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DCFTA Implementation National Action Plan for 2020 Implementation Report						
Trade in Goods						
1.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters: Further improvements in the area of trade statistics	Processing external merchandise trade data in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) (5 digit level) according to the new version of Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev.4)	Statistical data on external merchandise trade of Georgia is available in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) (5 digit level) according to the new version of Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev.4)	Statistical data on external merchandise trade with breakdown) according to the new version of Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev.4)	LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia	The International Trade Classification (SITC) was translated and correlation tables were prepared. Statistical data on the web-page of Geostat were disseminated in December 2020. Exports by SITC basic headings: https://geostat.ge/media/35857/Export-SITC-5-digit_2009-2020.xlsx Imports by SITC basic headings: https://geostat.ge/media/35557/Import-SITC-5-digit_2009-2020.xlsx
2.	2.5 Trade and Trade-related Matters: Support Georgia in diversifying its export structure, including export of new products to the EU market	Provide assistance to entrepreneurs to foster their efficient participation within the EEN	Increased number of Georgian companies registered on the EEN platform	The number of Georgian companies registered on the EEN platform	LEPL Enterprise Georgia	According to the data of 2020, the agency consulted over 10 interested persons in relation to the EEN platform.
3.		Support Georgian exporting companies to participate in international trade fairs and missions	Increased number of exporting companies participating in trade fairs and missions within the member states of the EU	The number of exporting companies participating in trade fairs and missions within the member states of the EU	LEPL Enterprise Georgia	Based on the data of 2020, 43 Georgian companies participated in 9 events held in the EU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Georgian companies participated in the Paris fashion week; - 2 Georgian companies took part in an event held in Florence, Italy – Pitti Immagine Bimbo; - 4 Georgian companies were spotted at an event held in Paris – Playtime Paris; - 5 Georgian companies participated in an event held in Nuremberg, Germany – Biofach 2020; - 3 Georgian companies took part in the event – MICAM, held in Milan, Italy. - 17 Georgian brands joined the Paris Fashion Week WF2020. - 3 Georgian companies participated in the Paris Fashion Week SS21 and one company in the London Fashion Week SS21;

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Georgian company took part in an event held in Florence, Italy – Pitti Immagine Bimbo (online); - 4 Georgian companies were spotted at an event held in Paris – Playtime Paris (online). <p>Beyond the EU, with the support of the agency, 14 Georgian companies participated in GulFood 2020, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Also, 4 Georgian companies took part in an event held in Shanghai, China – SHANGHAI FASHION WEEK SS21.</p> <p>During this period, beyond the EU, 4 Georgian companies participated in 4 online showrooms.</p> <p>In total, based on the data of 2020, 65 instances of co-financing (47 unique beneficiaries) were identified.</p>
4.		Supporting SMEs by providing technical assistance and/or broadening their access to finance	Increased number of newly established and/or expanded enterprises	Newly established and/or expanded enterprises	LEPL Enterprise Georgia	Based on the data of 2020, 156 new contracts was signed within the industrial component, these 156 projects include 123 factories, 32 hotels and 1 touristic services. The total investment volume of these projects exceeds 359.2 million GEL. These projects created more than 6100 jobs.
Technical Barriers to Trade, Standardization, Metrology, Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (TBT)						
5.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and trade related matters: Developing legislation, which Georgia committed to implement on the basis of the AA as provided in its Technical Barriers to Trade Strategy (TBT)	According to the Annex III-A of the AA, adoption of the technical regulations and revision of already approximated Georgian Legislation in order to check their compatibility and update it in accordance with the repealed and recast Directives and Regulations in Appendix III –A	Georgian legislation is approximated with the relevant EU law	Adopted Decree of the Government; Adopted amendments to the relevant legislation in case of necessity	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The draft governmental decrees on the “Approval of the technical regulation on explosives for civil uses” and “Technical Regulations on Radio Equipment” have been prepared. Drafts have been thoroughly processed with the involvement of the Market Surveillance Agency. Comments received from various agencies have been taken into account. Harmonized standards of those directives were adopted as Georgian standards.

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6.		Formation of the working group with the aim of creating relevant framework for the preparation and adoption of the technical regulations on medical equipment and invitro medical diagnostic equipment (EU Regulations - 2017/745, 2017/746) according to the Annex III-A of the AA	Establishment of an surveillance system for medical equipment envisioned in the framework of association	The working group is created for the preparation of the legislative framework	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the occupied territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	<p>In order to analyse the current situation, the current twinning project at the Accreditation Center envisages training on the mentioned directives and preparatory works are underway.</p> <p>Part of the harmonized standards of these regulations were adopted as Georgian Standards in 2020, the process of adoption will continue in 2021.</p>
7.		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	Increased access to the International and European standards	Number of international and European standards adopted as Georgian ones	<p>LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p>	<p>As of 2020 year the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) has adopted 2 761 standards as Georgian standards (GES), among them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GES ISO (International Standard) -272; •GES IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission Standard) - 271; •GES EN (European Standard) – 2 218.
8.		Start preparatory procedures for approximation process in the field of metrology with directives MID (Measuring Instruments Directive) and NAWI (Non-automatic weighing instruments)	Harmonized standards referred in these directives are adopted as Georgian standards	The European standard/s, harmonized with the MID and/or NAWI Directives adopted as Georgian standard/s, priority standard/s are translated into Georgian language	<p>LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p>	<p>Activities to support the approximation process with mentioned directives are considered in the upcoming EU twinning project, which is planned to start in April 2021.</p> <p>The process of identifying a priority measuring instrument for developing a draft version of the internal procedure will be carried out in the framework of forthcoming twinning project.</p>
9.		Implement Quality Management System (QMS) in Standards Department of GEOSTM according to ISO 9001:2015.	Increased efficiency of the internal processes of the Agency and further improvement of the quality and efficiency of the	Elaborated QMS documentation based on the recommendations of European experts	LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);	In accordance with the recommendations of the invited experts Standards Department of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology, developed several documents, necessary for the implementation QMS.

