



## Press Release

### Knowledge and Attitudes towards the EU in Georgia: Trends and Variations 2009 – 2013

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**On January 21, 2014, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) is holding a presentation of the survey report: Knowledge and Attitudes towards the EU in Georgia: Trends and Variations 2009 – 2013.**

The report presents the results of a study into the Georgian citizens' knowledge of and attitudes towards the European Union. It looks at the results of the three waves of surveys conducted in 2009, 2011, and 2-13, and attempts to identify trends and highlight changes in both knowledge and attitudes of the population of Georgia.

**Ms. Ketevan Vashakidze**, President of Eurasia Partnership Foundation will present the major findings of the survey and respond to questions from the audience. **Ms. Diana Janse**, the Ambassador of Sweden to Georgia, **Mr. Boris Iarochevitch**, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia, **Mr. Oliver Reisner**, Project Manager, EU Delegation to Georgia, **Mr. Kakha Gogolashvili**, the Director of the Center for EU Studies at the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), and a representative of the Office of the State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic integration will provide their opinions regarding the findings of the survey, as well as engage in candid discussions on possible future steps to address the existing knowledge gaps and misperceptions.

The current survey was commissioned by Eurasia Partnership Foundation and conducted by CRRC Georgia. Unlike the 2009 and 2011 surveys, the recent wave included interviews in Kvemo Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti, and Kakheti conducted in the minority languages of Armenian and Azerbaijani, so as to provide information about the main cleavages in priorities and attitudes between Georgia's ethnic minority and ethnic majority population.

The event will take place on **January 21, 2014, during 13:00-15:00, at Sheraton Metechi Palace, Dasi & Kala Halls** (Address: 20Telavi Street).

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