

On October 19 and 20, 2013 representatives from the national councils of the European Movement in Armenia and Azerbaijan met in Yerevan alongside colleagues from the European Movement International. This follows previous meetings which have taken place in Tbilisi.

The participants would like to thank the Armenian authorities for having made this meeting possible, by granting authorization for the Azerbaijani participants to enter the country and for providing for their safety. The participants would also like to thank the hospitality shown by the European Movement Armenia's leadership and congratulate the European Movement Azerbaijan's delegates on their braveness.

Motivated by their continued belief that the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict is the only acceptable path forward and inspired by the steps taken so far, they jointly analysed the latest regional developments. Chief amongst these was looking at the statement of the President of Armenia regarding the Eurasian Customs Union and the way the presidential elections in Azerbaijan were conducted.

Participants expressed their hope that the European integration processes of Armenia and Azerbaijan will be resumed after the Vilnius Eastern Partnership Summit, and that the reforms already initiated will continue. Furthermore, it was hoped that both countries will maintain the long-term objective of negotiating Association Agreements with the EU.

Participants reviewed the conclusions of their previous meetings and took positive note of the Batumi training event and how it has contributed to the further development of the "Peace TV" project, which will become a reality from November onwards.

The national councils of the European Movement in Armenia and Azerbaijan have also agreed on the following courses of action:

- doing their utmost in order to make it possible for the next meeting to take place in Baku;
- increasing their efforts in using the full potential of the South Caucasus Peace Project Facebook Group, to allow for the direct involvement of their individual members in the discussion of ideas, actions and activities aimed at promoting confidence building, mutual understanding and peace;
- reaching out to and including other organizations that share the same values and would like to contribute to the further development of the EMI "Tbilisi Process".

The national councils of the European Movement of Armenia and Azerbaijan thank the EMI Board and Secretariat for the support received so far, urge other EMI Members and other interested individuals and civil society organizations to join their efforts in building peace and friendship among their nations, and urge the European Union, other international organizations and Governments to follow suit by increasing their efforts to find compromises and peaceful solutions, and to further consolidate democracy and the respect for human rights in the entire region. Peace has always been at the core of European integration, and we hope that this will be the case in the South Caucasus too.

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