

Europe Program Director Contact Sheet



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Crisis Group role

Sabine Freizer is the Brussels-based Director of the Europe Program. She started with Crisis Group as Caucasus Project Director in July 2004. As Europe Program Director, Sabine Freizer oversees projects covering the Caucasus, Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro, and Turkey. She has a PhD from the London School of Economics, and a Masters from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) which she obtained as a Fulbright Scholar.

Areas of expertise

- Balkans
- Caucasus
- Turkey
- Moldova
- Civil Society and Conflict Prevention

Professional background

Caucasus Project Director (Tbilisi-based), International Crisis Group, 2004–2007

Political Officer, OSCE Election Observation Missions Azerbaijan and Georgia, 2003–2004

Human Dimensions/Legal Expert, OSCE Central Asia Liaison Office, Tashkent, 1999–2000

Civil Society Coordinator, OSCE Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 1996–1998

Publications and Media (selection)

“Soccer diplomacy – lessons for Armenia and Azerbaijan”, *Today's Zaman*, 18 October 2009

Kosovo: “Eyes on the Ball”, *Transitions Online*, 14 October 2008

“EU:n tarkkailijoiden päästävä myös kiistellyille alueille”, *Helsingin Sanomat*, 10 October 2008

“A Mission for All of Georgia”, *EU Observer*, 7 October 2008

“Reassuring Kosovo's Serbs”, *The Guardian*, 20 March 2008

“Combustible Caucasus”, *The Wall Street Journal*, 13 March 2008

“Nagorno-Karabakh – A Frozen Conflict That Could Boil Over”, *European Voice*, 31 January 2008

Nagorno-Karabakh: “Putting the Freeze on a Frozen Conflict”, *The Boston Globe*, 25 December 2007

“Kosovo's appointment in Samara”, *EU Observer*, 16 May 2007

“Why Kosovo's Independence is Necessary”, *IslamOnline.net*, 14 May 2007

“The EU's Inexcusable Pardon for Serbia”, with Andrew Stroehlein, *European Voice*, 29 March 2007

“Nagorno-Karabakh: Between Vote and Reality”, *openDemocracy.net*, 14 December 2006

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