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Goal 1.	Further improvement in the field of trade statistics				
Objective 1.1.	Calculation of Foreign Trade Indices (Export-Import Unit Value Indices)				
1.1.1. Production of External Trade Indices (Export-Import Unit Value Indices) on the basis of the Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Nomenclature (HS) by sections	Produced Export-Import Unit Value Indices (UVI) on the basis of the Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Nomenclature (HS) by sections	External Trade Unit Value Indices published on the Geostat webpage: www.geostat.ge	LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia		Data on 2015-2021 External Trade Indices (Export-Import Unit Value Indices) by sections of the Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Nomenclature (HS) is available on the Geostat webpage on the following link: https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/713/external-trade-unit-value-indices-uvi 2022 quarterly data on UVI will be published on July 31, 2023 (after dissemination of revised external merchandise trade statistics of 2022).
Objective 1.2.	Production of Statistics on International Trade in Services				
1.2.1. Develop a pilot survey on International Trade in Services	Statistics on International Trade in Services by types of services and countries	Report on pilot survey on International Trade in Services	LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia	National Bank of Georgia	Since 2021 quarterly/annual survey on International Trade in Services is conducted on a regular basis. Experimental statistics were compiled based on 2020-2021. The results were published in August 2022. Official dissemination of Statistics on International Trade in Services is planned from 2023.
Goal 2.	Promoting exports to the EU				
Objective 2.1.	Diversification of export products within the EU				
2.1.1 Promoting the participation of Georgian companies in international events, exhibitions and trade missions in EU countries	Number of exporting companies participating in international events, exhibitions and trade missions in EU countries Number of exhibitions and trade missions held in EU countries	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		<u>In the 3Q of 2022 with the support of the agency 47 Georgian companies participated in international fairs and exhibitions held on the territory of the EU:</u> 2 Georgian companies manufacturing children's apparel participated in the thematic event - Pitti Immagine Bimbo 2022 (Winter show) – Italy, Florence, 11-13 January. 8 Georgian companies manufacturing children's apparel participated in the thematic event - Playtime Paris 2022 (Winter show) – France, Paris 29-31 January. 8 Georgian designers exhibited the apparel, shoes and accessories they manufactured in showrooms related to Paris Fashion Week; With the support of the agency 7 Georgian companies manufacturing children's apparel participated in the thematic event - Pitti Immagine Bimbo 2022 (Summer show) – Italy, Florence, 22-24 June; With the support of the agency 8 Georgian companies manufacturing children's apparel participated in the thematic event - Playtime Paris 2022 (Summer edition)–

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					<p>Paris, France, 2-4 July; Also, in July 2022, with the support of the agency products of 8 Georgian companies manufacturing children’s apparel were placed on the trade platform “Playtime Marketplace 2022”.</p> <p>On September 18-20, 2022, 6 Georgian companies engaged in apparel sector mainly manufacturing leather and leather products participated in thematic international ex-hibition “MICAM & MIPEL Milano” – Milan, Italy.</p> <p>On September 27-29, 2022, With the support of the agency 6 Georgian companies manufacturing packaging materials participated in the thematic international exhibition FACHPACK 2022, Nurnberg, Germany.</p> <p><u>Outside the EU, with the support of the agency up to 50 Georgian companies participated in exhibitions and fairs:</u></p> <p>14 Georgian companies participated in Gulfood 2022 held in UAE, Dubai;</p> <p>In April the agency supported a Georgian designer to display their clothes, shoes and accessories in the Fashion week showroom in Shanghai, China. The event was held from April 8 to April 13;</p> <p>On April 25-27, 2022, the agency organized the participation of 7 Georgian food and drinks companies in Food and Drink Expo 2022 in Birmingham, UK. The event was held from April 25 to April 27;</p> <p>From March 30 to April 1, 4 Georgian companies manufacturing leather and leather products participated in ALF Dubai 2022 held in UAE;</p> <p>From May 25-27, 2022 the agency organized the participation of 5 Georgian companies manufacturing food additives for animals and birds in Agroexpo Uzbekistan 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan;</p> <p>From June 9-12, 2022 the agency organized the participation of 2 Georgian jewelry companies in a prestigious exhibition Couture Show 2022 in Las Vegas, USA.</p>

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					<p>With the support of the agency 2 Georgian companies manufacturing electronic devices and particles (cables mainly) participated in the thematic international exhibition Electricity World Africa 2022 which took place in Johannesburg, South Africa (August 23-24).</p> <p>With the support of the agency, the only one Georgian company manufacturing solar panels participated in the thematic international exhibition SPI 2021, which took place in California on September 19-22.</p> <p>On September 16, 2023 products of 20 Georgian manufacturers were showcased in the Fresh Produce Consortium Awards event which took place in London, UK.</p>
Objective 2.2.	Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses				
2.2.1. Support to the small and medium entrepreneurship in access to finance and / or technical support	<p>Quantity of created and / or extended enterprises;</p> <p>Number of consultations for access to the EU market</p>	<p>Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia</p> <p>enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge</p>	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		In 3Q 2022 215 manufacturing enterprises registered 238 loans/leases with the amount of GEL 146.5 mln in scopes of the Universal Industrial programme. The projects entail investments of GEL209 mln. and will employ up to 2200 persons.
Objective 2.3	Development of small and medium business export opportunities				
2.3.1. Training of export managers of small and medium businesses	Number of certified export managers	<p>Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia</p> <p>enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge</p>	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		There were two trainings held for export managers in 3Q 2022. 50 managers were trained in total. The first course was held from March 22 to April 14, the second – from May 23 to July 8.
2.3.2. Promoting registration of entrepreneurs in the European Entrepreneurs Network (EEN)	Number of Georgian companies consulted/supported about EEN platform register	<p>Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia</p> <p>enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge</p>	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		No companies interested in registering on EEN platform contacted the agency in 3Q 2022.
2.3.3. Promoting the platform “Trade with Georgia” and increasing its usage	Number of companies registered on the platform	<p>Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia</p> <p>enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge</p>	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		Up to 220 new companies registered on TradewithGeorgia.com in 3Q 2022.
Goal 3.	Legislative and institutional approximation with relevant EU legislation and best practice in the field of technical barriers to trade				
Objective 3.1.	Elaboration of legislation that Georgia has undertaken to approximate in accordance with Annex III-A to the Association Agreement				

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<p>3.1.1. Adoption of the technical regulations and revision of already approximated Georgian Legislation according to the Annex III-A of the AA, in order to check their compatibility and update it in accordance with the repealed and recast Directives and Regulations in Appendix III – A</p>	<p>Adopted normative acts; Adopted amendments to the relevant legislation in case of necessity</p>	<p>matsne.gov.ge</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency; LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology</p>	<p>In order to approximate to the Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, draft resolution of the Government of Georgia „on the approval of the technical regulation on radio equipment” has been prepared. Meetings were held with public and private sector representatives and the latest draft technical regulation is updated in accordance with their comments and notes. Updated draft technical regulation is planned to be submitted to the Government of Georgia for approval in the nearest period.</p> <p>In June 2022, Government of Georgia adopted 4 governmental decrees - Amendments to technical regulations within the framework of dynamic approximation. Accordingly, Georgian legislation has been approximated to the following updated EU directives and regulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regulation (EU) 2016/424 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on cableway installations and repealing Directive 2000/9/EC - Decree N 299 of the Government of Georgia of June 8, 2022 – “Amendment to the Decree N 320 of the Government of Georgia of August 15, 2011 - “ Technical Regulation relating to cableway installations designed to carry persons” 2. Directive 2014/33/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts and safety components for lifts (recast) - Decree N 302 of the Government of Georgia of June 8, 2022 – “Amendment to the Decree N 289 of the Government of Georgia of July 26, 2011 – “Technical regulation relating to safety of lift” 3. Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment (recast) - Decree N 301 of the Government of Georgia of June 8, 2022 – “Amendment to the Decree N 151 of the Government of Georgia of June 19, 2013 – “Technical Regulation concerning pressure equipment” 4. Directive 2014/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating

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					<p>to the making available on the market of simple pressure vessels (recast) - Decree N 303 of the Government of Georgia of June 8, 2022 – “Amendment to the Decree N 150 of the Government of Georgia of June 19, 2013 – “Technical Regulation relating to simple pressure vessels”</p> <p>Work for identification of harmonized standards of the directive 2014/68/EU and for adoption thereof as Georgian standards is underway, in accordance with the approximation plan. The remaining harmonized standards corresponding to the updated directives/regulations are fully adopted as Georgian standards.</p>
<p>3.1.2. Elaboration of technical regulations on medical devices in accordance with Regulation 2017/745 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017</p>	<p>Adopted technical regulations</p>	<p>Technical regulation approved by the resolution of the Government of Georgia: matsne.gov.ge</p>	<p>Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</p>		<p>Harmonized standards of this regulation are adopted as Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology.</p> <p>A working group was set up within the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of the IDPs from the occupied territories of Georgia to develop a draft technical regulation.</p>
<p>3.1.3 Elaboration of technical regulations on in vitro diagnostic medical devices in accordance with Regulation 2017/746 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017</p>	<p>Adopted technical regulations</p>	<p>Technical regulation approved by the resolution of the Government of Georgia: matsne.gov.ge</p>	<p>Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</p>	<p>LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology</p>	<p>Harmonized standards of this regulation are adopted as Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology.</p> <p>A working group was set up within the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of the IDPs from the occupied territories of Georgia to develop a draft technical regulation.</p>
<p>3.1.4 Elaboration of technical regulations according to the Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States on electromagnetic compatibility</p>	<p>Adopted technical regulations</p>	<p>Technical regulation approved by the resolution of the Government of Georgia: matsne.gov.g</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development; Georgian National</p>	<p>LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology</p>	<p>The harmonized standards of this Directive are fully adopted as a Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology</p>

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			Communications Commission		
3.1.5. Elaboration of technical regulation according to the Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits	Adopted technical regulations	Technical regulation approved by the resolution of the Government of Georgia: matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology	The draft technical regulation "On electrical equipment to be used within certain voltage limits" has been developed and is being agreed with the relevant agencies. The harmonized standards of this Directive are fully adopted as the Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology.
3.1.6. Approximation of the Technical Regulation on Construction Products to the Regulation 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products	Amendment to the technical regulations	Amendment of technical regulation approved by the resolution of the Government of Georgia: matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency. LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology	A draft amendment to the technical regulation on construction products has been prepared. To determine the priorities, an impact assessment of this regulation (RIA) is being elaborated with the support of AA Facility project. The process of elaboration of the RIA is in the final stage and will be presented to relevant stakeholders in the nearest future.
3.1.7. Elaboration of technical regulation in accordance with the MID (Measuring Instruments Directive) and NAWI (Non-automatic weighing instruments) directives	Adopted technical regulation	Technical regulation approved by the resolution of the Government of Georgia: matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology	Works for translation of MID (Measuring Instruments Directive) and NAWI (Non-automatic weighing instruments) directives have been completed. Process for further development of drafts of respective technical regulations are being implemented. In the framework of on-going twinning project “Strengthening of institutional as well as human capacities of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) according to the international/EU best practices”, visit of Spanish expert was realized on 24-25 th of May. The existing legislation was analysed, as well as detailed review of the requirements of directives was performed. The process of identifying priority measuring instruments and development of draft internal procedures is on going.

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					Harmonized standards of those directives are fully adopted as a Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology.
3.1.8. Adopt the International and European Standards as a Georgian Standards; Particularly the harmonized standards referred in sectoral directives, specified in Annex III-A (TBT) of the AA	Number of international and European standards adopted as Georgian ones	Agency Gen. Directorial Ordinances on the Adoption of Standards	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		As of 9 months of 2022, the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) has adopted 4704 standards as Georgian standards (GES), among them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GES ISO (International Standard) – 3681; • GES EN (European Standard) – 1023
Objective 3.2.	Institutional and infrastructural development necessary for technical regulation, standardization, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment and market surveillance administration				
3.2.1. Establishing a risk assessment system for the market surveillance agency	Implemented risk assessment system	Annual report of the agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		With the support of the EU project "Support to the Implementation of the Association Agreement between the EU and Georgia - Phase II", work on the concept of a risk assessment system (program) was completed. According to the report of the next step is a preparation of a technical specifications for tender documentation for the development of the IT System. Assistance in this regard needs to be provided by the upcoming EU twinning project –“Advancing the Capacities of the Market Surveillance Agency of Georgia”
3.2.2. Establishing an electronic information system on hazardous products	The Agency webpage is created, integrating a system of information on hazardous products	Annual report of the Agency; Webpage of the Agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		The introduction of a risk assessment system and the website of the agency jointly ensure the implementation of the activity, in particular, the creation of an electronic system and access to information for users. An electronic system for information on hazardous products will be integrated into the website of the Market Surveillance Agency. At this stage, work is underway on the website of the agency, which is at the final stage.
3.2.3. Continue the process of updating the equipment of reference laboratories in the field of metrology in order to provide enhanced services in priority areas	Increased number and range of services offered (Procurement of additional new equipment for reference divisions/labs. in 1 laboratory)	Calibration certificates issued by the Agency Annual Report of the agency	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		The list of equipment to be procured during 2022 was developed for upgrading the equipment base of GEOSTM Metrology Institute’s Reference Laboratories. The process of clarification of technical specifications and preparation of procurement documents is now on-going. During 9 months of 2022, following equipment were procured and received: 2 (two) pH sensors of pH meter (METTLER TOLEDO) for Phys-Chemical Measurements Reference Division; reference barometer MSB780X and barometer M-67 for pressure laboratory. Also, 2 pressure sensors with a range of 35 bar and 1000 bar were purchased for the pressure laboratory to calibrate

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					the equipment. Standard samples for conductivity, pH-metry and density measurements were also purchased for the phys-chemical measurement division.
3.2.4. Take necessary measures to maintain and / or expand the international recognition of priority reference laboratories in metrology field	The number of CMC recordings on calibration and measuring capabilities of the country	Data base of BIPM www.bipm.org	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		<p>Internationally recognized Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMCs) of GEOSTM are maintained and consists of 65 CMC entries.</p> <p>In order to maintain international recognition, as well as to ensure traceability of measurements, GEOSTM Metrology Institute developed calibration programs for 2022 of its reference standards and measuring instruments.</p> <p>The Calibration and Measurements Capacities (CMCs) of different countries' National Metrology Institutes (NMIs) have been analyzed. Based on the results of this analysis the measurement standards and reference equipment of GEOSTM have been sent to the relevant Metrology Institutes for calibration (Turkey, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Great Britain).</p> <p>For ensuring smooth realization of international recognition process of laboratories, considering Georgia's EU membership aspiration, GEOSTM started preparatory work for becoming member of European Metrology Organization EURAMET. In August 2022 GEOSTM prepared and submitted formal application for membership in EURAMET. The relevant procedures have been initiated by EURAMET, and the process of voting by its members about joining GEOSTM, is in progress.</p>
3.2.5. Introduce a quality management system in the Standards Department in accordance with ISO 9001: 2015	Implemented procedures according to ISO 9001:2015 in Standards Department	Internal audit report on the implementation of ISO 9001: 2015	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		<p>The elaborated documents are gradually analyzing together with the Twinning project experts. The draft quality manual and the list of necessary procedures have been developed, Some of the documents have been submitted for further analysis.</p> <p>In the framework of twinning project various activities are planned in near future (trainings, meetings, visit of project expert, gap assessment) in order to prepare further recommendations for the implementation of the QMS.</p>
3.2.6. Initiation of preparatory work for the introduction of the new services in the field of metrology in accordance with ISO 17034: 2016 reference materials	Prepared documents and procedures required for the implementation of the Quality Management System in accordance with the international standard ISO 17034: 2016	Annual report of Agency Twinning project reports	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		Main activities for the implementation of the standard ISO 17034:2016 in Metrology Institute of GEOSTM are considered in the framework of EU twinning project. Within the framework of this project, visits as well as online consultations of European experts were carried out, further activities e.g. trainings, study visit are also planned.
3.2.7. Strengthening capacity of the Accreditation Center and development of accreditation schemes for	Minimum 2 of accreditation schemes are created	Developed scheme / schemes in both voluntary and regulated areas;	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	In June 2022, under the twinning project, invited German experts conducted awareness-raising events/trainings regarding the following accreditation schemes: ISO/IEC 17021, Global Gap and ISO 22001.

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accreditation in various areas of conformity assessment		www.gac.gov.ge	n body – Accreditation Center	Development of Georgia	Working process in this area is actively continuing in order to ensure GAC to grant accreditations in those areas. Another training session on Global Gap is scheduled for October 31, organizational work is underway.
3.2.8. Maintain/extend recognition from EA	Maintain recognition from EA in at least 6 areas. Receive additional recognition from EA in the area of ISO/IEC 17043.	The bilateral agreement signed by EA and GAC with reference to recognized areas. Web-pages of the GAC and the EA	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	Relevant documentation related to the activities of the GAC was prepared and sent to the EA Assessment Team. The first evaluation is scheduled for October 11 in remote mode. Rest of participants of EA evaluation team will visit Georgia in the period from October 24 to October 29. Within the mentioned period, evaluation will perform in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO/IEC 17025 (calibration) • ISO/IEC 17025 (testing) • ISO/IEC 17020 (Inspection) • ISO 15189 (Medical Testing) • ISO 17024 (Certification of personnel) • ISO 17065 (Certification products) Also, evaluation will be performed in order to receive additional recognition in the area of ISO/IEC 17043 (proficiency test providers)
3.2.9. Create a program to digitize the activities of the Accreditation Center and launch it in test mode	A program running in test mode, to which all accredited bodies are connected.	Functional electronic system	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The accreditation center organized trainings for leading and technical assessors of the accreditation center, technical experts, representatives of conformity assessment organizations and other employees of the accreditation center. At the training, the program developers presented the program in detail and taught the participants how to use it. In total, 350 people attended the training. 9 Conformity Assessment Bodies were selected for their inclusion in the test mode operation of the program. Digitalisation programme is already prepared and launched in the test mode.
3.2.10. Implement appropriate measures for full membership of the GAC in the IAF / ILAC	The relevant application has been prepared and submitted to the IAF / ILAC	www.gac.gov.ge	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	On May 18 of 2022, the Unified National Accreditation Body of Georgia - Accreditation Center became a full member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). GAC also became a signatory of multilateral recognition arrangement in following scopes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing (ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 15189) • Inspection (ISO/IEC 17020) • Calibration (ISO/IEC 17025) On July 4, 2022, GAC became a full member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and a signatory of the Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA) in the following scopes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification products ISO/IEC17065 • Certification of Personnel ISO/IEC 17024

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Objective 3.3.	Facilitate the training and adaptation of stakeholders, including economic operators for the implementation of related legislation				
3.3.1. Organizing meetings/seminars for stakeholders, including small and medium entrepreneurs	Meetings held / Number of seminars; Number of attendees	List of attendees of seminars/meetings Prepared information materials	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency; LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology; LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center		<p>On April 13, 2022 kick-off meeting of the EU Twinning project “Strengthening of institutional as well as human capacities of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) according to the international/EU best practices” was held with the participation of representatives of bussines sector, laboratoris, asspciations, QI institutions and regulatory bodies.</p> <p>In the framework of the Twinning project, on September 19-20, 2022, at the Georgian National Agency of Standards and Metrology workshops were held on the issues "Creation and guiding the National Mirror Committee (NMC)", to facilitate involvement of the local experts working in the field of food safety and construction in the activities of the European standardization committees (CEN/TC 250; CEN/TC 275).</p> <p>on September 22, in the framework of the twinning project the seminar was held at the "Holiday Inn" hotel for interested parties (manufacturers, importers, representatives of market surveillance) on the harmonized standards (EN 71-1 , EN 7-2, EN 71-3) of the European Directive on safety of toys 2009/48/EC, in order to promote the legislative approximation process provided for by the DCFTA agreemen. The representatives of the standards department of GEOSTM and the market supervision agency took part in the seminar together with the European expert. Seminar was attended by more then 30 representatives from interested parties.</p> <p>With assistance of the AA facility project, 3 info sessions, a meeting with business operators (with approximately 80 stakeholders) has been conducted by the Market Surveillance Agency in Tbilisi and in Kutaisi in the field of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits.</p> <p>On 7 April 2022, a mid-term conference of the EU funded Twinning project of the accreditation center “Strengthening Georgian Accreditation System with the Focus on EU Technical Regulations” took place at the Holiday Inn Hotel Tbilisi, Georgia. The aim of the conference was to inform Georgian society about the role and importance of</p>

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					<p>accreditation and its impact on economy and international trade facilitation. 60 participants attended the training.</p> <p>On June 15-16, 2022, training on the ISO/TS 22003 standard was conducted by Wolfram Hartmann, an expert of the German Accreditation Body. Representatives of business associations of Georgia attended the event together with other stakeholders. 30 participants attended the training.</p> <p>On September 22, within the framework of the twinning project, an Italian expert Agustino Pagini conducted information meeting regarding the pressure equipment directive. The representatives of Market surveillance agency, Technical & Construction Supervision Agency and conformity assessment bodies were attended training, 20 participants in total.</p> <p>On July 12-13, 2022 an Italian expert Igor Gallo conducted information meetings with the representatives of Market surveillance agency and conformity assessment bodies and with the assessors of GAC. The aim of the meeting was to introduce QI landscape on Toys Directive.</p>
3.3.2. Preparation of electronic and / or printed materials / information brochures for dissemination of information on technical regulations	Prepared electronic and / or printed materials / information brochures	Information brochures published on the Agency's website	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		The activity is planned within the AA Facility and will take place through December 2022.
3.3.3. Organize trainings for accredited conformity assessment bodies in the fields of standards related to their activities and in the fields of mandatory documents adopted by international and European organizations operating in the field of accreditation	Number of organized trainings; Number of conformity assessment bodies present at the trainings	Annual Report of the agency; www.gac.gov.ge	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	<p>On March 27-28, 2022, Accreditation Center conducted a training on ISO / IEC 17043 standard. 15 people attended the training.</p> <p>During the reporting period, Accreditation center organized trainings for representatives of the Conformity assessment bodies, technical experts of Georgian Accreditation center and other stakeholders. Trainings were held in GAC's office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On May 2, Lead assessor of Accreditation Center, Alexandre Gabunia, conducted training about ISO/IEC 17020 standard .In total 15 participants attended the event, among of them was representatives of Construction Inspection Bodies. • On May 3, 5 and 6 Head of Accreditation services, Nestan Mgeladze, conducted trainings about ISO/IEC

