



## **Minority Rights Group Europe and Eastern Partnership Minorities Network**

### **Speakers Biographies**

#### **1) Elbrus Mammadov, Human Rights Monitoring Group of National Minorities, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Elbrus is a representative of the Azeri minority in Georgia. He works as a Director of the organization "Human Rights Monitoring Group of National Minorities" in Georgia. Since 2001, Elbrus has been working on access to information by national minorities, capacity building for civic organizations of national minorities and monitoring of minority rights protection. Elbrus has been actively involved in the elaboration and submission of alternative reports on the human rights situation, including the state of national minorities in Georgia.

#### **2) Giorgi Bobghiashvili, European Centre for Minority Issues Caucasus, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Giorgi Bobghiashvili is a projects coordinator at the European Centre for Minority Issues Caucasus office, an organisation working to improve the competencies of minority organizations and assist governments in building institutional capacities to develop and implement policies on national minority issues. Mr Bobghiashvili works on civic integration of ethnic minority youth, advocating minority rights at governmental and societal level. His work also promotes the European integration process of Georgia among ethnic minority population, as well as researching ethnic minority issues across the Caucasus region. Giorgi holds a master degree in European Studies from the Comenius University.

#### **3) Zsófia Farkas, Director, Minority Rights Group Europe, Budapest, Hungary**

Zsófia has been working on minority rights protection in the EU new Member States, the Western Balkan, Central Asia, Eastern Partnership countries and Russia for 6 years. As a Regional Director, she is responsible for European and international advocacy at the UN, OSCE and Council of Europe.