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## WHO WEARE

We are the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia. We consist of more than 200 unarmed monitors from all over the European Union (EU). You can easily recognise us by our blue cars, the EU flags flying above them, and our blue jackets.

We arrived in Georgia on 1 October 2008 to observe the security situation after the 2008 war between Georgia and Russia. Since that day, we have been patrolling day and night, 365 days a year, to monitor and report any developments to the international community.

We do this for one specific purpose: to contribute to long-term stability in Georgia and the wider region.



Our activities are aimed at contributing to a stable and secure situation in Georgia and the wider region. We do that through several means:

- Our monitors are constantly patrolling and observing the situation. This discourages the parties from any hostilities. They know we will bear witness and report.
- We facilitate a return to a normal life for those people whose lives have been most affected by the war. We take note of people's rights and needs, such as freedom of movement and the effects it has on access to healthcare, education, pension, property, and water. Where appropriate, we pass this information on to those who can offer the necessary assistance.

We are not a humanitarian or development organisation. We are therefore unable to directly provide aid or fund specific projects.



- We have several platforms in place which ensure that the conflict-parties keep communicating and exchanging information. This helps prevent and defuse tensions.
- And finally, we pass all our observations on to the EU and its member states. They use this information to develop better policies in relation to Georgia and the wider region.