

## **Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM)**

The Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM) – both in Ossetian and Abkhazian direction - was created in February 2009 as a result of the Geneva Discussions that followed the 2008 conflict in Georgia.

The IPRM meetings are an opportunity to discuss such issues, as the identification of potential risks, the follow-up of incidents and the exchange of information, as well as problems affecting the communities on a daily basis. Besides, the hotline operates within the framework of this mechanism. Its main goal is the rapid response on concrete and specific incidents.

While on the South Ossetian direction IPRM meetings, co-facilitated by EU Monitoring Mission and OSCE, involving officials from Tbilisi, Tskhinvali, as well as representatives of the Russian troops on the ground, are held on the regular basis, such meetings on the Abkhaz direction in Gali were suspended since April, 24, 2012.

On May, 27, after the fatal incident in Khurcha, four years interval finished and the IPRM participants gathered in Gali.

The Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism meetings are co-facilitated by the OSCE and the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM).