

# Member Directory

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## **The Delegation of Georgia to the OSCE PA**



**Ms. Sofio Katsarava**

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**Political Party Affiliation:** Georgian Dream

**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since**

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:** Chairperson of the Committee of Foreign Relations

**Educational background:** 1993 - 1998 Tbilisi State Institute of Western Languages and Culture, Diploma

Professional Certificate in the Promotion and Implementation of Human Rights; International Centre for Parliamentary Studies, London, UK

Policy context for Policy Officers; London, UK

Project Management in a Policy Context (British Embassy)

Global Opportunities Fund Reuniting Europe Conference in Valleta (British Embassy)

Management Development Programme: "Communication and Assertiveness" (British Embassy)

Took part in a number of international conferences on human rights.

**Other information:**

Date of Birth: December 8, 1976

Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia

July – October, 2016

Adviser, International relations Unit, Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia

British Embassy in Georgia

April 2011 – July 2016 Political Officer

April 2006 – April 2011 Projects/Press and Public Affairs Officer

Jan 2005 – March 2006 Press and Public Affairs Officer

World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) Caucasus Programme Office, Tbilisi, Georgia

1998 – 2005 Projects manager/Programme Administrator

**LANGUAGES**

Georgian – Native

English – Fluent

Russian - Fluent

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## **The Delegation of Georgia to the OSCE PA**



**Mr. George Tsereteli**

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President of the OSCE PA

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**Political Party Affiliation:** European Georgia

**Home District** Tbilisi

**Member of Parliament since** 1999

**Positions held in Parliament:** Vice-President of the Parliament of Georgia, Committee Chair

**Current positions in Parliament:** Vice-Chair of Healthcare & Social Affairs Committee, Member of Foreign Affairs Committee

**Educational background:**

- 2005 - Boston University School of Public Health, Economics and Financing for International Health – Certificate
- 1995 - 2000: Tbilisi State University, School of Law - LLM
- 1987–1989: Institute of the Clinical and Experimental Neurology, Residency – MD (Neurologist)
- 1986 - 1987: Tbilisi Central Republican Hospital-Internship
- 1980–1986: State Medical University, School of Medicine

### **Other information:**

Date of birth: 23 February 1964

Place of birth: Tbilisi

Marital status: Married

### Organization/ Position

- 2016- to present : IX Parliament of Georgia. Vice-Chairman, Committee on Healthcare and Social Affairs. Foreign Affairs Committee member
- 2012-2016: MP, VIII Parliament of Georgia. Vice-Chairman, Committee on Healthcare and Social Affairs. Foreign Affairs Committee member
- 2012-to present: Vice-President, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- 2011-2013: European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)- President
- 2009-2011: European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)- Vice-President
- 2008-2012: MP, VII Parliament of Georgia, Deputy Chairman
- 2004-2008:MP, VI Parliament of Georgia, Member of Parliament of Georgia , Parliament of Georgia Committee on Healthcare and Social Issues - Chairman
- 2004 / 02 – 05: Deputy Prime-Minister - Minister of Labor, Health and Social Protection of Georgia,
- 2003 / 11 – 2004 / 01: Acting Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia
- 2000 / 02 – 2004 / 01: Deputy Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia
- 1999 / 11 – 2000 / 02: MP, V Parliament of Georgia, Chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy and Self-Governance
- 1998 / 10 – 1999 / 11: Member of Tbilisi City Council, Chairman of the Majority Faction
- 1996–1998: Tbilisi Municipality Vice-Mayor
- 1995 / 04 – 1995 / 10: Tbilisi Municipality, First Deputy Chairman of the Department of Social Affairs
- 1995–1996: Governor of Tbilisi Vake District
- 1993–1995: Private Business
- 1987–1993: Hospital of the Clinical and Experimental Neurology, Neurologist, MD

### Activities

- Member of the Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- President of the EPP and Likeminded Group In the OSCE PA
- Executive Committee Member- European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF)

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## **The Delegation of Georgia to the OSCE PA**



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**Fax:**

**Political Party Affiliation:** Georgian Dream

**Home District** Elected from the majoritarian district Ozurgeti, Georgia

**Member of Parliament since** 2016

**Positions held in Parliament:** Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia

**Current positions in Parliament:** Leader of the Parliamentary Majority, The Parliament of Georgia

**Educational background:** Post Graduate  
Georgian Institute of Public Affairs – GIPA  
Public Health Policy and Management Program  
2010

University  
Tbilisi State Medical University  
Department of Health  
2000-2006

### **Other information:**

Professional Profile:

Mr. Talakvadze has been working for international and national non-governmental organizations and public agencies for the past 12 years, implementing managerial, advisory, editorial, training and consulting functions.

Mr. Talakvadze has particular experience in management, human rights, public health, law enforcement and information communication technologies. Under his personal leadership Georgian corrections system completed Prison Healthcare reform successfully. He has been involved in missions analyzing management process and organizational structures, assessing human rights protection and humanitarian conditions, developing information and communication solutions, conducting policy research, developing strategic plans for individual organizations or coalitions.

Mr. Talakvadze has been involved in planning and implementation of awareness raising, civic education and advocacy campaigns. Holding a position of an adviser to the Ombudsman of Georgia he got intimately familiar with criminal justice, penitentiary, finance and welfare systems. Mr. Talakvadze has been working in the area of good governance - holding a position of a deputy director of the program component he managed civic engagement centers in ten municipalities and has performed in the area of local self-governance, democracy and elections. He has been elected as a member of the Georgian Parliament in 2016 and nominated as a leader of the Parliamentary majority in the 9th elected parliament of Georgia.

