

**Question for written answer E-009056/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: DCFTA for SMEs and visa-free regime with Georgia and Ukraine

The fourth Eastern Partnership Summit, held on 21 and 22 May 2015 in Riga, was an occasion to demonstrate the EU's willingness to pursue closer relations with its partners. The summit was held in parallel with the Eastern Partnership Business Forum, during which the Commission launched the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area Facility (DCFTA) for SMEs in three countries: Georgia, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

The facility is expected to unlock new investments worth at least EUR 2 billion. While Moldova, having successfully fulfilled all the benchmarks set in the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan, was granted a visa-free regime in 2014, Ukraine and Georgia are still looking forward to completing the second phase of their plans. In order to ensure the implementation of the new DCFTA for SMEs and in view of the need for closer economic integration of the Eastern partners with the EU and the fact that the value of exports of goods to the three countries has doubled over the last 10 years:

Does the Commission intend to adopt a solid commitment regarding visa liberalisation with Georgia and Ukraine?