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					<p>17025 standard. Training were attended by representatives of calibration and testing laboratories. In total 45 participants attended the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead assessors of Georgian Accreditation Center, Alexandre Gabunia and Davit Barbakadze, conducted training for representatives of Periodical Technical Inspection Centers in 10 and 16 May. In total 27 participants attended.
3.3.4. Awareness raising on accreditation rules and procedures among representatives of the executive, legislative and judicial bodies	<p>Number of organized trainings;</p> <p>Number of representatives of executive, legislative and judicial bodies present at the trainings</p>	<p>Annual Report of the agency;</p> <p>www.gac.gov.ge</p>	<p>LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p>	<p>Within the framework of the EU funded Twinning project “Strengthening Georgian Accreditation System with the Focus on EU Technical Regulations” and in cooperation with the European financed project “Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement in Georgia – II”, GAC organized the awareness raising seminar on European Accreditation System, for the judges involved in administrative and civil proceedings. The aim of the seminar was to introduce accreditation systems existing in Georgia, the EU and globally, as well as to provide overview of the general principles on Georgian Accreditation rules and real case studies regarding the topics prepared by DAKKS and ACCREDIA. On April 1-3, 2022 Seminar was attended by judges from east of Georgia. And on July 15-17, Seminar was attended by the judges of Western Georgia. In total 40 judges attended events.</p>
Objective 3.4.	Capacity building of the relevant state institutions				
3.4.1. Training of Market Surveillance Agency staff in accordance with priorities, including surveillance of lead content in construction paints and varnishes	<p>Number of trained participants;</p> <p>Number of trainings conducted</p>	<p>Annual Report of the agency</p>	<p>LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency</p>		<p>The following trainings for MSA staff members were held in 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU; • PTB Online Training on E-commerce controls – organizational set-up, procedures and techniques and the latest developments in EU; • Machinery; • Pressure equipment; and • Simple pressure vessels.

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3.4.2. Pilot (practical) training of Market Surveillance Agency staff on construction products in line with the existing priorities and on electrical equipment intended for use within certain voltage limits	Number of pilot (practical) trainings conducted and trained staff	Annual Report of the agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		The activity is planned within the AA Facility and will take place through December 2022.
3.4.3. Training of staff in the field of standardization and metrology	Number of seminars/trainings conducted for the staff of the National Agency for Standards and Metrology	Annual Report of the agency; www.geostm.ge	LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	<p>25-26 January, 2022 the staff of the Standards Department participated in the ISO training on "National Standardization Strategy (NSS)".</p> <p>On June 21-23, 2022 representatives of the GEOSTM participated in the General Assembly of the European Standardization Organizations, which was held in Prague, Czech Republic.</p> <p>In the framework of the Twinning project, on September 19-20, 2022, at the Georgian National Agency of Standards and Metrology workshops were held on the issues "Creation and guiding the National Mirror Committee (NMC)", to facilitate involvement of the local experts working in the field of food safety and construction in the activities of the European standardization committees (CEN/TC 250; CEN/TC 275).</p> <p>on September 22, in the framework of the twinning project the seminar was held at the "Holiday Inn" hotel for interested parties (manufacturers, importers, representatives of market surveillance) on the harmonized standards (EN 71-1 , EN 71-2, EN 71-3) of the European Directive on safety of toys 2009/48/EC, in order to promote the legislative approximation process provided for by the DCFTA agreement. The representatives of the standards department of GEOSTM and the market supervision agency took part in the seminar together with the European expert. Seminar was attended by more than 30 representatives from interested parties.</p> <p>In the framework of the mentioned twinning project as of 9 months 2022 visits, as well as online consultations by European experts already have been carried out, in the following fields: acoustic measurements, pressure measurements, Phys-chemical measurements, Quality management systems in accordance with international standards ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 17034. Also, within the</p>

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					framework of the legislative approximation component, European expert provided consultations on the implementation of EU directives MID and NAWI.
3.4.4. Improving the qualification of the Accreditation Center staff	Number of trainings conducted with the participation of accreditation staff, number of trained staff	Annual Report of the agency; www.gac.gov.ge	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	During the reporting period, GAC’s employees activity participated in different trainings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTB’s training about ISO/IEC 17025 standard, which was held online, On April 4 and 11. • On April 28, an EA Webinar on Accreditation of Breast Cancer Services. • PTB’s training about ISO/IEC 15189 standard, which was held online on 18-19 May. • PTB training about ISO/IEC 17065 and ISO/IEC 17067 standards was held on September 14-15. • Under the framework of the twinning project, on June 27, a training on metrological traceability and decision-making procedures was held in the office of Georgian Accreditation Centre. Training was conducted by the Italian expert Julia Suriani. • Training on the Low Voltage Directive (LVD) was conducted on September 12, 2022 by the Italian expert Luca Cinnirella. • On September 20 an Italian expert Agostino Pagini conducted a training on the Pressure Equipment Directive for the representatives of GAC.
Objective 3.5.	Enforcement of the market surveillance in accordance with DCFTA obligations				
3.5.1. Conducting the market surveillance in the supervisory areas of agency based on risk analysis by LEPL Market Surveillance Agency	Number of inspections performed (documentary and technical)	Annual Report of the agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		Market surveillance procedures are carried out on the Agency's surveillance products, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 construction products placed on the market were inspected in the local market; • 10 pressure equipment placed on the market were inspected in the local market; • 80 Machinery placed on the market were inspected in the local market; • 60 toys placed on the market were inspected in the local market; • 38 personal protective equipment placed on the market were inspected in the local market; • 82 gaseous fuel equipment placed on the market were inspected in the local market;

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					<p>The following were checked from the 7 customs clearance economic zones of the Revenue Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6482 advance notice of import of construction product; • 2496 Machinery Import Notification; • 3843 toy import advance notice; • Prior notice of import of 869 personal protective equipment; • Prior notice of import of 2034 gaseous fuel equipment; <p>Samples of 38 construction products were taken and sent to the appropriate accredited laboratory. Samples of 30 toys were taken and sent to the appropriate accredited laboratory.</p>
Goal 4.	Promoting trade in products subject to sanitary and phytosanitary measures and protecting the life or health of humans, animals and plants				
Objective 4.1.	Improvement of sanitary and phytosanitary, animal welfare and other legislative measures				
4.1.1. Approximation of Georgia’s legislation to the relevant EU legal acts in accordance with Annex XI-B of the Association Agreement	Elaborated legal acts; Number of Georgia’s legislation is approximated to 26 EU legal acts, referred to in Annex XI-B;	Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Food Agency	<p>The following Decrees of the Government of Georgia have been adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decree of the Government of Georgia of April 5 2022 N173 „On the Amendments to the Decree of the Government of Georgia of January 17 2020 N39 on the Amendments to the Decree N 336 of June 13th, 2018 on the procedures for labelling seed and planting material of agricultural plant species subject to mandatory certification.”; • Decree of the government of Georgia N 304 of June 8, 2022 “Technical Regulation - on plastic materials and products (objects) intended for contact with food”; • Decree of the government of Georgia N 326 of June 20, 2022 “Approval of the procedure for determining the place of origin and the country of origin for fresh chilled and frozen pork, sheep, goat meat and poultry meat”; • Decree of the government of Georgia N 224 of April 26, 2022 "On the determination of minimum conditions for checking varietal characteristics of grapes". • Decree N360 of Government of Georgia 2022 July 12 on Technical Regulation - on food supplements • Decree N443 Government of Georgia 2022 August 29 on minimum standards for the protection of calves

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decree N445 of Government of Georgia 2022 August 31 on minimum standards for the protection of pigs • Decree N418 of the Government of Georgia 2022 August 9 of the amending decree N553 of the Government of Georgia November 16, 2018 “On Approval of Technical Regulation Procedures of Marketing of Vegetable and Cucurbit Propagating and Planting Material Other Than Seeds” <p>The following draft decrees of the Government of Georgia have been prepared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Technical regulation on emergency measures to prevent the spread within the country of the pine wood nematode <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> (Steiner et Buhner) Nickle et al”; • "Technical regulation - list of components of natural mineral waters and permissible concentration, on approval of labeling of natural mineral water and rules for use of ozone-enriched air for treatment of spring waters and natural mineral waters"; • On the approval of the "Technical Regulation - Rules for exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters"; • On the approval of the rule of minimum protection of broiler chicken; • On the approval of the rules for the protection of animals at the time of slaughter; • On the approval of the rules for the protection of animals during transportation and related operations.
Objective 4.2.	Raising awareness of consumers and rights holders in business circles and civil society.				
4.2.1. Raising stakeholders’ awareness on EU approximated Georgian legislation and facilitating adaptation to new requirements	Number of conducted trainings and other events	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Food Agency.	<p>On March 7, 2022, National Food Agency held a meeting in order to discuss issues related to the Resolution №605 of the Government of Georgia, of December 29th, 2017, “on Approval of Technical Regulation on Rules Regarding Health of Animal By-products and Derived Products Not Intended for Human Consumption and on Approval of Business Operators Associated Therewith”. 12 people from the business sector attended the meeting.</p> <p>On April 29, 2022, National Food Agency held a meeting with representatives of United Water Supply Company of</p>

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					<p>Georgia LLC on "Standard operating procedure for evaluating the results of laboratory testing of drinking water samples and implementing appropriate measures" and "Instructions for filling in the act of supervision of drinking water supplier business operator". In total, 3 trainings on the abovementioned issues have been conducted.</p> <p>On May 5, 2022, National Food Agency held a meeting with representatives of large trade networks and business associations, in order to discuss challenges in the country related to the implementation (labeling) of requirements defined by technical regulation on the "Provision of Food Information to Consumers".</p> <p>On June 27, 2022, National Food Agency held a meeting with business operators wishing to export in-shell walnuts and walnut kernels, in-shell almonds and almond kernels and blanched almond kernels as well as with representatives of associations related to this field. The following resolutions that have entered into force since June 1st, 2022 were discussed at the abovementioned meeting: Resolution №617 of the Government of Georgia, of December 28th, 2021, on Approval of Technical Regulation on Walnuts; Resolution №618 of the Government of Georgia, of December 28th, 2021, on Approval of Technical Regulation on Almonds; as well as relevant Order #30-1 of the Head of the Agency of May 10th, 2022, on "Determination of indicators and sampling frequency of walnuts and almonds intended for export for laboratory testing".</p> <p>The Resolution №112 of the Government of Georgia, of February 19th, 2019, on Approval of Rules on the Registration, Production Authorization and Control of Veterinary Medicinal Products was presented for discussion on September 20 with the companies importing veterinary medical products in Georgia.</p> <p>In the third quarter of 2022, the LEPL National Food Agency of Georgia with involvement of LEPL Bakuriani Development Agency, an information meeting was held with the representatives of hotels and public catering facilities located in Bakuriani. During the meeting, business sector representatives were provided with detailed information about food safety requirements, particularly, the HACCP standard, facility infrastructure arrangement</p>