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			services provided to the interested parties		Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The process of full implementation of this standard is planned to be conducted in framework of the planned Twinning Project.
10.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Developing infrastructure related to administration of standards, technical regulations, metrology, market surveillance, accreditation and conformity assessment procedures, including through EU support.	To continue the process of upgrading the equipment base of laboratories in priority fields in order to provide improved services	Availability of increased number of metrological services for interested entrepreneurs	Procurement of additional new equipment for reference divisions/labs. in 2 (two) fields of measurements	LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM); Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	<p>During 2020 following equipment has been purchased: theodolite and glass scale for Dimensional Measurements Reference Division; device for determining α and β radiation for Radiation Measurements Reference Division; electromagnetic fields measuring device for Radio-physics, Optics and Acoustics Reference Division; zero detectors for Electrical Measurements reference Division; device for calibration of torque-measuring wrenches for Mechanics Reference Division. Procedures have been completed for procurement of 3 nominals of gauge blocks in the set of National Lengths Standard, for Dimensional Measurements Reference Division.</p> <p>To respond the needs for calibration of so called non-contact Infrared Thermometers in relation to COVID 19 pandemic, the procedures are on-going to procure and deliver respective measurement standards by German side in the framework of German regional project. In the framework of same project, it is also planned to support development of Phys-chemical measurements through procurement of respective measurement standards.</p> <p>Procedures for procurement of above mentioned equipment in both fields have been already completed by German side, however according the their information, due to the COVID 19 situation and limitations, process of delivery to GEOSTM will take longer than it was initially planned.</p>
11.		Implement activities needed for maintaining/achieving international recognition of priority	Increase access to the metrological services for enterprises, laboratories, interested parties	The number of CMC recordings on calibration and measuring capabilities of the country gradually increases in	LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);	During 2020, in internationally recognized measurements fields of metrology, 2 new services of GEOSTM Metrology Institute – Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMCs) in the field of small volume, were published.

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		reference laboratories in the field of metrology		internationally recognized areas	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	<p>In total, as of 2020, GEOSTM has published and recognized 61 CMC lines.</p> <p>In order to maintain international recognition, as well as, to ensure traceability of measurements, the reference standards and measuring instruments of GEOSTM were calibrated abroad in National Metrology Institutes of the following countries: PTB (Germany), UkrMetrTestStandard (Ukraine), CMI (Czech Republic), BelGIM (Belarus), NPL (United Kingdom).</p>
12.		Initiation of preparatory work for the offering of new services in the field of metrology in accordance with ISO 17034: 2016 reference materials	Preparing new services in the field of metrology for enterprises, laboratories, all interested parties	Preparation of documents and procedures required for the implementation of the Quality Management System in accordance with the international standard ISO 17034: 2016	<p>LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p>	Staff of Phys-chemistry Reference Division took part in study visit on 01-06 March 2020, in Germany ZMK (Measurements and Calibration Center) on the issues of implementation of international standard ISO 17034:2016 and production of certified reference materials. This study visit was conducted in the framework of German regional project "Strengthening the Quality Infrastructure in the Countries of the Southern Caucasus". The issues related to pH, conductivity and density measurements, as well as procedures and technical equipment needed for production of certification of reference materials, were discussed. Development of density measurement field in Phys-chemical Reference Division of GEOSTM was also planned in the framework of the project.
13.		Implementing the new version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – an essential standard for maintaining international recognition at the Metrology Institute's reference laboratories	Quality Management System, in accordance with the new version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, of the Metrology Institute of the Agency is internationally recognized	Review of the quality management system documentation is finished for the introduction of a new version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard	<p>LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p>	On 25-27 of February 2020, representatives of GEOSTM Metrology Institute participated in the meetings of COOMET Technical Committee on Quality (TC 3.1) and Quality Forum. During the meetings National Metrology Institutes (NMI) of COOMET member states presented their quality management systems (QMS) for demonstration transition to new version of international standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017. Above-mentioned meetings were conducted in German Metrology Institute PTB (Germany, Berlin). It was planned that rest of COOMET NMIs, including GEOSTM, will perform similar presentations for confirmation of transition

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						to new standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 in Q1 of 2021, when meeting of Quality Forum Technical Committee of Regional Metrology Organization COOMET will be held .
14.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Facilitating the preparation and adaptation of stakeholders, including economic operators, for the implementation of approximated legislation	Conduct the seminars/meetings for interested parties, including small and medium enterprises	Increased awareness on Standards and Metrology among interested parties and civil society	Number of conducted meetings/seminars	LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM); Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	On February 10 and 26, 2020, working meeting of standartisation Technical Committee “Construction and Increased Hazards Objects” (TC 5) members was held. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic technical Committees meetings where hold online. To address the challenges posed by the Covid19 pandemic, the Agency and the Latvian Standards (LVS), in cooperation with Tilde Corporation, developed the project "Standardization as a support tool for rapid response measures to the emergency situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in Georgia” to support local businesses. The project aims to promote the continuity and sustainability of local businesses based on international and European standards on personal protective equipment. The project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia.
15.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-related Matters: Further staff training for the administration of responsible government bodies and agencies	Capacity building of the staff in the field of standardisation and metrology	Raised qualification of GEOSTM staff	Number of conducted seminars/trainings for GEOSTM staff Number of the GEOSTM and Standard Department staff who took internships/trainings in the relevant organizations of the EU Member States	LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM); Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 25-27 may 2020, in the framework of BIPM Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer (CB&KT) program on-line training course regarding the transition to and application of new version of Key Comparison Data Base (KCDB 2.0) was conducted. Training was conducted in English and 7 experts from different Reference Divisions of GEOSTM took part therein. On 9th of June 2020, on-line training was organized by International Bureau for Weights and Measures (BIPM) regarding the issuing of CMC entries due to the modernization of the KCDB 2.0. Training was conducted in English and representatives from different Reference Divisions of GEOSTM took part therein. Representatives of Metrology Institute and Standards Department of GEOSTM participated in different on-line seminars, conferences, technical committees meetings, conducted by

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						<p>respective international and regional Metrology and Standardization organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 22, 2020, was held an online meeting with the representatives of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) headquarters for the ways to overcome the new coronavirus (covid 19) related challenges in standartisation. During this metting, ISO's representatives were informed about the situation in Georgia and the measures have taken. • On July 2, 2020, a representative of the Standards Department participated in a webinar on COVID-19, Cybersecurity and Information Security Management (ISO/IEC 27001) organized by ISO/ UNIDO. • On September 24, 2020, representatives of the Agency participated in a "virtual session" organaized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for its members. • On November 16, 2020, a representative of the Standards Department participated in a webinar on “Benefitting from the transparency framework of the WTO/TBT Agreement: the role of the NSB when holding the TBT enquiry point”, organized by ISO/ WTO. • On November 26, 2020, a representative of the Standards Department participated in a webinar on “Managing Risk & Building Resilience“, organized by ISO/ UNIDO. • On December 9, 2020, a representative of the Standards Department participated in a webinar on “business continuity management systems”, organized by ISO/ UNIDO. • On December 10, 2020, a representative of the Standards Department participated in a webinar on “Ensuring Industrial Safety and Security in times of COVID-19 and beyond: Safety challenges”, organized by UNIDO. • On December 11, 2020, a representative of the Standards Department participated in a webinar on “Advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals in a COVID-19 world”, organized by

