



# THE EUROPEAN UNION AND GEORGIA

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The EU and Georgia signed an **Association Agreement** in 2014. This agreement provides the foundations for political association and economic integration.

Key benefits from this relationship include a **Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)**, which opens the EU market to Georgian business and products, and **visa free travel** to the Schengen area for Georgian citizens since 28 March 2017.

The **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI)** is

the main financial instrument for the EU's cooperation with external partners, including Georgia. The EU is

Georgia's largest donor. The EU's grants to Georgia for 2021-2024 amount to **€340 million** and will be complemented by other regional and thematic programmes as well as funding in the forms of loans and guarantees.

On **3 March 2022**, Georgia presented its application for EU membership.

On **17 June 2022**, the Commission delivered its opinion.

The EU is  
**Georgia's main trading partner**,  
with a 21% share  
of its total trade in  
2021.

**Over 680,000**  
**Georgian** citizens  
have travelled to the EU  
**without a visa**  
on a total of almost 1.5  
million trips since the  
introduction of **visa free travel**  
in 2017.

## ECONOMIC & INVESTMENT PLAN

The EU supports Georgia with concrete investments to help post-pandemic recovery and improve the lives of Georgian citizens. In the coming years, the EU will invest in the following **flagship projects**:



Reliable internet through a Black Sea data cable and electricity cable



Support to 80,000 SMEs



High-speed internet for 1,000 rural communities



Ferry connections in the Black Sea



Cleaner air and energy efficiency for 1 million people



The EU continues its **firm support of Georgia's sovereignty** and **territorial integrity** within its internationally recognised borders, including through the efforts of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia (EUSR), the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) and through the European Peace Facility (**€12.75 million**) to help strengthen the Georgian Defence Force's medical, engineering and logistics units.

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