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In Georgia and Armenia: time to deepen our cooperation and commit to shared values

Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy visits Georgia and Armenia on 9-12 July to discuss EU's relations and cooperation with the two countries and take stock of the progress made in the final phase of the negotiations for Association Agreements including DCFTAs in view of their initializing at the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius in November.

In Georgia Commissioner Füle will meet President Mikheil Saakashvili on 9 July in Tbilisi and Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili, Foreign Minister Maya Panjikidze and several ministers and members of the Parliament as well as civil society representatives on 11 and 12 July in Batumi where he will participate in the 10th Batumi Conference 'Georgia's European way'.

On 10 July in Armenia Commissioner Füle will meet President Serzh Sargsyan, Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan, Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian, the ministers for Economy, Finance, Education and Science as well as representatives of the opposition parties and civil society.

On the eve of his visit Commissioner Štefan Füle said: *"The run up to the Vilnius Summit is a crucial phase when our partners are expected to demonstrate their engagement to further deepening our cooperation based on our shared values and ensure the benefits of our closer cooperation are shared with the citizens. This is also an opportunity to emphasise the continued commitment and support of the European Union and its Member States to Armenia and Georgia and their citizens."*

For further information

Website of Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/fule/index_en.htm

European Union External Action Service (EEAS) website on Armenia

http://www.eeas.europa.eu/armenia/index_en.htm

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