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						UN. Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation and limitations, during 2020 GEOSTM Metrology Institute representatives take part on-line in different Technical Committee meetings, General Assemblies, Presidential Council meetings, Quality Forum and Technical Committee meetings, as well as in various working groups, seminars and trainings of International and Regional Metrology organizations (BIPM, COOMET, JCRB, OIML)
16.		Trainings for the personnel of the state laboratories (Laboratory staff of the Ministry of agriculture and Stuff of the SPS border control service of the Revenue service): Sampling of the food and feed for microbiological testing; determination the amount of contaminants in human and animal foods; determination of GMO in human and animal foods; determination of pesticides and heavy metals in human foods and animal foods; procedure for sampling oils and petroleum products	Unification of sampling procedures for the similar products in State laboratories, in order to improve the quality of laboratory testing.	Conducted training and certificates issued to participants	LEPL The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC) Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	In the framework of the second phase of the AA Facility project the activities were planned for the August 2020. However, due to the restrictions imposed by the worldwide pandemic the implementation of the action according to the plan was not possible. With the project management team accreditation centre is working to identify relevant expert. Procedure for the selection of the expert started again, because several expert refuse to participate in the project because of pandemic.
17.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-related Matters: in the Market Surveillance field, strengthening administrative capacities of relevant Georgian state institutions and market surveillance bodies	Training of the MSA's staff on the following EU legal acts: Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery; Regulation (EU) 2016/426 on appliances burning	The qualification of the MSA staff has been increased.	The number of the conducted training.	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia; LEPL Market Surveillance Agency	The trainings on the Regulation (EU) 2016/425 on personal protective equipment; Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys; Directive 2014/34/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres; Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery and Regulation (EU) 2016/426 on

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		gaseous fuels; Directive 2008/43/EC a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses; Regulation (EU) 2016/425 on personal protective equipment; Directive 2014/34/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres; Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys.			(MSA)	<p>appliances burning gaseous fuels have been conducted in October, 2020 attended by 10 staff members of MSA.</p> <p>As for the Directive 2008/43/EC a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses, the needs for implementing the directive were identified. Instead of training, the staff of MSA received all the relevant information in written form through communication with European expert as well as European Commission. On the basis of provided information, it has been clarified that the MSA is not the relevant authority to perform tasks set out in the directive. Therefore, training for MSA is no longer required.</p>
18.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade- related Matters: Developing legislation which Georgia committed to implement on the basis of the Association Agreement as provided in its Technical Barriers to Trade Strategy (TBT);	Preparation of relevant action plan to fulfil obligations of ILAC MLA signatory	The activities of GAC are fully compliance with the ILAC MLA requirements	The relevant plan for the fulfilment of the ILAC MLA requirements has been prepared.	LEPL The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC); Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	<p>According to the structural changes in ILAC, relevant activities were identified under the twinning project. In the frame of this activity the analysis about the obligations of the GAC in case of receiving the status of ILAC MRA signatory is being prepared, which will also include the relevant action plan. First draft of the document was finalised at the end of September 2020, which was shared with the twinning experts for final review.</p> <p>The application form for ILAC association membership was prepared and the package of the required documents were developed. The application form with the package was sent to the ILAC on 14th of December 2020. After receiving the association membership status, GAC will be eligible to request MLA membership.</p>
19.		Implementing the activities of the twinning project “Strengthening Georgian Accreditation System with the Focus	GAC operates in accordance with European regulations	The activities of the “Twinning” plan for 2020 are implemented	LEPL The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC);	Within the framework of the Twinning project, four Steering Committees were held, attended by the representatives of all the organizations involved in the project implementation. The committee reviewed the project budget, approved the Communication and Visibility Plan and adopted

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		on EU Technical Regulations”			Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	<p>implementation plan for the next project phase. Due to the pandemic the twinning project was not implemented properly and at the steering committee meeting prolongation of the project was discussed and further steps were defined.</p> <p>According to the 2020 results, 32 events were held, including workshops and seminars. In total 171 participants attended organized events.</p> <p>During the reporting period, one week training on Health and Safety Management Systems (OH&SMS) - ISO 45001:2018 was organized and attended by 7 people from the Georgian Labour Inspection.</p>
20.		Preparation of feasibility analysis related to membership of the Accreditation Center in the International Accreditation Forum (IAF)	GAC obtains full information about the IAF membership to make a decision	Appropriate analysis has been prepared	LEPL The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC) Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The final version of the feasibility study has been prepared in Georgian and English languages. On 15 th of December 2020 MoU membership application was send to the IAF.
21.		Implementation of the project “increase synergy between the quality infrastructure institutions of the Eastern Partnership Countries”	Increased cooperation with Eastern Partnership countries	Interim report of the project about the implementation of planned events	LEPL The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC)	During the 2020 trainings on the ISO 17021-2:2016 and ISO 14001 standards were organized with the participation of the GAC assessors.
22.		Preparation of recommendations and analysis related to determination of Notified bodies according to EU best practices	Facilitation of export growth from Georgia to the EU, by identifying accredited conformity assessment bodies who have CE marking authority in Georgia	Conducted research and elaborated recommendations	LEPL The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC) Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	<p>Relevant report, including relevant recommendations, was prepared by the European expert.</p> <p>The tannings concerning the EU practice for notified bodies were performed and experience of Italy was studied within the twinning project.</p>