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					issues, general hygiene rules and other requirements stipulated by legislation. In total, 4 meetings/training were carried out.
Objective 4.3.	Strengthen the capacity and skills of the competent bodies.				
4.3.1. Training of employees of the relevant competent authority in legal drafting and implementation; Capacity development of the competent authority, in terms of program development and strengthening laboratory skills	Number of conducted trainings and other events	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Food Agency LEPL – State Laboratory of Agriculture	<p>Two meetings were conducted on 3rd and on 18th of March 2022 (Within the EU Twinning Project” Ensuring further progress of SPS and food safety system in Georgia” activity 2.1.1 Development of zoonosis monitoring programs) with participation of Swedish experts and the representatives of the Food Safety Department and Veterinary Department of the National Food Agency. The obstacles revealed during the elaboration of the “Draft Salmonella Monitoring Program” and further steps for resolving the problems were discussed during the meetings.</p> <p>From March 18th to March 20th, 2022, the following workshops were organized by NFA plant protection personnel within the USAID G2G project (USAID-NFA Plant Safety System Initiative) for the Regional Divisions in Batumi, Georgia, with a total of 34 attending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation regarding control of business operators producing planting and seed materials; • Sampling methods at nurseries; • Target pests; • Regulated pests for planting and seed materials. Part 1; • Regulated pests for planting and seed materials. Part 2. <p>On March 25-27, 2022 the following workshops were organized by NFA plant protection personnel within the USAID G2G project (USAID-NFA Plant Safety System Initiative) for Regional Division in Telavi, Georgia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation regarding control of business operators producing planting and seed materials; • Sampling methods at nurseries; • Target pests; • Regulated pests for planting and seed materials. Part 1; • Regulated pests for planting and seed materials. Part 2. <p>A total of 34 employees took part in total.</p> <p>From April 11 to May 20, 2022, a training course “HACCP Audit” was organized by NFA staff (Food Safety Department, Veterinary Department, Heads of Tbilisi City</p>

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					<p>Service and Regional Divisions). The training was held within the framework of the Land O'Lakes Venture37 project, via Processing Food Safety and Quality Specialist, Safety & Quality Investment in Livestock (SQIL). They were delivered by ISO consulting. 43 Agency employees participated in total;</p> <p>On April 15-17, 2022, within the scope of USAID G2G project (USAID-NFA Plant Safety System Initiative), a workshop under the name "Pesticide Marketing Specificities" for phytosanitary specialists of Regional Divisions was held in Borjomi, Georgia, organized by NFA plant protection personnel (Central Office). 32 NFA employees in total participated.</p> <p>On May 22-28, 2022, one employee from the NFA Food Safety Department attended "Food Hygiene and Controls of Meat" training organized by "Better Training for Safer Food" (BTSF) (Directorate General of Health and Consumer Protection (DG SANCO)) in Valencia, Spain;</p> <p>From May 20 to May 22, 2022, following workshops were organized by NFA plant protection personnel (Central Office) for Regional Division in Telavi. Topics included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control of business operators producing planting material; • Sampling and laboratory testing of pest organisms within the scope of the 2022 Official Controls Program; • Monitoring of quarantine and non-quarantine pests, types of pheromone traps; <p>From May 23 to May 27, 2022, specialists of Plant Protection Department (Division for Plant Quarantine Pests) went on a study visit to the Republic of Latvia. During the visit, Georgian specialists were acquainted to the work process (workflow) of the State Plant Protection State (VAAD) of the Republic of Latvia as well as structure, tasks, inspection and monitoring planning, plant pest monitoring, plant passport systems, registration and export/import of plant protection products and sampling and testing procedures at the National Phytosanitary Laboratory. The NFA Plant Protection Department personnel, together with Latvian colleagues, took part in on-field operations, where they were introduced to the</p>

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					<p>VAAD Regional Unit activities. They also partook in plant sampling, visited cultivated nurseries and PPP sale venues.</p> <p>From May 29 to June 3, 2022, within the framework of the EU ENPARD IV project „Facilitation of Food Safety in Georgia”, organized by the Czech Development Agency (CDA), four NFA employees attended a workshop in Brno, Czech Republic;</p> <p>Within the twinning project: Ensuring further progress of SPS and food safety system in Georgia, the following events/trainings have been carried out for the staff of National Food Agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On February 7-11, 2022, following online meeting was held: Official methods of sampling and analysis methods during official feed control. 5 employees attended in total. 2. On March 14-18, 2022, following meeting was held: Primary poultry production system and analysis of poultry production systems as regards animal welfare and hygiene rules. 5 employees attended in total. 3. From March 28 to April 1st, 2022, following meeting was held: Epidemiological surveillance program development. 8 employees attended in total. 4. On March 31, 2022, following workshop was held by Plant Protection State (VAAD) of the Republic of Latvia: Control of Plant Protection Products. 12 employees attended in total. 5. On June 5-11, 2022, three employees of the National Food Agency partook in a study visit in Riga, Republic of Latvia. The main topic was the planning of official food safety controls and management of epidemic outbreaks at regional level. 6. On June 6-10, 2022, 4 employees were on a study visit in Latvia - Primary production of products of animal origin, implementation of official control system with regards to animal health. <p>Employees of the National Food Agency of Georgia, namely, from the Food Safety Department, Veterinary Department, Heads of Tbilisi City Service and Regional Divisions, from August 11 to September 29, 2022, completed the "HACCP Audit" training course. The training course was organized within the scope of the project Land O'Lakes Venture37 - Processing Food Safety and Quality Specialist, Safety & Quality Investment in</p>

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					<p>Livestock (SQIL). 112 employees of the Agency have completed this training course.</p> <p>Employees of the National Food Agency of Georgia went on a business trip from June 5 to June 11, 2022, in Riga, Latvia, within the scope of DCFTA Twinning project to participate in the training course. The main topic of the training was "Primary production of products of animal origin - introduction of official control system and animal health".</p> <p>In July 2022, an expert from Latvia visited the Food Safety Department on planning and risk assessment issues within the official food safety controls and working sessions were held on this issue. With the participation of Latvian and Estonian colleagues (mentors), on September 19-20 of this year in Tbilisi and on September 22-23, in Kutaisi, at the office of the Imereti Regional Division, simulation trainings (studies) concerning African swine fever were carried out. These trainings were attended by specialists from the Veterinary Department and Regional Divisions.</p> <p>Trainings were conducted for staff of Mestia and Sachkhere laboratories in Microbiology Laboratory such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Testing of drinking water on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aerobic and facultative anaerobic microorganisms, • coliform bacteria • E.coli 2. Testing of food on the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salmonella spp • Aerobic microorganisms • Coliform bacteria • Enterobacteriaceae 3. 6-11 march, 2022 – Training for Instrumental testing laboratory staff in “Determination of cephalosporin residues in honey using a liquid chromatograph/mass-spectrometer / mass-spectrometer (LC/MS/MS)” by Vadims Bartkevich - consultant from BIOR institute, Riga, Latvia 4. Brucella Serology Training Session was conducted on 16-17 March, 2022 in animal Disease Diagnostic department by the EU reference laboratory for Brucellosis.

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					<p>Trainings for the staff of Plant Disease Diagnostics Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terminology in analytical measurement", within the UNIDO Global Quality and Standards Program (GQSP), using the Zoom platform (organizer - Association of Laboratories of Georgia - GeLab); July 29, 2022; • "Introduction to Statistics for Analytical Scientists", within the UNIDO Quality and Standards Global Program (GQSP), using the Zoom platform (organizer - Association of Laboratories of Georgia - GeLab), 30.06.22; • "international standard ISO/IEC 17025; 2017; General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories and its application" July 5-6, 2022; • Training/Workshop - Integrated Pest Management (IPM), August 23, 2022; • Bioinformatics and Genomic Epidemiology course; EECA Training course; 29.08.2022- 28.09.2022; <p>Training for Animal Disease Diagnostics Department: IAEA organized Training - "African swine fever: Laboratory diagnostics and Serology screening" – Veterinary faculty of Sarajevo University; 13.06.2022-17.06.2022; Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
<p>4.3.2. Introduction of new laboratory diagnostics methods in sanitary and phytosanitary direction and/or expansion of the scope of accreditation</p>	<p>Relevant studies added to the list (statement of prices) of laboratory services (studies)</p>	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge</p>	<p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia.</p>	<p>LEPL – State Laboratory of Agriculture</p>	<p>In the plant disease diagnostic department 3 new methods have been implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Morphological identification of <i>Polygonum pensilvanicum</i> L.; 2. Detection and identification of <i>Gaeumannomyces var. graminis</i> (Ophiobolus var. graminis); 3. Morphological-morphometric characterization and identification of pear blight beetle <i>Xyleborus dispar</i>. <p>In the plant disease diagnostic department 17 new methods have been implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Separation of cysts from the soil with organic solvents; 2. Separation of nematodes (<i>Meloidogyne</i> spp) from potato tubers and plant roots by enzymatic method.

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					<p>3. Morphological-morphometric characterization and identification of Xiphinema italiae;</p> <p>4. Morphological identification of Crassula (Crassula helmsii (Kirk) Cockayne);</p> <p>5. Detection and identification of Pseudomonas syringae pv. Morsprunorum by classical bacteriological methods;</p> <p>6. Detection and identification of Pseudomonas syringae pv. morsprunorum by PCR;</p> <p>7. Detection and identification of Pseudomonas savastanoi pv. savastanoi identification by PCR;</p> <p>8. Identification of Phytophthora ramorum by PCR;</p> <p>9. Detection of Apple Chlorotic Leaf Spot Virus (ACLSV);</p> <p>10. Detection of Apple Stem Grooving Virus (ASGV);</p> <p>11. Detection of Apple Stem Pitting Virus (ASPV);</p> <p>12. Detection of Blueberry Shock Virus (BIShV);</p> <p>13. Detection of Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV);</p> <p>14. Detection of Raspberry Bushy Dwarf Virus (RBDV);</p> <p>15. Detection of Raspberry ringspot virus (RpRSV);</p> <p>16. Detection of Strawberry latent ringspot virus (SLRSV);</p> <p>17. Detection of Tomato Black Ring Virus (TBRV).</p> <p>In Food Safety Department 11 methods have been implemented:</p> <p>1. Determination of aflatoxin B1 and sum of aflatoxins - B1, B2, G1, G2 by high efficiency liquid chromatography in nuts, walnuts and grains. (In expectation of accreditation);</p> <p>2. Determination of amitraz and its metabolites in honey by QuEChers method using LC/MS/MS (In expectation of accreditation);</p> <p>3. Determination of bromuconazole and clotrimazole in honey by QuEChers method using LC/MS/MS (In expectation of accreditation);</p> <p>4. DA method of Campylobacter detection in food products and animal feed (In expectation of accreditation);</p> <p>5. Determination of the mass fraction of salt in bread-cookies;</p> <p>6. Determination of excess water content in frozen chicken meat by drip method;</p> <p>7. The method for determining the probable number e of E.coli;</p> <p>8. Detection of Salmonella spp bacteria from primary production stges (animal feces, dust and smears);</p> <p>9. Identification of Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis by polymerase chain reaction;</p>

