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Question for written answer E-003609/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Loss of faith in the EU in Georgia

For more than a decade, the Georgian Government has invested in the European integration process, carrying out complex reforms that have substantially transformed and modernised the country, in line with EU standards. These reforms have strengthened public support for the EU and the Union's credibility, making Georgia the most pro-EU state among the candidate and partner countries.

However, the latest Eurobarometer survey conducted in spring 2025 shows a fall in trust in the EU (49.9%) and, in parallel, an increase in trust in national institutions. This should be seen as a wake-up call by the EU.

1. Does the Commission recognise that some of its measures risk alienating Georgia and weakening the EU's influence in the region?
2. Is it not time for the Commission to reconsider its position and adopt a renewed approach towards Georgia?

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Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
(20 November 2025)

The EU is a consistent and reliable partner to Georgia and reaffirms its unwavering support for the territorial integrity of Georgia as well as its solidarity with the Georgian people.

In December 2023, the European Council granted Georgia candidate status ⁽¹⁾ on the understanding that the relevant reforms (i.e. the 'nine steps') set out in the Commission recommendations of 8 November 2023 ⁽²⁾ were adopted.

In view of the developments in Georgia, including democratic backsliding, in June ⁽³⁾ and October 2024 ⁽⁴⁾ the European Council concluded that the authorities' course of action jeopardised Georgia's EU path, de facto leading to a halt of the accession process. In November 2024, the Georgian government announced the decision to suspend the EU accession process until 2028.

The EU is ready to consider the return of Georgia to the EU accession path if the authorities take credible steps to reverse democratic backsliding. The responsibility lies solely with the Georgian authorities.

In terms of public opinion, the recently published 2025 annual survey results on perceptions towards the EU in Georgia indicate trust towards the EU is at 67%. 74% of citizens would vote in favour of Georgia's membership of the EU and 80% believe that EU membership would bring more advantages than disadvantages ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/12/15/european-council-conclusions-14-and-15-december-2023/>.

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_5633.

⁽³⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/06/28/european-council-conclusions-27-june-2024/>.

⁽⁴⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/10/17/european-council-conclusions-17-october-2024>.

⁽⁵⁾ More information available at: https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/special-eurobarometer-and-perception-surveys-2025-09-02_en, including Eurobarometer survey results among Member States citizens and perception survey results in Georgia.