Georgia is home to seven career consulates from European countries:

- Consulate General of Belgium
- Consulate General of France
- Consulate General of Germany
- Consulate of Greece
- Consulate General of Ireland
- Consulate General of Switzerland
- Consulate General of the United Kingdom

Georgia is home to 19 honorary consulates whose countries are members of the EU and seven representing related European states for a total of 26 additional European honorary consulates:

- Honorary Consulate General of Albania
- Honorary Consulate General of Austria
- Honorary Consulate General of Cyprus
- Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic
- Honorary Consulate of Denmark
- Honorary Consulate of Estonia
- Honorary Consulate of Finland
- Honorary Consulate of France
- Honorary Consulate of Georgia
- Honorary Consulate of Germany
- Honorary Consulate General of Hungary
- Honorary Consulate General of Iceland
- Honorary Consulate of Italy
- Honorary Consulate of Liechtenstein
- Honorary Consulate of Lithuania
- Honorary Consulate of Luxembourg
- Honorary Consulate of Malta
- Honorary Consulate of Monaco
- Honorary Consulate of The Netherlands
- Honorary Consulate of Norway
- Honorary Consulate General of Poland
- Honorary Consulate of Romania
- Honorary Consulate of Slovenia
- Honorary Consulate of Spain
- Honorary Consulate of Turkey
- Honorary Consulate of Sweden

Many commerce departments, bi-national chambers of commerce and other organizations promoting trade and investment with the European Union have offices in Georgia. These organizations work to assist their members, develop business contacts and foster commercial relations and exchanges between Georgia and their countries. Examples include:

- Austrian Trade Commission
- Flanders Investment and Trade; Walloon Export & Investment
- Danish-American Chamber of Commerce
- The Trade Council of Denmark
- Finnish American Chamber of Commerce
- Business France
- German American Chamber of Commerce
- Irish Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta
- Italian Trade Commission
- Netherlands-American Chamber of Commerce
- Polish-American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeastern U.S.
- Swedish American Chamber of Commerce
- British-American Business Group of Atlanta

Since taking office in 2011, Governor Nathan Deal has traveled to the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, France, Turkey and Belgium on business and economic development missions.
Upper Austria, Bavaria (Germany) and the state of Georgia are members of the Regional Leaders Summit (RLS), a forum of seven regions (states, federal states and provinces) from four continents that strategize for a sustainable world. Georgia hosted the 2014 Regional Leaders Summit, and Bavaria will host the 2016 edition.

Many Georgia cities participate in Sister Cities International partnerships, which facilitate cultural and economic exchanges between countries. The following are the current partnerships:

- Athens- Athens, Greece
- Athens- Cortona, Italy
- Athens- Iasi, Romania
- Atlanta- Ancient Olympia, Ilia, Greece
- Atlanta- Brussels, Antwerpen, Belgium
- Atlanta- Bucharest, Bucuresti, Romania
- Atlanta- Newcastle upon Tyne, England, U.K.
- Atlanta- Nuremberg, Bayern, Germany
- Atlanta- Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria
- Atlanta- Toulouse, Midi-Pyrenees, France
- Augusta- Biarritz, France
- Columbus- Bistrita, Romania
- Dalton- Dilbeek, Belgium
- Gainesville- Eger, Hungary
- Lagrange- Craigavon, County Armagh, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom
- Macon- Macon, Bourgogne, France
- Marietta- Linz am Rhein, Germany
- Savannah- Patras, Akhaia, Greece
- Savannah- Halle, Germany

The Georgia Institute of Technology and the University System of Georgia host one of 15 “European Union Centers” located at universities across the U.S. and partially funded by the European Commission. The Georgia EU Center offers research, teaching and outreach programs.

The University System of Georgia offers more than 200 study abroad programs to countries in the European Union. Students have the opportunity to study topics such as economics, business, science, medicine, architecture, history and religion.

Trade Relationship

EXPORTS: In 2014, Georgia exports to the European Union totaled more than $7.6 billion, an 8.31% increase over the previous year.

Top exports from Georgia to the EU include civilian aircraft engines and parts, gas turbines, medical and surgical instruments, electrical machinery, motor vehicles and paper and paperboard.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to the EU: woodpulp, kraft paper and paperboard, kaolinic clays, tall oil, carpets and other textile floorings and peanuts.

IMPORTS: In 2014, Georgia imports from the EU totaled approximately $27.8 billion, a 22.2% increase over the previous year.

Primary EU imports include motor vehicles, pharmaceutical products, heavy machinery, petroleum oils, medical equipment and electric machinery.

Capital Investment

More than 128 Georgia companies have operations in the European Union. There are more than 2,463 facilities in Georgia whose countries of origin are in the European Union. A list can be found online at insite.georgia.org.

In November 2012, Porsche North America, the U.S. importer and subsidiary of Germany-based Porsche, broke ground on the new North American headquarters in Hapeville, Georgia. The company officially opened in May 2015.

In January 2015, Mercedes-Benz USA (MBUSA) relocated its headquarters to Georgia to create at least 800 jobs and represent an investment of approximately $74 million in the state.
Transportation

Delta Air Lines provides daily direct flights to 18 cities in the EU:
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Barcelona, Spain
- Brussels, Belgium
- Dublin, Ireland
- Düsseldorf, Germany
- Frankfurt, Germany
- London, England
- Madrid, Spain
- Manchester, England
- Milan, Italy
- Venice, Italy
- Munich, Germany
- Paris, France
- Rome, Italy
- Stuttgart, Germany
- Zurich, Switzerland

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah maintains 60 service lines that ship weekly to 24 EU ports.

GPA has a European office, based in Norway, which covers the European Union. The office is managed by Arthur Rondan.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is the state’s sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, aligning workforce education and training with in-demand jobs, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a destination for arts and location for film, music and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development.

GDEcD Economic Development Representatives in the EU

The state of Georgia has had continuous representation in Europe since 1973. Since that time the office has assisted hundreds of European firms located in Georgia and Georgia companies exporting to Europe. Antje Abshoff and Mike Harling lead Georgia’s investment and trade efforts in Europe.

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