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					<p>10. Identification of <i>Pseudomonas corrugata</i> by polymerase chain reaction;</p> <p>11. Morphological-morphometric characterization and identification of <i>Xiphinema Italiae</i>.</p> <p>In the Food Safety Department 17 new methods were established:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determination of aflatoxin B1 and sum of aflatoxins - B1, B2, G1, G2 by high efficiency liquid chromatography in nuts, walnuts and grains; 2. Determination of amitraz and its metabolites in honey by QuEChers method using LC/MS/MS; 3. Determination of bromuconazole and clotrimazole in honey by QuEChers method using LC/MS/MS; 4. Determination of Tetracyclines group byCHARM –II; 5. Determination of aflatoxin M 1 by CARM II; 6. Determination of pestisaidis in fruit, vegetable and juices by CHARMII; 7. Determination of aflatoxin B1 innuts and feeds by CHARM II; 8. Determination of amphenicol group in tissue using CHARM II analyzer 9. The method for determining the probable number e of <i>E.coli</i>. 10. Method for detection of <i>Campylobacter</i> in food and animal feed; 11. Methods for enumeration (DA) in food and animal feed; 12. Determination of the mass fraction of salt in bakery products (bread and cookies); 13. Determination of sugars in flour confectionery; 14. Determination of sugar in bakery products (bread and cookies); 15. Determination of sugars in lactic acid product; 16. Determining the mass share in the meat products; 17. Determination of excess water content in frozen chicken meat by drip method. <p>In the Animal Disease Diagnostics Department 2 new methods were implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> group bacteria from the primary production (animal faecal samples, swabs and dust);

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					2. Primary isolation of the pathogen caused by gram positive cocci diplococcosis from animal pathology materials
4.3.3. Training of specialists in sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control, step-by-step upgrading of standard procedural manuals	Number of persons trained in trainings and other events, Received Procedural Manual	Annual report of Revenue Service. rs.ge	LEPL - Revenue Service (in the direction of border control)	Ministry of Environmental protection and agriculture; National Food Agency.	In frame of TWINING project „Ensuring further progress of In frame of TWINING project „Ensuring further progress of SPS and food safety system in Georgia” during 28 march- first April and on 11-15th July workshop on Review of SOPs for border control was conducted. 6 participants from RS and 3 from NFA participated in the workshop. Experts provided relevant recommendations. In frame of the project on 6-10th of June study visit in Estonia was held. Participants from RS were hosted by the Agriculture and Food Board of Estonia. Estonian Colleagues shared to participants from RS theoretical and practical experience about border control procedures based on EU requirements. Participants get acquainted with the working principles for veterinary, phytosanitary and food safety border control in electronic systems of EU and Estonia. Participants visited Border Inspection Posts – Luhama (Land border), Koidula (railway), Muuga (sea) and Tallin Airport (air). In frame of the project on 5-9th September theoretical and practical training about veterinary border control procedures for inspectors of west and east Georgia was conducted in Batumi and Tbilisi. Practical training was conducted at Border Inspection Posts “Tsiteli Khidi” and “Sarpi” (Adlia). In the training participated 30 representatives from RS and 4 from NFA.
Objective 4.4.	Implementation of sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control.				
4.4.1. Implementation of sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control procedures	Number of implemented sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border procedures.	The results of the implemented procedures are reflected in the control acts - in the relevant software module.	LEPL - Revenue Service.	Ministry of Environmental protection and agriculture; National Food Agency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterinary border control – 10 859 consignment; • Phytosanitary border control – 15 124 consignment; • Border control of food/feed of non-animal origin – 2494 consignment.
4.4.2. Identifying sources for financing for the construction / Reconstruction and equipping of 1 border inspection posts for implementation of	Financing source of construction of 1 Border Inspection Post is identified.	Annual report of Revenue Service. www.rs.ge	LEPL - Revenue Service.	Ministry of Environmental protection and agriculture;	In the process of identification of donor assistance.

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approximated sanitary and phytosanitary legislation.				National Food Agency.	
Goal 5.	Approximation with EU legislation and EU best practice in the field of customs.				
Objective 5.1.	Further approximation of the Georgia's Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) program with that of the EU				
5.1.1 Training of Customs Officers in order to implement the Procedural Manual of the Authorized Economic Operator Program	Participants number in training.	www.rs.ge	LEPL - Revenue Service.		During the period from 31 January to 4 February, with cooperation of the World Bank International Financial Corporation a training has been organized for Customs staff of the Revenue Service (9 officers). Training was dedicated to implementation matters of the AEO procedural manual. TAIEX Workshop on Strengthening of the AEO validation and monitoring capacities of the Georgia Revenue Service Customs was organized through 10-11 of May with participation from Customs administration (13 customs officers-staff) and the EU experts.
5.1.2. Signing of AEO Mutual Recognition Memorandum with EU	Consultations on the signing of the AEO Mutual Recognition Memorandum between Georgia and the European Union have started	Meeting record of Custom subcommittee https://trade.ec.europa.eu/	Ministry of finance of Georgia; LEPL - Revenue Service.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.	On 17 March of the current year DG TAXUD (European Commission) was notified about the initiation of practical operation of the Authorized Economic Operator program, which is a requirement for conclusion of the mutual recognition arrangement.
5.1.3. Georgia's participation in the EU customs program.	Signing and entry into force of an agreement with the EU Customs Program for Georgia programs; At the Revenue Service, participation in trainings conducted under the EU Customs Program	Matsne.gov.ge Rs.ge			The agreement has been signed, conditionally entered into force, ratification procedures have been started for full implementation
Objective 5.2.	Approximation with EU legislation and EU best practice in the field of customs				
5.2.1 Develop relevant legislation / by-laws relevant to the Common Transit Procedures (CTC) and the Single Administration Document (SAD)	Adopted Legislation/By-laws	matsne.gov.ge rs.ge	Ministry of finance of Georgia; LEPL - Revenue Service.		Regular monthly meetings are held between representatives of Georgia Revenue Service and the DG TAXUD in order to develop a package of legislative amendments.

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Objective 5.3.					
Legal and procedural support for accession to the Common Transit Procedures (CTC) and the Single Administration Document (SAD) and the implementation of the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)					
5.3.1. Creating / Purchasing NCTS Computer Software	Implimented Program in the Revenue Service.	Automated customs data management system.	Ministry of finance of Georgia; LEPL - Revenue Service.		Various modules of the NCTS computer program (authorizations, transit declaration and guarantee management systems) are being tested.
5.3.2. Training of employees of the Customs Department and private sector representatives to use NCTS software	Number of participants in trainings.	Annual report / press release; Rs.ge	Ministry of finance of Georgia; LEPL - Revenue Service.		Practical manuals for the NCTS computer program are being developed for both the customs administration and the private sector. During 1-10 August of this year, the "UN Conference on Trade and Development About (UNCTAD)" expert visited GRS and held a workshop for representatives of the Customs Department and Information Technology Center on the use of the "New Computerized Transit System" software.
Objective 5.4.					
Facilitate the implementation of the new Customs Code.					
5.4.1 Organize meetings/ seminars for the purposes of elaboration of implementing provisions for certain articles of the new Customs Code	Number of orginized meetings.	www.rs.ge	Ministry of finance of Georgia; LEPL - Revenue Service.		On May 24-25, a TAIEX workshop was held regarding implementing provisions for certain articles. The experts shared their experience and best practices on simplified procedures, supplementary declarations, changes in declarations and declarants' records and etc.
5.4.2 Drafting of implementing provisions for certain articles of the new Customs Code	Draft implementing provisions of certain articles of the Customs Code (Including of data in declarant records, periodic, simplified declaration)	www.matse.gov.ge www.rs.ge	Ministry of finance of Georgia; LEPL - Revenue Service.		In the period from June 21 to July 13 of this year, within the framework of the "AA Facility" project, expert from Italy visited the Revenue Service. During the visit, expert worked with the employees of the Revenue Service on the issues of developing the drafts of the implementing provisions for certain articles of the new Customs Code. On July 12, a summary workshop was held with the participation of representatives of the private sector, where the participants were informed about the progress of the mentioned project
5.4.3. Elaboration of Post Clearance Audit procedural manual	Received procedural manual.	www.matse.gov.ge www.rs.ge	LEPL - Revenue Service.		Identification of donor assistance is ongoing
5.4.4. Organizing a working meeting for the employees of the Revenue Service for the application and proper administration of the provisions on exemption from	Number of participants in trainings	www.rs.ge	LEPL - Revenue Service	Ministry of finance of Georgia	In the period from July 11 to 21 of this year, within the framework of AA Facility project Polish expert paid a working visit to the Revenue Service. During the visit, the initial version of the draft provisions on exemption from customs obligations was prepared. On July 22, a summary workshop was held where the information about the project was presented to the management of GRS.

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customs duties, as defined in Book 10 of the Customs Code					
Goal 6.	Legislative and institutional approximation in the field of establishment, trade in services and e-commerce with relevant EU legislation.				
Objective 6.1.	Develop a legal framework in line with European best practices in telecommunications, e-commerce and postal services and promote the development of the postal market.				
6.1.1. Adoption of the Law of Georgia on E-Commerce	Adopted Law of Georgia on Electronic Commerce	matsne.gov.ge dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of economy and sustainable development of Georgia		The draft law of Georgia on e-commerce has been prepared and was discussed with the interested parties, also on parliamentary platform within the framework of the private-public dialogue (PPD) with the assistance of USAID. In the near future, it is planned to present the draft law to the Government of Georgian for initiation in the Georgian Parliament.
6.1.2. Approximation of Georgian legislation with the relevant EU legislation as foreseen in the Annex XV-B of the Association Agreement	Legislative amendments adopted in order to approximate with the EU legal acts as foreseen for in Annex XV-B of the AA	matsne.gov.ge dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of economy and sustainable development of Georgia	Georgian National Communications Commission	<p>In order to approximate the legislation of Georgia to the Directives on privacy and electronic communications (2002/58/EC); on Authorization (2002/20/EC); on Access (2002/19/EC) and framework (2002/21/EC) draft amendments to the Law of Georgia on Electronic Communications have been prepared. The initiation of the draft law is planned for the autumn sessions of the Parliament. At the same time, the European Commission proposed approximation of Georgian legislation to the Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Code on which consultations with the European Commission are ongoing.</p> <p>At the same time, the MoESD together with the ComCom within the framework of the "Log-in Georgia" project launched with the World Bank, with the assistance company EY has started working on preparation of legislative changes related to universal services.</p>
6.1.3. Adoption of Postal Law	Adopted law on postal services	matsne.gov.ge dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of economy and sustainable development of Georgia		The draft law on Post has been modified according to government recommendations and it is planned to be re-submitted to the GoG. Meanwhile, the consultations with EC regarding the new commitment (Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services) are in progress.
Goal 7.	Legislative and institutional approximation in the field of public procurement with relevant EU legislation and institutional capacity building				
Objective 7.1.	Adopt a new law on public procurement and by-laws and develop guidelines, methodological guidelines and instructions on this topic				