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					Development of Georgia	
Sanitary and Phitosanitary Measures (SPS)						
23.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: The Parties will cooperate in preparing for the approximation of Georgia's sanitary and Phitosanitary legislation for food and feed, plant health as well as animal health and welfare and practice to that of the EU, as set out in the relevant Annexes of the Association Agreement	Legal approximation of Georgian legislation to the EU law in accordance with the Annex XI-B of the Association Agreement	Georgian legislation is approximated with the EU law in sanitary and Phitosanitary spheres	Adopted legal documents	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia; LEPL – National Food Agency	<i>The following decrees of the Government of Georgia were adopted:</i> 1. Decree №482 of the Government of Georgia, of August 20th, 2020, on “Food Enzymes”; 2. Decree №497 of the Government of Georgia, of August 13th, 2020, “Technical Regulation - on Flavorings and Certain Food Ingredients with Flavoring Properties for Use in and on Foods”; 3. Decree of the Government of Georgia №606 of October 1st, 2020 “Technical Regulation – on sampling procedure and method of analysis for the official control of the temperatures of quick-frozen foods intended for human consumption”; 4. Decree of the Government of Georgia №630 of October 16th, 2020 “Technical Regulation – on the Approval of Rules on Fighting Citrus Long-Horned Beetle <i>Anoplophora chinensis</i> (Forster)”. 5. Decree №782 of the Government of Georgia of 23 December 2020 on the Amendment to the Resolution N348 of the Government of Georgia of 14 July 2015 on the Approval of the Rules for the Implementation of Prophylactic-quarantine Measures against Animal Contagious Diseases. 6. Decree №747 of the Government of Georgia of December 10, 2020 "On Approval of the Technical Regulation - Diagnostic Manual of Swine Vesicular Disease". 7. Decree № 404 of the Government of Georgia, July 2nd, 2020, on the Approval of Rules on Fighting Species of Potato (Tuber) Flee Beatle - <i>Epitrix cucumeris</i> (Harris), <i>Epitrix papa</i> sp. n.; <i>Epitrix subcrinita</i> (Lec.) and <i>Epitrix tuberis</i> (Gentner);

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						<p>8. Decree №649 of the Government of Georgia of October 28, 2020 "On Approval of the Conditions for Placing Seed Potatoes on the Market".</p> <p>9. Decree №648 of the Government of Georgia of October 28, 2020 "On Approval of the Conditions for Placing Seeds of Oil and Fiber plants on the Market".</p> <p>10. Decree №695 of the Government of Georgia of November 20, 2020 on the Amendments to the Decrees of the Government of Georgia №336 of June 13 2018 and №39 of January 17, 2020" "On Approval of the Rule on Labeling of Seeds and Planting Materials of plants Subject to mandatory Certification".</p> <p>11. Decree №712 of the Government of Georgia of November 27, 2020 on the Amendments to the Decree №337 of June 13, 2018 on Approval of the Rules for Certification of Seeds and Planting Materials of Agricultural plants Subject to mandatory Certification “.</p> <p>As well as Guidelines for ascertaining the distinction between feed materials, feed additives, biocidal products and veterinary medicinal products.</p> <p><i>The drafts of the following decrees of the Government of Georgia have been prepared:</i></p> <p>1. Draft Decree of the Government of Georgia “On Approval of the List of intended uses of animal feeding stuffs for particular nutritional purposes”.</p> <p>2. Draft Decree of the Government of Georgia on the approval of the rules for the use and placing on the market of animal feed.</p>

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24.	<p>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Organizing information campaigns with relevant agencies, businesses and NGOs on the requirements for accessing the EU market, as well as with civil society on the relevant consumer aspects of food and feed safety.</p>	Organizing information campaigns with the representatives of civil society and businesses sectors on the requirements for accessing the EU market	Increased awareness of business and civic sector.	Number of conducted meetings	<p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;</p> <p>LEPL – National Food Agency</p>	Organized by the National Food Agency within the scope of Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II, communication meetings were held with business operators in Kakheti, Shida Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions. Food safety specialists presented the principles of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system and planned legislative amendments to the representatives of processing establishments and public catering venues
25.	<p>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Providing further EU</p>	Training the staff	Public authorities involved in the	Number of conducted trainings and other actions.	Ministry of Environmental Protection and	1. With the support of NAITs project, the UN FAO set up a training on the unified database for 35 contracted operators and 7 employees of the

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	<p>technical advice and support to Georgia in drafting and implementing the legislation, including training the relevant staff, providing capacity-building to the competent authority and supporting the improvement of the laboratory capacity, in line with the EU requirements.</p>	<p>of relevant competent authority in drafting and implementing the legislation, providing capacity-building program to the competent authority and the improvement of the laboratory capacity.</p>	<p>implementation of the SPS legislation are strengthened</p>		<p>Agriculture of Georgia; LEPL the National Food Agency; LEPL Revenue Service; LEPL State Laboratory of Agriculture</p>	<p>Animal Registration and Identification Division of the Veterinary Department of NFA. 2. Two representatives of MEPA and two NFA specialists attended an EU-organized training on the topic of animal feed; 3. Employees of MEPA and NFA were trained on the Policy Monitoring and Reporting in the Context of the Association Agreement/DCFTA between Georgia and EU; 4. Within the scope of Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II, the specialists of the National Food Agency were given trainings on aquaculture (21-22 September), pesticides (23-24 September) and transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) (12-13 October). 5. On December 9-10, 2020 a virtual training was held via zoom platform on the following topic: "Food Safety issues". The meeting was attended by 6 representatives of the National Food Agency, The meeting was also attended by the representatives from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia; 6. On December 21-22, 2020 a virtual training was held via zoom platform on the following topic: "Ensuring further progress of SPS and Food Safety system in Georgia". The meeting was attended by 6 representatives of the National Food Agency. The meeting was also attended by the representatives from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia .</p>
26.		<p>Training the staff in Helminthology, Entomology, Mycology and Bacteriology</p>	<p>Trained staff will be involved in laboratory research</p>	<p>Number of trainings conducted in the appropriate direction</p>	<p>LEPL Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture</p>	<p>On 27.01.2020 - 31.01.2020 within the framework of a joint project „Establishment of quality control for bee production in Georgia” between the Czech State Veterinary Institute and LEPL State Laboratory of Agriculture, the laboratory staff participated in the training: "Determination of heavy metals - mercury in honey by mercury analyzer Altec AMA 254".</p>

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						<p>With the financial support of the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), online trainings were conducted on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Morphological identification of Phytophthora sp. vs Pythium sp.; - Detection and identification of Armillaria mellea; - Detection and morphological and PCR identification of Sclerotinia sclerotiorum, S. minor, Atelia rolfsii; - Morphological identification of Tilletia indica.
27.		Introduction of new diagnostic methods in plant protection field and/or the expansion of the accreditation sphere	New diagnostic methods are added and/or the accreditation sphere is expanded	Relevant studies will be added to the list (statement of prices) of laboratory services (studies)	LEPL – State Laboratory of Agriculture	<p>following methods in food safety were established and accredited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staphylococcus enterotoxin research in food products in accordance with EU requirements; • Determination of excess water content in frozen chicken; • Determination of nitrite and nitrate in food in accordance with EU requirements; • Determination of macrolides and tiamulin in honey by liquid chromatograph - triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (LC/MS/MS); • Determination of aflatoxin M1 in milk by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC); • Determination of heavy metals in water by atomic-emission spectrometer Agilent AES MP-4200. <p>following methods in plant disease diagnostic were established and accredited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detection and morphological-biochemical and PCR identification of causative agents of bacterial crown galls - Agrobacterium tumefaciens and A. vitis; • Detection and morphological-biochemical and PCR identification of the causative agent of angular spotting of strawberry leaf - Xanthomonas fragariae;

