

A delegation from one of the leading business organizations in Turkey visited Georgia to pave the way for developing bilateral economic, commercial, industrial and financial relations. Georgia's Economy Minister Dimitry Kumsishvili welcomed the guests from the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), headed by the chairman of DEIK's Turkish-Georgia Business Council Cemal Yangın. The questions of bilateral trade-economic relations were discussed at the meeting. Turkey is a biggest trade partner of Georgia. The investments and tourism were underlined as important spheres of cooperation. The parties underlined that cooperation between Turkey and Georgia are playing an important role for the regional economic development. The Turkish party expressed its gratitude for support of Georgia in events on July 15, at coup attempt. Turkish guests and Georgian officials agreed strengthening cooperation between Georgian and Turkish business sectors was important for developing the regional economy. On another note Yangin thanked the Georgian Government and Prime Minister for reacting to the attempted military coup in Turkey. He stressed it was "very important" for Georgia that the democratically elected government of Turkey was not under threat. The Turkish business sector was very satisfied and happy with the reaction of Georgia's Government. This was an unprecedented act of support that one country could express towards the other country," said Yangin. Georgian and Turkish sides both praised the increasing tourism and investment ties. The meeting was also attended by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Georgia Zeki Levent Gumrukchu, the Chairman of National Investment Agency of Georgia Giorgi Pertaia and the Chairman of Georgian and Turkish Business Association Kenan Yildirim.