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7.1.1. I Implementation of legislative changes in the field of public procurement in accordance with Annexes XVI-C, XVI-D to the Association Agreement	Adopted Law on State Procurement	matsne.gov.ge; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency		<p>Within a wide reform in the field of public procurement, the State Procurement Agency has completed working on the draft law on Public Procurement in the first quarter of 2022. The draft law reflects the comments and recommendations submitted by the Georgian governmental agencies. A new draft law on Public Procurements reflects II and IV phases of approximation under the DCFTA obligations and gradual enforcement of those obligations.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Government of Georgia on June 6, 2022, the draft law was approved and submitted to the Parliament of Georgia for consideration.</p>
7.1.2. Elaboration and adoption of “secondary legislation” - by-laws based on the Law on Public Procurement	Adopted secondary legislation	matsne.gov.ge ; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency		<p>The process of the distribution of competencies between primary and secondary legislations regulating the process of public procurement has taken place.</p> <p>Based on a new draft law on Public Procurement, the State Procurement Agency prepared the list of those sub legal acts (which have to be issued in order to ensure the full enactment of the new law. For these purposes, in 2022 foreign expert was hired with the support of the USAID Economic Governance Program, priority directions of the secondary legislation were prepared, which are currently being elaborated.</p>
7.1.3. Develop manuals, methodological guidelines and instructions in accordance with the Law on Public Procurement and publish them electronically on the website	Published methodological guidelines, manuals and instructions	Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency		<p>The State Procurement Agency is working on new draft law on Public Procurement to develop guidelines, manuals and instructions for the development of relevant secondary legislation and a future plan.</p>
Objective 7.2.	Modernization of the unified electronic system of public procurement				
7.2.1. Development of new e-services, procedures and tools of the Unified System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement)	Additional services and opportunities introduced in the Unified System of Public Procurement	Modernized Unified System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement; Electronic Government procurement system);	LEPL State Procurement Agency	LEPL National Agency of Public Registry of the Ministry of Justice;	<p>The commitment under the Association Agreement with the European Union provides for legislative approximation to EU Directive 2014/24/EC, which in turn provides for the introduction of new electronic services, instructions and procedures in the unified electronic system of public procurement.</p>

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		Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge.		LEPL Financial-Analytical Service of the Ministry of Finance.	The cardinal modernization of the electronic system and consequently, the introduction of completely new electronic services is related to the adoption of the new Law on Public Procurement and the terms of its entry into force.
Objective 7.3.	Human resource development in the field of public procurement				
7.3.1. Conduct trainings for the relevant employees of the State Procurement Agency according to the requirements of the new Law on Public Procurement.	Number of trained employees of the State Procurement Agency, 20 employees	Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency.		<p>Online workshop – “Interim results of implementation of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) between the European Union and Georgia” was held on March 14, 2022. Purpose of the workshop was to present and discuss the interim results of the evaluation.</p> <p>On March 10, 2022 the World Bank regional office organized a regional workshop for the Georgian and Armenian delegations on “working together to eliminate procurement fraud and and corruption”.</p> <p>On March 23-24, 2022, with the support of the Commercial Law Development Program of the US Department of Commerce, a two-day conference on “Environmentally Sustainable Public Procurement” was held. Representatives of the State Procurement Agency and biggest procuring entities attended the conference.</p> <p>On May 30 and June 27, 2022, trainings "Encouraging sustainable public procurement in Georgia: Green Criteria for Photocopiers and Consumables'. The training was conducted within the framework of the "EU4Environment" program funded by the European Union.</p> <p>On June 13-15, 2022, the US Department of Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) Regional Conference was held in Zagreb, Croatia. The purpose of the conference was to provide technical assistance to the participating countries in order to develop legal and regulatory legislation. Employees of the State Procurement Agency took part in the conference, who discussed the issues of introducing new electronic and computer systems and cyber security.</p> <p>On September 14-16, 2022, representatives of the procurement agency were on a study visit to the Norwegian cities of Drammen and Oslo. The visit was organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</p>

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					<p>(UNECE). The purpose of the visit was to introduce new concepts and approaches in order to transpose regulations promoting innovation in public procurement, to familiarize with the best international practice and to implement it, such as The principles of the circular economy, the so-called "Green" purchases, energy-efficient purchases, eco-labeling, SPP (Sustainable Public Procurement), IEP (Innovation-Enhancing Procurement) and others. Representatives of the State Procurement and Innovation Agency participated in the study visit.</p>
<p>7.3.2. Conduct trainings for the procuring authorities, economic operators and other relevant stakeholders according to the new Law on Public Procurement.</p>	<p>Number of trained staff of procuring entities, economic operators and stakeholders: 28 flows during the 2022 academic year. More than 600 listeners in total.</p>	<p>Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge</p>	<p>LEPL State Procurement Agency</p>		<p>From January to September 2022, training centre of the State Procurement Agency conducted basic online trainings for 18 groups. Total of 432 procurement specialists were trained from central government agencies and local self-government bodies and the public and private legal entities established by them.</p> <p>On March 23-24, 2022 with the support of the Commercial Law Development Program of the US Department of Commerce, two-day conference on “Environmentally Sustainable Public Procurement” was organized. Conference was attended by the representatives of up to 40 major procuring organizations, who were introduced to the best international practices for the implementation of sustainable public procurement.</p> <p>Agriculture, was held. the 6th working meeting of the Project Implementation Group (PIU) of the Climate Green Fund.</p> <p>On June 13, 2022, under the organization of GIZ, the working meeting of the initial phase of the project to promote the reform of the forestry sector of Georgia - ECO Georgia was held at the National Wine Agency.</p>
<p>Goal 8.</p>	<p>Approximation to EU standards and best practices in the field of intellectual property</p>				
<p>Objective 8.1.</p>	<p>Ensuring access to justice in the field of intellectual property.</p>				
<p>8.1.1 Conduct trainings on intellectual property rights for representatives of relevant government or executive agencies, judges and lawyers;</p>	<p>The number of trainings organized for representatives of relevant government or executive</p>	<p>sakpatenti.gov.ge</p>	<p>LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti</p>	<p>LEPL High School of Justice</p>	<p>On February 25, 2022, within the EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP) component “Comparative analysis between the EU and Georgian enforcement legislations and guidelines for enforcement officers”, a meeting was held with the participation of representatives of the Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance and Sakpatenti. The expert involved in the Project introduced to</p>

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					<p>the participants analysis of the legislation related to intellectual property rights enforcement.</p> <p>On March 4, 2022, Sakpatenti Training Center held training on trademarks for representatives of the National Agency of Public Registry. The aim of the training was to share experience with representatives of the Public Registry about the registration procedures of trademarks, including legal protection of trade names and trademarks.</p> <p>On April 6, 2022, within the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP) a workshop with Georgian authorities on enforcement practices and legal amendments took place with the participation of representatives of relevant intellectual property rights enforcement authorities and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti, as well as the IP enforcement expert involved in the EUGIPP. The objective of the workshop was presentation of international practice related to intellectual property rights enforcement and discussion of proposals for legal amendments drafted on its basis.</p> <p>On April 6-7 and June 6, 2022, within the EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), a series of workshops took place, with the participation of representatives of Georgian intellectual property rights enforcement authorities, Sakpatenti and the EUGIPP IP enforcement. The objective of the workshops was introduction to the international practice related to intellectual property rights enforcement and discussion on proposals for legal amendments and the guidelines drafted by the expert on its basis.</p> <p>On July 30-31, the workshop on “Adjudication of Civil Intellectual Property Infringement Cases” was held in Batumi, aimed at sharing experience of the USA in the direction of intellectual property protection with Georgian judges. During two days, the judges participating in the workshop got acquainted with the U.S. court practice regarding disputes related to intellectual property subject-matters and discussed decisions taken by Sakpatenti Chamber of Appeals.</p> <p>On September 20, Stakeholders Consultation Meeting took place in the framework of the Project - EUGIPP in Kakheti Region. The meeting was attended by public sector</p>

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					<p>executive bodies involved in IPR and representatives of the private sector, together with Sakpatent and the EUGIPP project. The consultation was aimed to discuss the views of representatives of the private and public sector regarding the presented draft legal amendments on IPR enforcement and identification of their possibilities in the direction of rights enforcement.</p> <p>On September 21, a seminar was held for representatives of public sector in Kakheti, during which representatives of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) shared with the Georgian counterparts the latest updates on IPR enforcement, European experience, and practice.</p> <p>On September 22, a training session for public authorities on the enforcement guidelines drafted within the EUGIPP project component was delivered in Kakheti region.</p>
8.1.2 Preparation of a collection of interesting and important decisions of the European Court of Justice and the Boards of Appeal of European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).	A collection of developed decisions	sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		Within the EUGIPP Project, a team of experts was selected, which is working on preparation of a case-law compilation.
8.1.3 Develop guidelines (Comparative Analysis of EU and Georgian Legislation and Practice on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights)	Developed guideline	the guideline is published on the official website of Sakpatenti (sakpatenti.gov.ge)	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		Within the EUGIPP Project, the structure of the guideline was developed and agreed with the stakeholders, work is underway on the content.
Objective 8.2.	Institutional strengthening of the LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti				
8.2.1. Holding trainings and workshops for Sakpatenti employees; Organizing bilateral meetings and seminars with third country governments and industry associations to share best practices and experiences from developed countries	Number of participants in meetings and trainings organized for employees	sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		<p>Tutoring Program on IP Training Diagnosis for trainers of Sakpatenti Training Center. The objective of the training was to define the components of the training, to reveal and assess the training needs, which will ensure better planning and implementation of the training activities intended for internal or external audiences. Sharing experience of the WIPO Academy in modern tutoring methodology will facilitate introduction of the latest training methods at Sakpatenti Training Center.</p> <p>On March 25, 28, 31 and April 1, 2022, within the EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), a meeting</p>

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					<p>took place for Sakpatenti staff. The event was led by the expert of the project component “Capacity Development on Human Resources”. During the meetings, held in training format, the performance appraisal system and feedback techniques to the appraisal system were discussed. The main objective of the training course is to strengthen the human resources capacity at the Office, by establishing an efficient HR management system. In addition, the two-week training series on HR appraisal and promotion systems enhances the Office policy as part of #ISO9001 certification process.</p> <p>In April of the current year, within the EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), employees of Sakpatenti participated in the training sessions on appraisal and promotion systems of human resources (HR), aimed to strengthen the performance level of the Office, to introduce the high standards and efficient system and, in general, to develop human resources at the Office.</p> <p>On May 3-4 and June 30, 2022, within the EUGIPP project, a series of trainings on IP Pre-Diagnostic Services was held at Sakpatenti, led by British expert. The objective of the event was to train Sakpatenti officials on performing IP pre-diagnostic services, as the Office is intending to introduce this service in near future.</p> <p>On July 7, 2022, with the support of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), representatives of Sakpatenti, together with the Georgia judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of Georgia participated in the 4th edition of the Intellectual Property Case Law Conference in Alicante, Spain. 22 employees of Sakpatenti also attended the event in hybrid mode remotely.</p> <p>In July, to get acquainted with the peculiarities of the geographical indications system, a Georgian delegation, including Sakpatenti representative, visited Bern on the invitation of the Intellectual Property Office in the Swiss Confederation (IPI). Within the study visit, representatives of the public and private sectors engaged in the geographical indications system of the Swiss Confederation shared with their Georgian counterparts the experience of introducing the system in the Swiss Confederation.</p>