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detection of Blueberry Scorch Virus (BlScV); • Detection of Blueberry shoestring virus (BSSV); • Detection of Arabica mosaic virus (ArMV).
28.		Training of the staff of relevant competent authority in drafting and implementing the legislation, in direction of capacity building programme of competent authority and development laboratory capacities	Trained staff is providing border control procedures according to international standards	The number trained staff and conducted activities	<p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;</p> <p>LEPL National Food Agency;</p> <p>LEPL Revenue Service;</p> <p>LEPL state Laboratory of Agriculture</p>	<p>With the financial support of the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), online trainings were conducted and 3 laboratory employees were trained.</p> <p>LEPL Revenue Service: the following trainings were conducted in frame of project Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 22-23 January workshop on “Basic principles and methodology in developing and implementing the monitoring plans” was conducted. Workshop was led by Adviser of Estonian Veterinary and Food Board Mrs. Regina Pihlakas. From Revenue Service participated 6 representatives. From National Food Agency 2 representatives. • On 29-30 January workshop on “Phytosanitary border control procedures, which may be carried out at a place other than the point of entry” was conducted. Workshop was led by Head of Border Control Coordination Division of The State Plant Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania Mrs. Vilma Mikelaitienė. From Revenue Service participated 6 representatives. From National Food Agency 2 representatives. • On 11-12 March training on “border control procedures for food/feed of non-animal origin” was conducted. Workshop was led by the Head of Border Inspection Post/ (BIP between EU and Belarus) of Food and Veterinary Service of Latvia Mr. Eduards Bakasejevs. From Revenue Service participated 21 representatives. From National Food Agency 2 representatives.

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29.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Supporting Georgia to strengthen the risk analysis in the SPS field; ensuring veterinary Phitosanitary and food safety checks at border inspection posts	The development of sanitary and phytosanitary border control infrastructure for efficient implementation of the approximated sanitary and phytosanitary legislation	Identifying sources for financing for the construction of Border Inspection Post.	Financing of construction of 1 Border Inspection Post.	LEPL Revenue Service	The implementation of this activity is delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Customs and Trade Facilitation						
30.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: The Parties will cooperate in preparing for the approximation of Georgia's legislation to EU acquis and international standards listed in the relevant Annex to the	Capacity building of employees of LEPL Revenue Service in order to effectively implement provisions of the new customs legislation	Increased knowledge of the Revenue Service employees regarding matters related to the new customs legislation	The number of trainings and trained employees	Ministry of Finance of Georgia; LEPL Revenue Service	Planning of relevant activities are underway and is affected by the COVID-19 outbreak
31.	Association Agreement. Approximation should be based on the Union Customs Code, which is implemented as of May 1st 2016. The relevant AA Annex shall reflect the substitution of the Community Customs Code with the Union Customs Code	Raising the awareness of the private sector in order to facilitate the implementation of the new customs legislation	Increased awareness of the private sector in regards to procedures and requirements of the new customs legislation	The number of meetings and participants from the private sector	Ministry of Finance of Georgia; LEPL Revenue Service	Several online meetings were organized with private sector representing associations and business participation. To accommodate new requirements of health and safety stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic particular emphasis was put on ensuring distance enabling platforms including the new web-page for Customs and Tax administration complete with relevant information modules.
32.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Approximating Georgia's Authorized Economic Operator system to that of the EU	Capacity building for the staff of the Revenue Service to ensure proper implementation of the AEO program	Increased knowledge of the Revenue Service employees regarding the legislation related to the Authorized Economic Operator Program	The number of trainings and trained staff	Ministry of Finance of Georgia; LEPL Revenue Service	Planned events have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
33.		Raising the awareness of the private sector regarding the Authorized Economic Operator Program	Increased awareness of the private sector in regards to the Authorized Economic Operator Program	The number of meetings and participants from the private sector	Ministry of Finance of Georgia; LEPL Revenue Service	Several web-calls were organized with participation of the private sector representing associations and business.
34.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Cooperating on risk-based	Organization of study activities aimed at the enactment of rules	Increased knowledge of the Revenue Service employees regarding	The number of events and trained staff	Ministry of Finance of Georgia;	Planned events have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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	customs control and sharing relevant information that contributes to improved risk management and security of the supply chain. Facilitating legitimate trade and safety and security of goods imported, exported or in transit	regulating the Advanced Passenger Information/Passenger Name Record (API/PNR)	the advanced Passenger Information/Passenger Name Record (API/PNR) System regulations.		LEPL Revenue Service	
35.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters: Assistance to Georgia in the process of accession to the Common Transit Convention	Preparation for the approximation/accession to the Common Transit Convention and facilitation of the implementation of common transit procedures through the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)	As required by the convention, prepare for transit procedures with the member states of the convention	Development and testing of NCTS, adoption of relevant normative acts for corresponding transit procedures	Ministry of Finance of Georgia; LEPL Revenue Service	The EU technical assistance project - “Supporting the Accession of Georgia to the Conventions on Transit Area and Launching of the New Computerised Transit System (NCTS)” has been completed. Analysis of compliance of primary and secondary legislation with the provisions of Conventions was carried out. A draft of relevant amendments have been prepared. A document on the functional and non-functional requirements of NCTS electronic system software has been developed. The agreement between the EU and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has been completed. The subject of the contract is the creation of software for a new computerized transit system (NCTS) for the Revenue Service of Georgia. The project is funded by the European Union, its budget is 1,000,000 EUR and the duration is 24 months. The project will be implemented during 2021 – 2022.
36.		Training of Customs employees in order to effectively implement provisions of the Common Transit Convention	Customs employees have an in-depth knowledge and information regarding the implementation process of Common Transit Convention provisions	The number of trainings and trained customs employees	Ministry of Finance of Georgia; LEPL Revenue Service	In the framework of EU technical assistance project - “Supporting the Accession of Georgia to the Conventions on Transit Area and Launching of the New Computerised Transit System (NCTS)” the study visit of GRS employees to the Czech Republic and Latvia was carried out. During the visit, Georgian delegation got acquainted with the mechanisms of operation of new computerized transit system at border crossing points and customs offices. Also, with the participation of the representatives of the Customs Department and the ICT Center of GRS, an internship was held at the NCTS Data Processing Center of the Polish