Mr. Talakvadze evaluated, hired and trained tens of staff as a project manager of large and small projects; He mobilizes resources to meet goals and objectives and creates strategic direction for staff and project/program components or activities; Mr. Talakvadze possesses excellent communication skills both oral and written, being author of numerous publications, presentations at conferences and authored policy speeches.

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**Political Party Affiliation:** Georgian Dream

**Home District** The 14th constituency of Chugureti District

**Member of Parliament since** 2012

**Positions held in Parliament:** Chairman of the Faction "Georgian Dream", Parliament of Georgia, 2013–2016  
Chairman of the Temporary Commission on Territorial Integrity Issues, 2012–2016

**Current positions in Parliament:** Deputy Chairman of the Parliament

**Educational background:** 1964-1974: 24 Public School, Tbilisi, Georgia  
1974-1978: Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Economics, specialized in Commodity Studies and Organising Trade of Industrial Goods

### **Other information:**

Date of Birth: 18.01.1957

Place of Birth: Tbilisi, Georgia

### Professional Experience:

2016 –present Deputy Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

2013–2016 Chairman of the Faction "Georgian Dream", Parliament of Georgia

2012– present Member of the Parliament of Georgia

2012–2016 Chairman of the Temporary Commission on Territorial Integrity Issues, Parliament of Georgia

2007–2011 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Reserve of the Diplomatic Service; Participant of the projects of International Non-Governmental Organizations and United Nations Development Fund in Georgia.

2006–2007 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Ambassador at Large

2004–2006 State Ministry of Georgia on Conflict Resolution Issues, Deputy State Minister on Conflict Resolution Issues

2003–2004 National Security Council of Georgia, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the National Security Council (SNSC)

1993–2003 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Adviser of the Representative at the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the UN, Head of the Central UN

Department at the Ministry, Deputy Representative at the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the UN

1993–1993 Cabinet of Ministers of Georgia, Deputy Head of Foreign Relations Department

1991–1993 Representation of the Government of Georgia to the Russian Federation, Deputy Representative

1991–1991 United State Employment Fund of Georgia, Head of Department

1991–1991 Confederation of Independent Professional Unions of Georgia, Head of Organizational Department

1984–1990 District, Municipal and Central Party Organizations of Georgia, Instructor

1979–1984 Central Office of the Ministry of Trade of Georgia, Economist

1978–1979 Central Office of the Ministry of Trade of Georgia, Information and Data Collecting Center, Engineer

Election Form: Proportional Election System

Election Block: "Bidzina Ivanishvili - The Georgian Dream"

2012–2016 Member of the European Integration Committee

2012–2016 Member of the Foreign Relations Committee

2012–2016 Member of the Georgia-EU Parliamentary Association Committee

2015–2016 Member of the OSCE PA Parliamentary Delegation

2015–2016 Member of the EuroNest (EaP) Parliamentary Assembly Delegation

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2015-2016 Member of the NATO PA

2013–2016 Head of the Friendship Group with the Parliament of the Republic of Poland

2013–2016 Head of the Friendship Group with the Parliaments of Argentina, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Cyprus, the Federation of Malaysia, Moldova, Swiss Confederation, Czech Republic, Chile, North Caucasus Republics.

2015–2016 Member of the Parliamentary Trust Group

2016–2016 The Member of the Organizational Commission of the Publishing and Public consideration of the Constitutional law draft on “Amendments to the Constitution of Georgia.

Additional Information:

Diplomatic Rank: Envoy, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Marital Status: Married, two children

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**Political Party Affiliation:** Georgian Dream

**Home District** N63 Electoral District, Sanaki

**Member of Parliament since**

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:** First Deputy Chairman of Defense and Security Committee

**Educational background:** 1984-1994: Attended Senaki Secondary School (Senaki, Georgia)  
1994-1995: Attended Blackfoot High School (USA)  
1998: Graduated from the Georgian Diplomatic Academy with the Qualification of the Specialist of Foreign Policy/International Relations (Tbilisi, Georgia)  
2005-2006: Studied at the University of Westminster (London, UK), was awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies with Merit  
2014: Completed Law Enforcement Executive Development Course at the International Law Enforcement Academy (Budapest, Hungary)  
2015: Completed Singapore's Anticorruption Strategies Course (Singapore); Completed the Senior Executive Course in "21st Century Converging Threat: Nexus Of Terrorism, Drugs and Illicit Trafficking" at George C. Marshall European Center Of Security Studies (Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany)

**Other information:**

Born: October 26, 1978, Senaki, Georgia

1999-2001: Worked at the Georgian Red Cross Society and at the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies as the Community Development Regional Coordinator for West Georgia (Tbilisi, Georgia)

2002-2004: Held the position of one of the Directors at "Xylortans" LLC (Senaki, Georgia)

2004: Worked at the Parliament of Georgia as Invited Specialist (Tbilisi, Georgia)

2007: Director of the Georgian National Investment Agency at the Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia (Tbilisi, Georgia)

2007-2012: worked in private sector

2012 Regional Coordinator of the Central Election Office of the Political Coalition "Georgian Dream" (Tbilisi, Georgia)

2012-2015: Director of the Reforms and Development Department at the Ministry of Interior of Georgia (Tbilisi, Georgia)

2015-2016: Director of the Analytical Department at the State Security Service of Georgia (Tbilisi, Georgia);

2014-2016: Secretary of the National Council for Countering Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Threats (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Since November 19, 2016: Member of the Parliament of Georgia, elected from N63 Electoral District (Senaki) and the First Deputy Chairman of Defense and Security Committee

Speaks English and Russian Languages

Is Married, has a son.

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**Political Party Affiliation:** European Georgia

**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since** 2016

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:** MP

**Educational background:**

**Other information:**