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					<p>On July 5, 2022, the International Conference “Worldwide Perspectives on Geographical Indications” was opened in France, co-organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD). The meeting was attended by the Georgian delegation, a member of which was Sakpatenti representative. The conference was interactive, the countries shared best practices based on most recent researches of geographical indications.</p>
<p>8.2.2. Development of Trademark Guidelines with the support of European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)</p>	<p>Developed guidelines within the project</p>	<p>sakpatenti.gov.ge</p>	<p>LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti</p>		<p>Within the EUGIPP Project, Trademark guidelines were developed in the English language, the Georgian translation will be finalized in November, 2022.</p>
<p>Objective 8.3. Raising awareness in the field of intellectual property</p>					
<p>8.3.1. Conduct trainings and workshops to raise public awareness</p>	<p>Number of trainings and workshops conducted</p>	<p>sakpatenti.gov.ge</p>	<p>LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>On March 9, 2022, within the educational cooperation between the Georgian National University SEU and Sakpatenti Training Center, a public lecture “On Intellectual Property” was delivered, information on intellectual property subject-matters and legislation regulating the given field was introduced to the SEU business and law students (30 students) and the academic staff of the University. The meeting was led by tutors of Sakpatenti Training Center.</p> <p>On March, 22, 2022, “GoGeoGo”, Winning Team of the Millennium Innovations Award was Hosted at Sakpatenti. The meeting was aimed to provide to the team members extensive information on inventions, obtaining a patent and patent application processing procedures at Sakpatenti and to hand over in solemn ceremony the prizes awarded to them by Sakpatenti. Promotion of innovative activity is one of the priority directions of Sakpatenti. Therefore, Sakpatenti is always actively engaged in similar competitions. Along with this, the Office offers training in intellectual property direction for all teams participating in the competition, which is an additional incentive for participants to create new and interesting projects.</p> <p>On April 26, 2022, an event dedicated to the World Intellectual Property Day took place at Sakpatenti, during which students of Faculty of Law of the Georgian Technical</p>

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					<p>University (GTU) were hosted and handed over in an award ceremony the certificates of successful passing of the 20-hour course “On Intellectual Property”. Within the event, the students had an opportunity to familiarize with the specificity of work of the intellectual property office in Georgia, to meet specialists of this area, patent attorneys, representatives of partner organizations of Sakpatenti and management of public institutions.</p> <p>Within one of the components of the EUGIPP project - “Creativity and IP in Georgian Schools”, on April 27, 2022, the competition of infographics created on the intellectual property theme was held. The activity aims support of integration of intellectual property into the basic education system, in order to stimulate creativity in pupils. The infographics competition was organized for pupils of four selected schools and teams of the 5th-9th-grade pupils of the public schools participated in it.</p> <p>Within the cooperation of Sakpatenti and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the Georgian-language course “IP as Valuable Assets” was launched on the learning portal of the EUIPO Academy. It was the first time that non-EU member country language online course was offered at the Academy portal. The course was developed in the framework of the EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP) and is available for public. The course aims to help raising awareness of the target audience in the intellectual property field, increasing intangible assets by IP rights registration and commercialization, which will have a positive effect on the economy of the country.</p> <p>In May, 2022, Sakpatenti tutors delivered a special training for the academic staff of European and Kutaisi Universities. The training activity was attended by representatives of the Faculties of Law, Business and Medicine of the Universities. The main objective of the training was to raise awareness of the academic staff of the Universities in the filed of intellectual property.</p> <p>In June 2022, the Conference on the Geographical Indications from Black Sea Basin was held in Batumi, during which a representative of Sakpatenti and the Director of “OriGIn Georgia” introduced to the participants the peculiarities of the Georgian system of protection of</p>

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					<p>geographical indications. The meeting was attended by up to 100 participants, including local producers of geographical indications goods, the meeting was aimed to raise awareness their awareness on the geographical indications system.</p> <p>On June 6, 2022, training on geographical indications and appellations of origin was held for Bolnisi local producers, organized by Sakpatenti. The aim of the Bolnisi training was to raise awareness of the representatives of the Agro Center and local producers on the geographical indications system.</p> <p>In June of the current year, Sakpatenti organized a webinar “Intellectual Property - from Idea to Innovation” for the finalists of the Millennium Innovation Award Competition. The participants received detailed information on procedures of obtaining a patent and rules of drafting an application for preliminary patent search. The two-hour webinar was attended by members of the finalist teams of the Millennium Innovation Award Competition 2022 and their instructors.</p> <p>In July, 2022, the Summer School of the European Law Students’ Association (ELSA) on the topic “Intellectual Property Law” was held in Georgia for the seventh time this year. 14 students of the Faculties of Law of the leading universities of ten European countries participated in the Summer School. During the five-day intensive course, the students received exhaustive information from experts on the intellectual property law system and mechanisms of its protection.</p> <p>In September, the two-week Professional Development Program (PDP) on Geographical Indications was held in renewed format. The course was jointly organized by Sakpatenti Training Centre and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy, in partnership with the China National Intellectual Property Administration. The program assisted 34 representatives employed in public agencies of 17 countries in deepening practical knowledge and enhancement of professional skills in the relevant field.</p> <p>On July 1, within the “Creativity and IP in Georgian Schools” component of the EU - Georgia Intellectual</p>

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					Property Project (EUGIPP), the round table meeting took place, which was attended by directors of 25 schools. Within the training activity, aimed to support integration of creativity and intellectual property issues into the basic education system, Sakpatenti Training Center tutors will train 100 teachers.
8.3.2. Publication of information booklets and flyers	Number of published information materials	Published booklets and flyers	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	-	Sectoral material of informational character was published – 2240 items.
Objective 8.4.	Implement effective measures against counterfeit and piracy				
8.4.1. Conducting workshops and seminars for owners of intellectual property rights and stakeholders to raise awareness	Number of workshops and trainings for owners and stakeholders	sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		<p>On March 17, 2022, a virtual round table on online counterfeiting issues was held on the initiative of the Anti-counterfeiting Committee of the International Trademark Association (INTA) and with co-organization of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia - Sakpatenti. The meeting was attended by representatives of the private sector, including trademark owners. The participants of the roundtable discussed how to tackle the problem of online counterfeiting based on international practice, how online platforms and right holders can cooperate, what kind of mechanisms and anti-counterfeiting policy should online platforms have. A traditional event, aimed to support protection of rights of trademark holders, facilitates sharing newsworthy information on trademarks among professionals of this field, which ensures customer protection and introduction of principles of fair commercial activity.</p> <p>On July 21, a session of public-private dialogue was held in Tbilisi to support the introduction and enforcement of the legislative novelties on ongoing policy-making processes against online piracy. The dialogue session was attended by representatives of private and public sectors, international organizations and experts. At the meeting, organized by USAID and Sakpatenti, the parties discussed the existing challenges in creative industries and the draft of the new, the so-called Notice-and-Takedown mechanism of intellectual property rights enforcement.</p>

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					<p>On July 25-26, the 6th International Conference “Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy” was held in Batumi, co-organized by Sakpatenti and the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP). The two-day conference was attended by representatives of local and international partner organizations of Sakpatenti, as well as representatives of IP Offices from Central Europe, the Caucasus region, countries of the Black Sea Basin and Central Asia.</p> <p>On July 28, within the IPR week program, the Trans-Caspian IP Forum was held, attended by representatives of the Intellectual Property Offices and Customs Departments of Georgia, Armenia, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. The attendees of the meeting considered the global and regional challenges and achievements in the direction of intellectual property protection, and overviewed border measures of fighting against counterfeiting.</p>
8.4.2 Review the cases related to the violation of rights and development of relevant recommendations by the Interagency Coordination Council for the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights	Number of meetings held by the Council	Prepared Minutes of the council meeting; sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	Interagency Coordination Council for the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights	In the reporting year no appeal on infringement of rights was filed to the Inter-Agency Coordination Council, therefore, a Council session was not held.
8.4.3 Detection of counterfeit and pirated products, including on the border and abating of infringing activities	Number of cases identified and investigated	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	MOF; Revenue Service	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	These statistics will be available at the end of the year.
Goal 9.	Develop competition and trade remedy fields in line with EU best practices				
Obejctive 9.1.	Raising awareness on competition policy and trade remedies among public and private sector representatives				
9.1.1. Organizing seminars and information meetings on current issues of competition for public and private sector representatives	Number of seminars and information meetings held	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		During the first 9 months of 2022, representatives of the agency participated in 6 (six) events on current issues of competition. More precisely, one event took form of a public discussion and concerned Georgian commercial policy and competition. Another event was intended for

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					students, was held in the form of a public lecture and concerned current issues of competition policy. Additionally, for the representatives of business sector, with the initiative of the Agency and with the assistance of European Union assistance project “AA Facility”, three meetings were held in Kutaisi, Zugdidi and Batumi. The meetings discussed the current issues of competition law and issues of taking the anti dumping measures. The Twinning project “Strengthening capacity of the National Competition Agency of Georgia” has launched in the Agency, which is funded by the EU. The opening event of the project were attended by representatives of public and business sectors.
9.1.2. Organizing seminars and meetings for representatives of the private sector on taking the anti-dumping measures	Number of seminars and meetings held, number of participants	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		During the first 9 months of 2022, 4 (four) events were held with the participation of representatives of the Agency. One concerned Georgian commercial policy and competition. Using the anti-dumping measures was discussed during the event. Other 3 events were held in the regions, namely in Kutaisi, Batumi and Zugdidi, where issues on taking the anti-dumping measures were discussed along with issues on competition.
9.1.3. Production and dissemination of information materials on the use of anti-dumping measures	Number of newsletters produced and disseminated	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		During the first 9 months of 2022, in the 3 regions of Georgia, 3 (three) events were held for the representatives of business sector. During these events the brochures on the main principles of the Law of Georgia “on the Use of Anti-Dumping Measures in Trade” were distributed.
Objective 9.2.	Improving the qualification of employees				
9.2.1. Organizing trainings / seminars / study visits on current issues of competition policy (including on legislative changes)	Number of trainings / seminars / study visits conducted	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		During the first 9 months of 2022, 12 qualification raising events were attended by employees of the GNCA. More precisely, employees of the agency took part in seminars and meetings organized by ICN, OECD, OECD-GVH RCC ABA, UNCTAD and joint event of OECD GVH RCC and Croatian Competition Agency. The seminars/meetings covered several current issues of competition.
9.2.2. Raising the qualification of the Agency staff in relation to the use of anti-dumping measures	Number of trainings / seminars / study visits conducted	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		During the first 9 months of 2022, employees of the Agency participated in 2 (two) online seminars on the use of anti-dumping measures: resolving international trade disputes and a role of new technologies in the international trade from the customs perspective.
Goal 10.	Promoting sustainable development				