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37.		Raising awareness of the private sector in order to facilitate the implementation of Common Transit Convention requirements	Sharing appropriate information regarding the implementation process of the Common Transit Convention	The number of meetings and other activities for the private sector	Ministry of Finance of Georgia; LEPL Revenue Service	Customs Administration. Training materials were developed for employees and private sector representatives as well. On March 10, 2020 the closing event of EU technical assistance project - "Supporting the Accession of Georgia to the Conventions on Transit Area and Launching of the New Computerised Transit System (NCTS)" was held in Tbilisi. Representatives of the private sector and trade community participated in the event. A summary report was made by the project and the participants were provided with information about the implemented activities as well as future plans.
Trade in Services						
38.	Association Agreement Chapter 6, Section 6 Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters; Establishment, Trade in Services and Electronic Commerce	Adoption of Law on E-Commerce	Georgian law is approximated with the EU law	Georgian law on 'E-Commerce' is adopted	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The draft law of Georgia on E-Commerce has been prepared, the table of compliance with the EU legal act has been prepared, and the refined works on draft law has been completed. The draft law on e-commerce will be submitted for approval after the resumption the work of the Parliament of Georgia.
39.	Association Agreement; Annex XV-B, Rules Applicable to Telecommunication Services: Approximation of Georgia' legislation to the EU legislation indicated in the Association Agreement.	Approximation of Georgia's legislation to the Directive on privacy and electronic communications (2002/58/EC); Directive on Authorization (2002/20/EC); Directive on Access (2002/19/EC) and Directive on framework (2002/21/EC)	Georgia's legislation is approximated to the relevant EU legislation	Adopted amendments to the relevant Georgian Law	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia; Georgian National Communications Commission	A draft of amendments to the Law of Georgia on Electronic Communications has been prepared, private sector remarks and comments have been collected / analyzed, and a table of compliance with the EU legal act has been prepared. Georgian National Communications Commission passed the revised version of the draft amendments law, comparison tables with EU directives and an explanatory note, after which the Ministry resumed work on the revised draft law. MoESD was planning additional consultations with the private sector, which was delayed due to the new coronavirus pandemic. Draft amendments will be submitted for approval after the resumption the work of the Parliament of Georgia.
40.		Approximation of Georgia's legislation to the Directive on	Georgia's legislation is approximated to the relevant EU legislation	Adopted amendments to the relevant Georgian Law	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	The Ministry, within the framework of the "Log-in Georgia" project launched with the World Bank, started working on the preparation of legislative

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		Universal Service (2002/20/EC)			Development of Georgia; Georgian National Communications Commission	changes related to universal services, which will be completed in the first quarter of 2021.
41.	Association Agreement Chapter 6, Section 5 Sub-section 4 Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters; Establishment, Trade in Services and Electronic Commerce	Adoption of Postal Law	Georgia's legal framework of the Postal Sector complies with the EU best practice. Foster the development of the postal market	Adopted law on Postal Services	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The draft Postal law was submitted to the Government of Georgia for initiation in the Parliament of Georgia. The draft law will be submitted for approval in accordance with the established procedure after the resumption of the work of the Parliament of Georgia.
Public Procurement						
42.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and trade related matters: Providing precise and timely information on planned legislative work affecting procurement policy and its implementation, both for the legal approximation and the set-up of institutions in the field of public procurement. A Comprehensive Roadmap has already been adopted by the Government of Georgia on 31 March 2016, covering five phases of actions to be implemented during the period from 2016 to 2022. The Parties will further discuss implementation of the roadmap, also in view of ensuring the approximation of the Georgian public procurement legislation with the EU public procurement acquis as foreseen in the Association Agreement and pursuant to the Roadmap	Adoption of the new law on Public Procurement in order to approximate with the EU Directives	Gradual approximation of the Georgian Public Procurement Legislation with relevant EU acquis (draft law includes plan for gradual approximation)	The new law on Public Procurement is initiated in the Parliament	LEPL State Procurement Agency	<p>In scope of public procurement complex reform, State Procurement Agency has elaborated the draft of legislative amendments concerning the dispute resolution board institutional arrangement, that will ensure increased level of independence and impartiality of the board.</p> <p>In July 2nd, 2020, the Parliament of Georgia adopted the amendments to the Law of Georgia on "Public Procurement" on the 3rd hearing. The amendments were also reflected to the three Laws: the Law on Public Service, On Conflict of Interest and Corruption in Public Service and On Remuneration in Public Institutions. According to abovementioned, the Dispute Resolution Board will start functioning with new institutional arrangement from the 1st of January, 2021 year. With support of the EU financed Twinning Project experts and in compliance with provisions envisaged by the Article 1 paragraph 5 of the Georgian Law on "Public Procurement" regulations of the new Dispute Resolution Board, Statute of the staff and job description for staff members were elaborated. Above documents have to be approved by Governmental Decree. Business process description of Dispute Resolution Board, case proceeding rules, best European practice examples</p>

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	<p>adopted by the Decree № 536 of March 31, 2016 of the Government of Georgia (Annex I, Phase II, Roadmap Chapter 4.3.2.1. and 4.3.2.2.)</p>					<p>and so forth supporting documentations were also being elaborated with the Twinning Project Experts.</p> <p>On July 2, 2020, in accordance with the amendments to the Law on Public Procurement, four resolutions of the Government of Georgia were issued, on the basis of which the Rules of Procedure of the Dispute Resolution Council, the Statute of the Competition Agency and the Statute and Structure of the State Procurement Agency were approved. Five relevant accompanying orders of the Chairman of the State Procurement Agency were issued.</p> <p>By the order of the Prime Minister of Georgia of December 18, 2020, members of the Dispute Resolution Council were appointed.</p> <p>State Procurement Agency has finished the elaboration process concerning the new framework law. The new draft law on public procurement reflects all the phases of the legislative approximation provided by the DCFTA. Obligations of each phase will be implemented in stages within the deadlines provided by the agreement. The draft will be submitted to the Parliament of Georgia in 2021.</p>
43.		<p>Elaboration of the relevant by-laws in compliance with the new legislation on public procurement</p>	<p>Approximation of Georgian Public Procurement Legislation with relevant EU acquis;</p> <p>Support the implementation of the newly-adopted legislation on Public Procurement</p>	<p>Elaborated by-laws</p>	<p>LEPL State Procurement Agency</p>	<p>The distribution process between the public procurement basic and secondary legislation is underway.</p>

