



WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO

European Union
Monitoring Mission
in Georgia



WHO WE ARE

The European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) in Georgia is an unarmed civilian monitoring mission. The Mission was deployed in September 2008 following the EU-mediated Six Point Agreement which ended the August war.

Since deployment, we have been patrolling day and night, particularly in the areas adjacent to the Administrative Boundary Lines with Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

Our priorities are to ensure that there is no return to hostilities, to facilitate the resumption of a safe and normal life for the local communities living in the areas adjacent to Abkhazia and South Ossetia and to build confidence among the conflict parties. We also assist European Union decision makers in shaping EU policy on Georgia and the wider region.

The Mission's headquarters is situated in Tbilisi, with three Field Offices in Zugdidi, Gori and Mtskheta. From here, approximately 200 monitors from various EU Member States are working on the ground.

Our mandate is valid throughout all of Georgia, within the country's internationally recognized borders. However, the de facto authorities of Abkhazia and South Ossetia have so far denied EUMM access to territories under their control.



WHAT WE DO

Our efforts are primarily directed at observing the security and humanitarian situation on the ground. We monitor the impact of the conflict on people living in the areas adjacent to the Administrative Boundary Lines and facilitate contacts between the conflict parties to reduce and prevent tensions. We also monitor the situation of internally displaced persons and follow legislative and policy developments that affect them.

We pay special attention to the impact of borderisation – the installation of physical and other obstacles along the Administrative Boundary Lines with Abkhazia and South Ossetia – and the effect it has on local community's livelihoods and freedom of movement.

Whenever an incident occurs, or other security related issue happens, we facilitate information exchange to clarify the situation, and avoid any creation or escalation of tensions.

As a fast and direct means of communication between the conflict parties, the Mission has established and operates a Hotline, which is a telephone line allowing the parties to communicate day and night. The Hotline is part of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism, which also comprises regular and ad hoc meetings between the conflict parties. This Mechanism has often proven very useful, enabling exchange of information about incidents and events and facilitating problem-solving. It has for instance helped facilitate the release of detainees, the safety of agricultural works near the Administrative Boundary Lines and early notification of particular activities, such as military exercises.



WHAT DON'T WE DO

We are not a humanitarian or development organisation and are unable to provide aid or fund specific projects. Nevertheless, we take note of people's views and concerns, and pass on information to those who are in a position to offer the necessary assistance.

EUMM...

- Was created by the EU after the August 2008 War
- Aims to ensure no return to hostilities
- Consists of 200 monitors from various EU Member States
- Patrols day and night from its Field Offices in Zugdidi, Gori and Mtskheta
- Is operationally impartial
- Works to allow local communities to get on with their daily lives as safely and normally as possible
- Supports information exchange among all parties
- Is not an NGO and does not provide humanitarian aid.



WE ARE LISTENING

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