

AZERBAIJAN

Politics vs. Human Rights



Quick facts

- **Azerbaijan** is located in the South Caucasus region, between Russia and Iran
- Azerbaijan is a Muslim-majority yet politically secular country
- Main military & political ally: Turkey
- Rich in natural resources of gas and oil
- Universal suffrage introduced in 1919
- Currently in peace process with Armenia



Quick Facts on fundamental freedoms

151st on the last World Press Freedom Index – 29th worst in the world (between Bahrain and Egypt)

Rated „**not free**“ in the annual Freedom in the World Index by Freedom House

37 out of 100 points in Freedom of the Net Index (unfree)

No free election since early nineties



Political prisoners

288 people

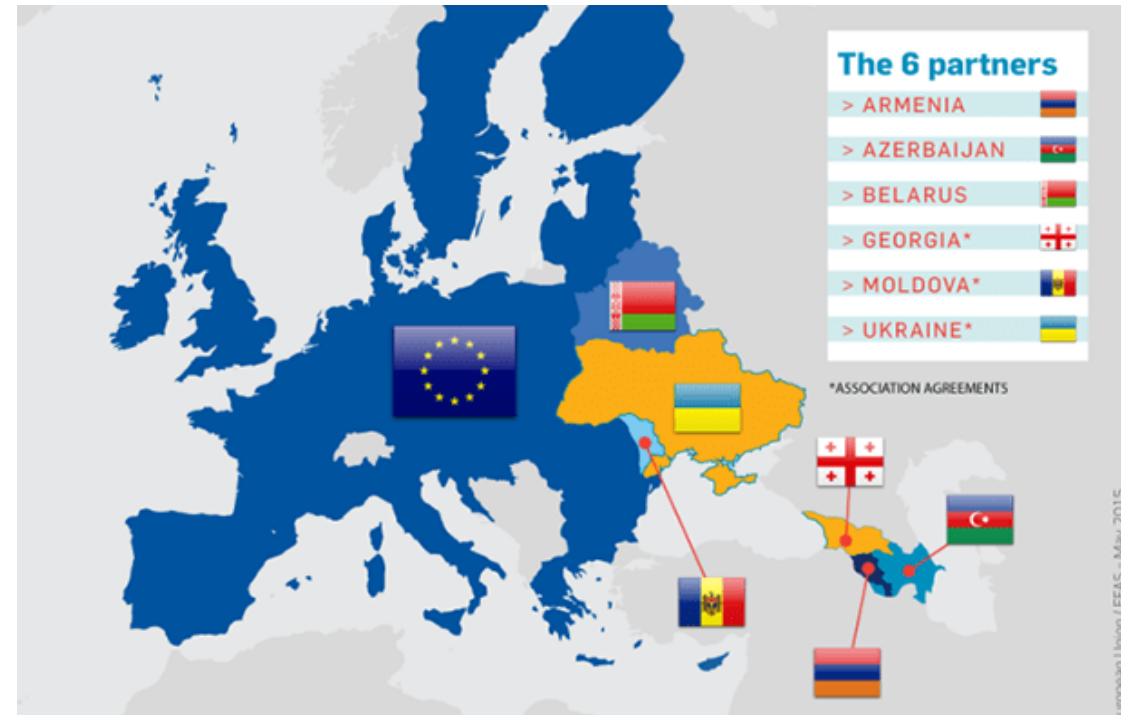


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Azerbaijan is the only country among EaP states (excluding Belarus) where the situation of civil society has dramatically worsened since the launch of the program in 2009.

Unlike all other EaP states, Azerbaijan has not updated the main agreement with the EU since 1999



Azerbaijan as organizer of major events

- 2015 Baku European Games
- Since 2017, Grand Prix Azerbaijan in Formula 1



Azerbaijan in Europe: Energy partnership vs. values

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission (2022)

„Azerbaijan is a key partner in our efforts to move away from Russian fossil fuels.“

„Azerbaijan is a reliable partner..“

Peace as a priority for Brussels



Council of Europe

- Azerbaijan joined CoE in 2001
- In the years 2012-2016 it caused a caviar diplomacy scandal
- 2012 Strasser report on political prisoners rejected in PACE vote

[The Caviar Connection trailer](#)



Council of Europe

Azerbaijani delegation has been suspended from PACE in January 2024



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We are disturbed by the detention of the prominent climate activist [@GretaThunberg](#) during peaceful demonstration in The Hague.

As a [@COP29_AZ](#) presidency we call on the Dutch authorities to respect the freedom of expression of climate protestors, and release those detained.

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As a sign of Azerbaijan's sincere commitment to climate action and freedom of assembly, I suggest [@AzerbaijanMFA](#) to invite [@GretaThunberg](#) to Baku to hold a peaceful demonstration.



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Questions?

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