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44.		Development of new electronic services and procedures in the Unified Electronic System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement)	Modernization of the Unified Electronic System of Public Procurement in order to update it in accordance with the new legislation and requirements of the EU directives and regulations	Additional services and procedures introduced in the Unified Electronic System of Public Procurement	LEPL State Procurement Agency	<p>State Procurement Agency constantly undergoes various activities for the improvement of state procurement electronic system (e-procurement), including information exchange electronically with different authorities. In 2020 information exchange between electronic system and State Treasury has intensified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information regarding contract annual financing that includes simplified procurement contract as well as awarded one, is sent via the system to the State Treasury; 2. Information regarding uploaded contract in CMR Module (annual, perennial and contiguous) is provided to the State Treasury via electronic notification; 3. Due to the maintenance of Black List was implemented information electronic transmission module from Civil Registry concerning the representative of the company, branch founder. In case bidder/supplier is foreign enterprise/permanent institution/branch (representative), Black List related decision is taken towards the main enterprise and all the permanent institution/branch (representative) registered in Georgia. 4. within the search panel of electronic system was implemented search functions via supplier status (winner, disqualified). The search function is available both for authorized user as well as guest user; 5. State Treasury has been submitted electronic notification on uploaded contracts in CON (Consolidated tenders) module (As for one, multi year and for continuous contracts)
45.		Conducting training sessions for the employees of the State Procurement Agency	Capacity building of the employees of the State Procurement Agency in legislative approximation process with the EU acquis	<p>The number of trained employees of the State Procurement Agency;</p> <p>The number of conducted training.</p>	LEPL State Procurement Agency	On 21st of January of the current year, in scope of the EU Twinning Project “EU Twinning for Strengthening Public Procurement Practices in Georgia” was conducted the seminar “Innovations and Sustainable Development” at the Agency of Georgia’s Innovations and Technology (GITA). Interested parties have discussed the actual

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						<p>situation in terms of innovation and the goals for the implementation of the system for sustainable procurement. Austrian experts have shared best of practice in terms of procurement experience concerning innovation principles and services.</p> <p>On 12-13 of February of the current year, with the support of Commercial Law Program of USA Commerce Department seminar was conducted on “Transparent and Efficient Procurement”. The seminar was attended by the representatives of various interested parties. American experts shared the experience regarding USA electronic procurement and principles.</p> <p>On 5th of June of the current year, by the support of EU financed program “Facility for the Implementation of the Association Agreement” was conducted online training “Policy Monitoring and Evaluation”. The mentioned training was attended by the representatives of State Procurement Agency.</p> <p>On October 7, 2020, a meeting of the WTO-GPA Committee was held through the online platform, where the staff of the State Procurement Agency participated as observers.</p> <p>Asian Development Bank Annual Online Conference "Public Procurement in Asia Pacific" was attended by representatives of the State Procurement Agency.</p> <p>On November 18, 2020, a virtual seminar of the WTO-GPA Committee was held for new candidates, members and observer countries of the GPA Committee.</p> <p>On November 24, 2020, a "webinar" was held on the topic "How to join the GPA". The webinar was organized by the EBRD, where participants discussed Georgia’s and other candidate countries' readiness to join the GPA.</p>

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						Organized by the Government of Georgia and in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) project "Support to Public Governance Reform in Georgia", an online workshop was held on December 22, 2020 to develop a new strategy and action plan for public administration reform. The meeting was dedicated to analyze the current situation, identify key problems and set priorities.
46.		Planning, preparing and conducting training and informative meeting sessions for procuring entities, economic operators and other interested parties from the civil society	Increased capacity and skills of procuring entities, economic operators and other stakeholders; These entities are adapted to the new legislation.	The number of trained employees of procuring entities, economic operators and other stakeholders; The number of the training and informative meeting session.	LEPL State Procurement Agency Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	<p>In 2020, one training session was conducted at the Training Center. 40 public procurement specialists attended training session from which 23 were from central state agencies and 17 were from local self-governmental bodies and its LEPL-s (Legal Entities of Public and Private Law) employed at the procurement field. In June, 2020, at the Training Center planned and implemented summer TV-school Trainings. In scope of the project recorded were ten 30-minute videos and transmitted via First Channel of Public Broadcaster, (http://procurement.gov.ge/TrainingCenter/tc-summer.aspx). It was important innovation and was fully in compliance with the requirements of procurement specialists from public as well as business sector. After listening to the training sessions, specialists are enabled to pass the test and obtain certificate.</p> <p>Between 14-23 July 2020 two groups of online training on “Public Procurement Specialized Course” was conducted for the staff of Prosecutors Office of Georgia. Each training session was attended by 20 (twenty) attendees, in total 40 (forty) attendees. The training was divided by 10 thematic lessons, the 11th session was the question and answer mode. The training was conducted by the trainers of Training Center of State Procurement Agency.</p> <p>From November 16 to December 25, 2020, the "Online Public Procurement Course" was held in six streams, through which a total of 144 trainees</p>