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Objective 10.1.	Sustainable management of natural resources and contribution to the conservation				
10.1.1. Extend cooperation with the EU and the GFCM to develop electronic fisheries monitoring system and to fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.	<p>Identified actions to be carried out to equip commercial fishing vessels with appropriate technical equipment for the electronic monitoring system.</p> <p>Identified needs and planned future actions to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.</p>	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan</p> <p>dcfta.gov.ge</p>	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	<p>LEPL National Environmental Agency</p> <p>Department of Environmental Supervision</p>	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia in consultation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries has developed a draft law „On amendment to the Administrative Offences Code of Georgia”. The draft law establishes administrative liability and respective sanctions for the violation of the requirements of the legislation of Georgia on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing by the fishing vessels/vessels related to fishing and flying the flag of Georgia in the territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone of foreign countries and high seas, as well as for the importation, export or re-export of fishery products derived from IUU fishing and/or international trade in such products. The draft law is submitted to the Parliament and is under discussions.
10.1.2. Within the framework of close and continuous cooperation between the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and FAO / GFCM, conducting priority species research in the Black Sea area - Kambala variety, Rapana variety, as well as regional trainings.	Number of meetings and surveys in the frame of the BlackSea4Fish project	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan</p> <p>dcfta.gov.ge</p>	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	<p>LEPL - National Environmental Agency;</p> <p>Department of Environmental Supervision</p>	A meeting of experts was held in Bulgaria this year to discuss the measures to be taken to determine the parameters of the technical equipment for the autumn survey of the Rapana species.
10.1.3. Assessing the resource of selected plant species with economic value	Resources of at least 3 species are estimated	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan</p> <p>dcfta.gov.ge</p>	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		A resource assessment methodology has been developed and the assessment process will begin in the near future.
10.1.4. Bringing draft by-laws in line with the new Forest Code	By-laws developed in accordance with the new Forest Code	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan</p> <p>dcfta.gov.ge</p>	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		On May 2, 2022, the Government of Georgia approved Resolution N231 "On Approval of the Regulation on Sustainable Forest Management Criteria and Indicators". All resolutions to be approved by the government have been adopted and entered into force. As for normative acts which are to be approved by the order of the Minister, in August of this, year, the normative act “on list of forest forming wood species” was approved.

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10.1.5. Improving the forest and land use information and decision support system	Developed basic modules of forest information and monitoring system	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		<p>The final stage of development is the testing and data entry of the FIMS Forest Management Plan Inventory Program. The aim of the program is to analyze the data collected in the forest and prepare a 10-year forest management plan.</p> <p>FIMS "Field Acts Accounting System" program has been developed.</p> <p>Meetings were held in connection with the development of forest utilization and forest maintenance-restoration programs. In the near future, a ToR will be developed for the development of the mentioned programs.</p> <p>In addition, a governing board and working groups are being set up to effectively manage the process:</p> <p>Steering Committee - composed of middle and senior representatives of partner agencies, forest governing body and forest control management. The Board meets once in every 2 months and discusses system management and strategic issues based on a report received from the technical working group representative(s).</p> <p>Technical Working Group - staffed from the project partner agencies, the forest management body and the forest control staff for FIMS system. The group will meet (at least) once in every 2 weeks (or more frequently if necessary) and ensure that the system is in working order.</p>
10.1.6. Facilitate trade in timber products produced as a result of sustainable forest management	25 business yards arranged in the country	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		Currently there are 31 business yards across the country. By the end of 2022, 40 business yards will be arranged across the country
Objective 10.2. Fulfillment of the International Obligations/Agreements related to Climate Change					
10.2.1. Development of the annual monitoring report of Climate Action Plan (2021-2023) implementing the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)	2021 monitoring report of Climate Action Plan (2021-2023) is presented to the Administration of the Government of Georgia	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		2021 monitoring report of the Climate Action Plan (2021-2023) implementing the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) was prepared and is available on the website of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia.

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10.2.2. Starting the preparation of Georgia's 5th National Communication (FNC) and First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Establishment of the working group to prepare the 5th National Communication; Creation of the working group for national inventory.	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		Currently, the project management unit is being recruited. Funding for the preparation of Georgia's 5th National Communication (FNC) and First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has been approved by the Global Environment Fund (GEF). Currently, preparations for domestic procedures are underway.
Objective 10.3.	Ensuring protection of labour rights in line with international standards				
10.3.1. Awareness raising of employers and employees about Labour Norms	Number of information/working meetings and consultations provided; Number of prepared thematic materials;	Annual report of the Labour Inspection - www.moh.gov.ge	LEPL - Labour Inspection Service	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	<p>Within the reporting period 41 informational/working meetings were conducted, attended by 1200 people.</p> <p>2 textbooks were printed to raise the awareness of employers and employees on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Occupational safety in the construction sector; - Guidelines for Prevention of Discrimination in Vacancy Announcement (Manual was developed in Georgian and translated into English, Armenian and Azerbaijani languages). <p>In addition, under the awareness-raising campaign - "Safe Business is Your Choice" of the International Center for Private Entrepreneurship –CIPE, with the direct involvement of the Labor Inspection Office, the informative video about the types of administrative fines was prepared and spread through televisions and social networks.</p> <p>The minimum requirements for safety and health protection in the workplace were developed, which was approved by the GoG on July 1, 2022 in the form of Resolution N341. "Technical Regulation - on approval of the minimum requirements for the placement of signs related to safety and/or health protection in the workplace" was developed and approved on September 16, 2022 by the Government Ordinance No. 457. Regarding the mentioned reform, appropriate measures are intensively being carried out by the representatives of LIO for the dissemination of information to the general public, including the distribution/posting of information on television programs or social networks on the technical regulation. Among them, LIO prepared relevant informational electronic banners, which were placed on the social network and on the website of the Labor Inspection.</p>

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10.3.2. Raising the awareness of employers and employees about child labour	Number of information meetings held to raise awareness about child labour, number of printed and distributed booklets	www.moh.gov.ge	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	LEPL - Labour Inspection Service	As part of the inspections, information on child labor issues is being constantly disseminated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In accordance with the Organic Law of Georgia on Occupational Safety, 1740 (primary and follow-up inspections, before elimination of violations) inspections were carried out at 1015 facilities. - According to the Organic Law of Georgia "Labor Code of Georgia", 736 inspections (primary and follow-up inspections, before the elimination of violations) were carried out on 580 facilities.
10.3.3. Institutional development of the LEPL-Labour Inspection Office	LEPL - Labour Inspection Office staffed with relevant human resources Number of measures taken to increase the capacity of labour inspectors	Annual report of the Labour Inspection - www.moh.gov.ge	LEPL - Labour Inspection Service	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	As of the third quarter of 2022, 132 positions have been filled in the Labour Inspection Office. The Office continues to work intensively to fill vacancies. In order to increase the capacity of labor inspectors, the "Manual of Forced Labor and Labor Exploitation" was developed and printed, which was handed over to labor inspectors. One thematic training for labor inspectors was conducted to prepare national reports under the European Social Charter reporting procedure. With the support of the project of Council of Europe "Strengthening the Protection of Social and Economic Rights", in order to strengthen the skills of persons employed in the direction of supervision of labor rights, including labor inspectors, they have successfully (with the highest rate in the region, 96%) attended the training of representatives of the legal field of the Council of Europe in the field of human rights. A training course developed within the framework of the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) program, which included the European Convention on Human Rights and other documents, such as the European Social Charter (ESC), Council of Europe conventions in key areas, for example, data protection, labor rights. In addition, with the support of the project, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the relevant legislation of the European Union and the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) were included in the course.

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					<p>Taking into account the specifics of the activity, the training "Effective Communication" was carried out for all employees of LIO, where the employees got acquainted with the information, service and communication standards and key principles necessary for the implementation of effective service, as a result of which the employees of LIO developed the skills necessary for effective communication and service.</p> <p>With the support of the International Labor Organization, the training of inspectors working at the sectoral level on occupational safety issues in the mining sector was conducted. Trainings on 10 different topics was conducted</p>
<p>10.3.4. Functioning of the LEPL-Labour Inspection Office in accordance with the extended mandate defined by the legislation</p>	<p>Number of inspections and facilities inspected and recommendations issued per year;</p> <p>Number/indicator of recommendations implemented;</p>	<p>Annual report of the Labour Inspection - www.moh.gov.ge</p>	<p>LEPL - Labour Inspection Service</p>	<p>Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</p>	<p>As of the third quarter of 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In accordance with the Organic Law of Georgia on Occupational Safety, 1740 (primary and follow-up inspections, before elimination of violations) inspections were carried out at 1015 facilities. - 9332 referrals were issued by the Service to all facilities in accordance with the violations revealed as a result of the inspections carried out. It should be noted that the issued instructions were fully taken into account by 455 objects. The inspections carried out up to 101886 employees. - According to the Organic Law of Georgia "Labor Code of Georgia", 736 inspections (primary and follow-up inspections, before the elimination of violations) were carried out on 580 facilities. - In accordance with the violations revealed as a result of the inspections, 3006 references were issued by the Service to all facilities. It should be noted that the issued instructions were fully taken into account by 51 objects. The inspections carried out affected up to 57 874 employees.
<p>10.3.5. Functioning of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission and discussing the issues envisioned by the action plan</p>	<p>Number of commission and working group meetings</p>	<p>Minutes of the meeting of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission</p>	<p>Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social</p>	<p>Member Agencies / Organizations of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission</p>	<p>During the reference period, working group under the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission held 2 meetings. The working group discussed the draft ordinance of the Government of Georgia on works of the specific regime and draft amendments to the Law of Georgia on "Labour Migration".</p>

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			Affairs of Georgia		
Goal 11.	Ensure effective coordination and communication about the DCFTA implementation				
Objective 11.1.	Disseminate information about the benefits, opportunities and benefits of the DCFTA				
11.1.1. Efficient operation of the web-portal on DCFTA	Number of website visitors Number of published draft legislative acts	Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		According to the data of January-September 2022, dcfta.gov.ge website had 7200 visitors. Apart from Georgia, the website is being visited by people from the USA, Russia, China, the United Kingdom, Germany, Turkey and others. Statistics and related legislation pages have been updated on the website. Various legal documents and a plan and report on the implementation of the DCFTA have been made public.
11.1.2. Organization of DCFTA Advisory Group meetings to involve and inform civil society, business representatives, and NGOs in the DCFTA implementation process	At least 1 meeting per year	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		A DCFTA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled to be organized in November.
11.1.3 Holding thematic Meetings with the representatives of business, NGOs, local government, academics and other stakeholders to raise their awareness on the DCFTA related issues	Number of meetings held	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		Implementation is planned
Objective 11.2.	Improving the functioning of a coordination mechanism for timely and successful implementation of the undertaken obligations				
11.2.1. Organizing meetings of the Interagency Subcommittee on the DCFTA Implementation	At least 1 meeting per year	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		This event will be implemented in November.
11.2.2. Develop annual action plans for the implementation of the DCFTA Medium Term Plan (2021-2023)	Adopted DCFTA Implementation Action Plan for 2023	Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		The 2022 Action Plan for the Implementation of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between Georgia and the European Union was approved by the Order N1-1/79 of February 22, 2022 of the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. The plan was made public on the dcfta.gov.ge website.

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					The development of the 2023 action plan is in progress and the initial draft of the plan has been developed.
11.2.3 Drafting and publishing of the quarterly and annual reports on the implementation of the DCFTA Implementation National Action Plan	Prepared DCFTA implementation reports	Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		The annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA 2021 Action Plan and the two quarter report or the 2022 Action Plan was developed and published on the dcfta.gov.ge website in Georgian and English.