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## ZUGDIDI 1ST REGIONAL SESSION



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# Zugdidi 2010

United Youth For Peace

**Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Session  
of the European Youth Parliament  
in Zugdidi, Georgia  
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### *Did you know that:*

*Napoleon's death mask is on display in the Dadiani Palace Museum in Zugdidi, but the main treasure of this museum is a shroud of St. Mary.*

European Youth Parliament Georgia is expanding its range of cities covered by sessions. And the number of youngsters involved in is increasing with a geometric progression.

We have reached the western region of Georgia – Samegrelo and its beautiful town of Zugdidi.

This session will be special not only because it's first in this region, or because of the wonderful nature or atmosphere, but the most important is the aim of this session: to make the youth be united for peace.

And you are the one who can make the session even more special by applying now, if you are ready to bring at least a little positive change to Europe.

Peaceful life is unfortunately not accessible for many of our peers in this area. The organizers of this session wish to prove that the war can only be defeated by peace and that the youth can definitely play an active role in it.

Session participants will include the international delegates from Europe, as well as the ones from conflict regions of Georgia, IDPs and active Georgian EYPers.

The organizing team will provide each selected participant with accommodation in Zugdidi throughout the session days and transportation from Tbilisi to Zugdidi and back.

We are happy to announce that there is no participation fee for the officials and for delegates the fee is only 10 GEL (5 Euros).

Organizers will be more than happy to help you to plan the trip. Bear in mind that spring is one of the best times to visit Georgia.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Zugdidi!

Yours,

Organizing Team

# Session Programme

## Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

All Day	Arrival of Participants
15:00-18:00	Teambuilding of Officials
21:30	Gathering at Tbilisi Central
22:00	Departure to Zugdidi

## Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

07:00-09:00	Arrival in Zugdidi/Transfer to the Hotel
09:00-10:00	Breakfast in the Hotel
10:00-10:30	Transfer to School
10:30-12:00	Opening Ceremony at Niko's Palace
12:00-12:45	Coffee Break and Free Time at School
12:45-13:00	Gathering at School Yard
13:00-13:45	Committee Teambuilding
13:45-14:00	Transfer to the Rukhi Castle
14:00-15:30	Group Teambuilding
15:30-16:00	Transfer Back to School
16:00-17:00	Dinner
17:00-19:00	Committee Work
19:00-20:00	Free Time
21:00-23:00	Committee Dinner & Party
23:30-24:00	Transfer back to Hotel

### Did you know that?

*If the weather is fine, the Black Sea coast can be seen from Rukhi Castle, located 30 km away from there.*

## Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

08:00	Wake up Call
08:30-09:30	Breakfast
09:30-10:00	Transfer to school
10:00-12:00	Committee Work
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break
12:30-14:30	Committee Work
14:30-16:00	Dadiani Palace Sightseeing
16:00-17:00	Lunch
17:00-18:00	Committee Work
18:00-18:15	Coffee Break
18:15-19:00	Finalizing Resolutions
19:00-20:00	Dinner
20:00-21:00	Preparation for Euroconcert
21:00-23:30	Euroconcert
23:30-24:00	Transfer back to Hotel

## Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

07:00	Wake up Call
07:30-08:30	Breakfast
08:30-09:00	Transfer to the Atriumi Cinema
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony of GA
09:30-12:00	GA (Committees I, II, III)
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break
12:30-15:00	GA (Committees IV, V, VI)
15:00-17:00	Closing Ceremony
17:00-18:00	Dinner
18:00-21:00	Farewell Party
22:00	Departure to Tbilisi

## EYP Session in Short

Session in Zugdidi is a regional EYP event, where 70 delegates from Georgia and Europe meet to discuss current issues, share their opinions and get to know each other.

The session is divided into three parts:  
Teambuilding, Committee Work and General Assembly.



On the first day of the session, delegates are divided into 6 committees that are coordinated by chairpersons and **TEAMBUILDING** starts. Creative methods and games are used to make different individuals to function together as a team. That is essential for efficient committee work during the following days.

On the second day of the session, committees will start discussing their topics with the aim of compiling a resolution. This is also continued on the third day and is called **COMMITTEE WORK**. Chairpersons will guide the group through brainstorming and other activities to get everybody's ideas into the resolution. Committees have the chance to defend their resolutions on the final day during the General Assembly.

