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Abstract. The article examines the life of Azerbaijanis outside Azerbaijan, the activity of Azerbaijani diasporas around the world, the activities of diaspora organizations, the history of migration and territorial distribution. Of the 50 million Azerbaijanis around the world, only one fifth of them lives in Azerbaijan itself. The article pays special attention to the Azerbaijani diasporas in Europe (especially those in Germany, Great Britain and France), the U.S., Canada, the CIS countries and Georgia. Information on numerous Azerbaijani organizations, communities and cultural centres operating abroad is also provided.

The first part of this article examined the historical background and major waves of migration of Azerbaijanis, and also reviewed the activities of diaspora organizations both at the regional and international levels. The three largest Azerbaijani diasporas in the world were also discussed: in Iran (32 million), Türkiye (over 3.3 million) and Russia (2 million). In total, more than 50 million Azerbaijanis currently live in 70 countries around the world, with less than 10 million in Azerbaijan itself. The second part of the article is going to focus on the diasporas in Europe, the U.S., the CIS countries and other states where a significant proportion of Azerbaijanis live.

Azerbaijanis in Georgia

There are an estimated half a million Azerbaijanis living in Georgia (233 thousand according to the 2014 Census) [1]; they are the second largest ethnic group in the country. They mainly live in the south, southeast, and central parts of the country, especially in the regions (*mkhare*) of Kvemo Kartli (224 thousand), Kakheti (40 thousand), Shida Kartli (5,5 thousand), and Mtskheta-