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Esma Gumberidze is a youth worker from Georgia. She has been a member of youth initiatives and international formats such as the Young European Ambassadors by the EU Neighbours East, CEPPS Global Youth Advisory Group, and the Youth Delegation to the OGP Global Summit. In Georgia, Esma has been Youth Representative to the United Nations and a member of the consultative Council on the monitoring of UNCRPD Implementation, Protection and Promotion with the Ombudsman's Office.

Currently Esma is a member of the European Democracy Youth Network (EDYN), a co-founder of the Network of former Youth Delegates to the UN, a member of the disability inclusion consultative mechanisms with the Tbilisi Mayor's office, and the Ministries of Internal Affairs and Health. She also chairs the disabled women's organization "Platform for New Opportunities" and is a board member at the National Network of Women with Disabilities. Esma is a fellow at the Center for Inclusive Policy and advocacy project assistant at NDI. She has authored a few research papers on varied topics e.g. the participation of persons with disabilities; the situation of the women with disabilities rights; the employment of women with disabilities. She has written blogs on peacebuilding, media literacy, women's and disabled persons' rights.

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