

## Copy of Online discussion with Mrs. Salomė Zourabichvili – "The role of the EU in Caucasus"

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This real-time online discussion starts at 13.00 p.m. - Brussels time, on Wednesday , 8 October , 2008, with Mrs. Salomė Zourabichvili, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

The online discussion will take place at <http://chat.europe.bg> within the framework of the initiative "Now - interacting with the European Parliament!".

The event is open to all citizens of the European Union.

Working language is English.

Salomė Zourabichvili has served both as a senior French diplomat and as the Georgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. A dual national, she was born in Paris to Georgian parents, and was educated at the Institute of Etudes Politiques and Columbia University before joining the French diplomatic service. Among her many postings, she served in Rome and Washington, at NATO, the United Nations, and the Centre for Analyse et de Prvision, and as Head of the Strategic Issues Section in the Department of Disarmament and Security of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2001-3 she served as Director for International and Strategic Affairs in the Prime Minister's General Secretariat for National Defence, before her appointment as Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia. She is a Chevalier de la Lgion d'honneur and a Chevalier de l'ordre national du Mrite.

In 2004, President Mikhail Saakashvili of Georgia asked her to join the government of Zourab Jvania as Minister for Foreign Affairs. From March 2004 to October 2005 she served as the first female Foreign Minister of the Republic of Georgia.

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[Online Discussion with MEP Urszula Gacek](#)

[Online discussion with MEP Istvn Szent Ivnyi](#)

We look forward to receiving your questions and comments in Bulgarian, English, French and German - in real time at <http://chat.europe.bg>, as well as in advance at [info@europe.bg](mailto:info@europe.bg) or [parliament@europe.bg](mailto:parliament@europe.bg). After the discussion our team will publish the full text.

The initiative "Now - interacting with the European Parliament!", which is implemented with the financial support of the EP, involves a series of Internet-discussions with representatives of EU institutions on diverse topics currently of interest to European citizens.