourism and for stronger economic ties.

Although visa liberalization is one of the most significant stages for Georgia on the way towards EU integration, our country should not be satisfied with this success. The government of Georgia should continue implementing democratic reforms and must begin discussing the prospects for Georgia's accession to the European Union.

Today's event is the result of the consistent and selfless work carried out by every worthy citizen, public service member and politician throughout the history of independent Georgia. In the past, Georgia has succeeded whenever society was united in its attempts to achieve the common goals and this remains true today. The people of Georgia have proven their devotion to the country's historical Euro-Atlantic choice and Western values on more than one occasions and this will guarantee our country's return to the European family in the future.

The 23-member “Coalition for Euro-Atlantic Georgia” aims to facilitate Georgia’s full-fledged integration in Euro-Atlantic structures.

The members of the Coalition are the following organisations:

- 1. Transparency International Georgia**
- 2. Civil Development Agency**
- 3. International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy**
- 4. Open Society Georgia Foundation**
- 5. Georgian Reforms Associates**
- 6. Atlantic Council of Georgia**
- 7. Georgian Farmers Association**
- 8. Institute for Development of Freedom of Information**
- 9. The Economic Policy Research Center**
- 10. Green Alternative**
- 11. Georgian Center for Security and Development**
- 12. Media Development Foundation**
- 13. UN Association of Georgia**
- 14. Society and Banks**
- 15. Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies**
- 16. Georgian Democracy Initiative**
- 17. Georgian Institute of Politics**
- 18. Regional Centre for Strategic Studies**
- 19. In Depth Reporting and Advocacy Center**
- 20. Voice from Georgia**
- 21. Liberal Academy Tbilisi**
- 22. Union Safari**
- 23. World Experience for Georgia**