At the **GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)** all the committees meet to present and discuss their resolutions. The proposing committee has the chance to defend their resolution, and delegates from other committees have the right to make attack speeches. The open debate lasts for about 30 minutes and members of the GA have the chance to ask questions from the proposing committee. At the end of discussion, the delegates have the vote either in favour or against the resolution.

Those resolutions that are passed are subsequently presented to the European Parliament, National Governments and other national and international governing bodies. While it is true that the European Parliament has gone on to discuss issues brought up by EYP resolutions, the main aim of EYP is not to exert political influence but to enable the participants to experience democratic decision making.



Along with the official programme, special evening activities will be organized to entertain the participants

## Venues

The session venues are chosen to be located near each other, so that the delegates will experience less transportation. Accommodation for delegates and officials is provided at the hotels in Zugdidi center.



Committee work will take place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public School of Zugdidi, one of the best schools in the city. The dress code for the committee works is casual.

Opening Ceremony of the session will be held at Niko's Palace. This place is chosen because of its special historical significance. Salons were often held here that brought together Georgia's outstanding figures in literature and the arts, and by the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries, it had become a major center of Georgian cultural life. The dress code for opening ceremony is formal. Participation fees must be paid before opening ceremony and presents will be given to delegates at the end of the ceremony.

Group Teambuilding will be organized in the place of Rukhi Castle, where the participants will be taken by Bus. You may be playing teambuilding games in the forest near the castle, so be prepared. Separate rooms for changing at school and some free time will be provided after opening ceremony, to be ready for teambuilding.

The Euroconcert will be held at the Zugdidi Theatre. Participants for Euroconcert can register even later - on the first day of the session, but it's better if you inform organizers about your will to participate before the session, they might help you find the instruments you need, to avoid transporting them.

The venue for General Assembly and closing ceremony is the Atriumi Cinema in Zugdidi. You will enjoy the film about the session (you might be starring 😊) at the end of the closing ceremony. The copy of the film will be given to each participant at the end of the farewell party to remember the session forever.



Did you know that: They have their own language in Samegrelo, which is not really similar to Georgian.

# Preparation

Officials should arrive on April 30<sup>th</sup> before 3pm in Tbilisi, to attend officials' teambuilding. And the delegates can arrive anytime before 9pm to be at the Tbilisi Central Railway Station at 9:30pm.



The train with EYPers will depart to Zugdidi at 10pm, and will be in Zugdidi at 7am next morning on May 1<sup>st</sup>. You will have one night to sleep in the train.

The delegates should bring official clothes for opening/closing ceremonies and for the GA, casual clothes for teambuilding and outdoor clothes as well.

We would be happy if you participate in the Euroconcert, and be prepared! Contact our organizers for any kind of detailed information.



May is a warm month in Zugdidi, but be prepared for a rainy weather too.

The delegates' participation fee of 10 Gel (5 EUR) will be paid before the Opening Ceremony at Niko's Palace.

You'll be informed about committee topics later, by your chairs.



Did you know that: The name 'Zugdidi' means 'big/great hill' in Laz-Mingrelian (Colchian) language.

## Useful info



There are no Visa requirements for up to 360 day visits to Georgia for the citizens of EU and most of the CIS countries.

Direct flights to Tbilisi can be taken from:  
Kiev, Munich, Istanbul, Riga, Baku, Amsterdam, Athens,  
Dnepropetrovsk, Donetsk, Frankfurt, Istanbul,  
Kharkov, London, Nicosia, Minsk, Munich, Paris,  
Prague, Vienna, Yerevan.



Official currency in Georgia is Lari, which can be exchanged in banks or in any of plenty exchange points in the city.

The exchange rate for 1 Euro is 2.3 GEL and for 1 USD – 1.7 GEL.



The time zone is GMT+4

Georgia is *officially* known as hospitable and welcoming country and you can check it out!



For any further information, feel free to contact the organizers!  
Find them on the next page



Welcome to Georgia

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Did you know that: The idea of Zugdidi session was formulated last year in Batumi, where Giorgi & Tsotne were delegates from the same committee, and they were actually debating about problems of war in the region.



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## How to Participate

### Delegates:

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by 20<sup>th</sup> of April

Application for  
Delegates

### Officials:

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Did you know that: We were looking forward to seeing you in Georgia so much? ☺

