

President Zourabichvili discusses Georgia's EU perspective at meeting with European Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi

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The President of Georgia Salome Zourabichvili met with the European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi, the resident's administration press office released information. The meeting was held in the Orbeliani palace.

The European perspective of Georgia, the issue of granting the candidate status and the process of fulfilling 12 recommendations of the European Commission were discussed by the President of Georgia during the meeting with the European Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi.

The importance of overcoming depolarization was emphasized while talking about the European perspective of Georgia:

"The purpose of coming to Georgia today is to help Georgia in the process of integration of Georgia into the European Union, in this direction we want to move forward with you," said the European Commissioner.

As reported in the information, Olivér Várhelyi once again expressed his readiness to help the European Union in everything that would contribute to its integration into the European Union.

It is also said in the press release that during the meeting



they also talked about the war in Ukraine and the security environment created in the region,

the security of the Black Sea, and its important role in connecting Europe and Asia.

The conversation also touched on the potential that the region and Georgia have in terms of

developing infrastructural, energy and transport corridors connecting Europe.

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The main issues discussed in the meeting were the dynamics of the implementation of EU recommendations and the significant progress achieved by Georgia on the path of European integration.

The information was released by the administration of the Government of Georgia.

At the meeting, which took place within the framework of Olivér Várhelyi's visit to Georgia, it was noted that 2022 was loaded with bilateral visits, which once again confirms the high level of political dialogue between the EU and Georgia.

According to the head of the government Gharibashvili, the



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government is ready to fulfill its obligations in order to quickly achieve progress on the path to joining the European Union,

and a number of important steps have already been taken in this direction.

As Irakli Gharibashvili noted, it is important that the EU accession process of the associated

trio countries is accompanied by the unwavering support of the EU institutions.

The conversation also touched upon the security environment of the region and the world. It

was noted that Georgia is a reliable partner and ally of the European Union in the region.

The meeting between Irakli Gharibashvili and Olivér Várhelyi also discussed the main

directions of the cooperation agenda between Georgia and the European Union and the reforms implemented within the framework of the association agreement.

The News in Brief

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OSCE/ODIHR and Venice Commission reps hold meetings in Parliament regarding Election Code.

code. The members of the OSCE/ODIHR and Venice Commission met with the representatives of the parliamentary opposition groups, as well as the head of the electoral code revision working group, the member of the parliamentary majority, Givi Mikanadze.

opposition believes to be unclear if electronic elections are held in only 70 percent of the population. The opposition also raised the issue of delaying the election of the CEC chairman as a problematic issue.

At the meeting, they also introduced the alternative version of the election code to the mem-

“the authorities do not want to share their vision”.

As for the position of the majority, as Givi Mikanadze noted, the meeting gives a reason to say that the conclusion of the Venice Commission regarding their document will be positive. According to him, the majority is also waiting for recommendations from the Venice Commission on what can be improved in the bill.

missioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement

Olivér Várhelyi, wrote on Twitter.

According to Várhelyi, the goal of the European Union is that economic growth and jobs will result in the prosperity of Georgia.

“We are at a meeting to discuss the economic and investment plan with representatives of the Georgian government and international financial institutions. Our economic and investment plan is about connectivity in the energy, digital and transport fields. As of today, 34,000 small and medium-sized enterprises have received our support. We want our support in Georgia 80,000 companies will

‘Our goal is that economic growth and jobs result in prosperity of Georgia’ Olivér Várhelyi says



Representatives of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the Venice Commission held meetings in Parliament regarding the electoral

As the deputies noted after the meeting, the guests heard their opinions regarding the election code, which was related to the issue of the threshold, as well as electronic elections, which the

members of the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission and expressed their concern that despite their willingness to reach an agreement with the majority and adopt a common document,



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missioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi wrote.

COP 27: New EU4Climate study highlights Eastern Partnership countries’ commitment to climate action

A comparative analysis of the Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) in the Eastern Partnership countries (EaP) was presented on 10 November at a side event of the 27th United Nations Climate Change conference (COP 27) hosted by the United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP). The conference took place in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

LT-LEDS are recognised as one of the key national planning exercises for the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine developed their LT-LEDS with the EU4Climate programme support, funded by the European Union and imple-



mented by UNDP.

Therefore, the comparative study focuses on the targets set in the draft LEDS, particularly on additional NDCs targets re-

garding adaptation and gender equality, and on the EU role in assisting the region with increasing long-term ambition in EaP countries.

With their ambitions, Armenia and Georgia state that climate neutrality is the goal for 2050. The “best” emission scenario of Azerbaijan shows that climate neutrality could be achieved by 2081. In Moldova, the LEDS covers only

the time until 2030 and lays down the action plan to implement the NDC2, which is the one with the highest ambition. Ukraine’s ambition is to achieve climate neutrality by 2060.

EU4Climate helps governments in the six EU Eastern Partner countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) to take action against climate change and towards a low-emissions and climate-resilient economy.

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Weather

Wednesday, November 16

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Night Overcast
Low: 6°C

Thursday, November 17

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Low: 4°C

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Tbilisi Brazilian Film Festival 2022 is back!

On November 14, 7th Brazilian Film Festival in Tbilisi commenced after 2 years of the pandemic break. The festival opened with a Brazilian adventure film "Xingu" and was attended by the representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited to Georgia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, as well as Brazilians residing in Georgia and others who enjoy Brazilian cinematography.

Screenings take place every day at 19:30 at Cinema House (2 Kakabadze Brothers str.), entrance is free and tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before each session. The festival will close with a special screening of an Oscar-winning film from Argentina on Friday.