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						were trained. During 2020, 379 trainees were trained at the State Procurement Training Center. Online training was conducted through the ZOOM platform.
Intellectual Property Rights						
47.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights: Strengthening the enforcement capacity of relevant governmental bodies or executive agencies, as well as ensuring proper functioning of the judicial system to guarantee access to justice for right holders and effective implementation of sanctions.	Providing trainings for relevant governmental bodies or executive agencies representatives, judges and attorneys on issues related to Intellectual Property Rights	Capacity building of relevant governmental bodies or executive agencies representatives, judges and lawyers, in the field of intellectual property and improved functioning of judicial system. Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property	Trainings organized for relevant governmental bodies or executive agencies, judges and lawyers	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti Ministry of Finance of Georgia LEPL High School of Justice	Conference on the sharing of case law in the field of intellectual property was held online, on October 15-16, 2020 within the joint project of the offices – EUGIPP. Conference was attended by trademark and geographical indications and legal departments' staff of Sakpatenti, common court judges, and patent attorneys. During the conference, European colleagues shared the practice of the general work of the Court of Justice of the European Union in relation to intellectual property objects.
48.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights: Ensuring proper functioning of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia “Sakpatenti” in order to ensure protection of industrial property rights and copyright; extending cooperation with third country authorities and industry associations.	Hold trainings and workshops for Sakpatenti staff; Organize bilateral meetings, workshops and seminars with third country authorities and industry associations, in order to share experience and best practice of relevant countries.	Strengthened human and institutional capacity of Sakpatenti better performs its core functions (protection of industrial property rights and copyright)	Trainings, workshops and seminars organized for Sakpatenti's staff	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia-Sakpatenti	On January 23, 2020, a meeting of the EU-Georgia Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications took place in Brussels, during which the Decision N1/2020 of the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee modifying Annexes XVII-C and XVII-D to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part was signed. On February 3, 2020, to initiate elaboration of the first year Action Plan of the European Union-funded project - European Union-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), the Project Leader, representative of the European Union Intellectual Property Office's (EUIPO) Department of International Cooperation and Legal Affairs, paid a working visit to Georgia. The present Project aims to support the intellectual property system in Georgia. The Project will be implemented by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and its main beneficiary Sakpatenti. The first meeting was held with Georgian patent

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						<p>attorneys. Meetings also took place with the management of the High School of Justice, the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance, the Prosecutor’s Office, the Georgian Bar Association, the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the European Business Association, the International Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.</p> <p>On February 14, 2020, a meeting took place a between the Director of the National Institute of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Acting Chairperson of Sakpatenti. Within the meeting the parties discussed various issues of cooperation in the intellectual property field and outlined the future plans. The issue concerning the signing of the Agreement between Georgia and the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications” was considered.</p> <p>On March 2, 2020, the fourth meeting of the Steering Committee of the EU funded Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia” (GE/16 ENI EC 0318) took place. During the meeting the implemented activities/works and future plans were discussed. Within the Project, a number of drafts of legislative acts, the Action Plan for the development of the geographical indications system, various guidelines, and other documents were prepared. Within the meeting, the Quarterly Reports and the Action Plan for the next 6 months from February 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020 were signed.</p> <p>On March 30, 2020, Sakpatenti published a Practice Paper concerning Graphic Representation of Designs, which is a result of the joint efforts of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The main purpose of the</p>

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						<p>publication of the Practice Paper is to increase transparency, legal certainty and predictability for applicants, examiners and any other interested parties. The Practice Paper contains a clear and comprehensive explanation of the principles which will be applied by Sakpatenti at the time of receiving design applications. Sakpatenti is the first non-EU IP office which has aligned its practice of design representation with the common practice of the IP offices of the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN).</p> <p>On April 29 and May 27, 2020, videoconference took place between Sakpatenti and the European Patent Office (EPO). At the virtual meeting the current issues of cooperation between the parties were discussed. Among these were the status of implementation of the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and Georgia on Validation of European Patents (Validation Agreement), signed in October 2019 and the progress of drafting of relevant legislative amendments.</p> <p>On June 18, 2020, a meeting took place between Sakpatenti Chairman and the USAID/Georgia Mission Director. It was stressed at the meeting that effective steps taken in cooperation with the U.S. Government in recent years, namely, the electronic filing system introduced within the e-Governance project, ensured uninterrupted functioning of Sakpatenti during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In addition, the parties also discussed the plans for future cooperation,</p> <p>On June 22, 2020, a remote meeting took place between Sakpatenti Chairman and President of the European Patent Office (EPO). At the meeting the heads of the Offices discussed the prospects of Georgia's accession to the European Patent Organisation. The parties also considered issues related with the implementation of the Validation</p>

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						<p>Agreement. In case of accession to EPO, the European Patent Convention will apply to Georgia and accordingly the national patent legislation will be harmonized with the European approaches.</p> <p>On July 3, 2020, a remote meeting took place between the representatives of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) Academy and Sakpatenti Training Centre. During the meeting Sakpatenti introduced to the EUIPO Academy the priority directions of the Centre, among which there are introduction of modern technologies and harmonization with the international standards, drafting educational and scientific materials and methodological textbooks, as well as identification of target groups and creation of an effective system of continuous education for them. The representatives of the EUIPO Academy expressed readiness to contribute to the development of the intellectual property system in Georgia. In accordance with the goals and objectives of Sakpatenti, the EUIPO Academy is ready to share with Sakpatenti its practice concerning its functioning, working with target groups and defining training directions and to participate in the planning, organization and implementation of relevant training programs and other educational projects.</p> <p>A conference with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has been postponed due to a covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>As of July 14, 2020, up to 60 000 terms of goods and services are available in the Georgian language in the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), trademark search tool - TMClass. The above-mentioned will give an opportunity to Georgian and foreign users to search and translate automatically any term related to goods and services into and from 44 languages available, in order to file their trademark applications.</p>

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						<p>Translation of the HDB terms into the Georgian language and integrating in TMClass were carried out within the framework of Memorandum of Understanding between Sakpatenti and EUIPO as well as the European Union Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP).</p> <p>On July 16, 2020, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in order to promote cooperation among training centers of intellectual property offices, organized a round table “Exchange of Best Practices between Training Centers”. The meeting was attended by representatives of WIPO member states, during which the Head of Sakpatenti Training Centre introduced a new concept of Sakpatenti Training Centre – Training Directions and the Past Experience. The support of joint projects by intellectual property training centers functioning in the world serves the global objectives of WIPO – raising awareness in the intellectual property field and promotion of capacity building of sectoral specialists.</p> <p>On September 21-25, 2020, the 61st Series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) took place in the hybrid mode. The delegation of Georgia participated in the event remotely. The main objective of the WIPO General Assembly is to define jointly, with the participation of the member states, the basic direction and priorities of WIPO intellectual property policy, to summarize the progress of the current year and to outline the future action plan.</p> <p>On October 7, 2020, the meeting of the top officials of the WIPO Academy and Sakpatenti was held within the 61st Series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the WIPO. During the meeting the current and future cooperation prospects were discussed, it was also agreed that Sakpatenti will be assisted by the World</p>

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						<p>Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy in creation of a high-quality system of intellectual property education. Translation and customization of the materials of the WIPO distance learning advanced course on Intellectual Property Law “Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications” (DL-302) in Georgian language is already in progress. In addition, in 2020, Sakpatenti staff members participated remotely in meetings of various WIPO committees (CDIP, SCCR, SCT, SCP).</p> <p>In October 2020 the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti launched professional development program for front office employees, which is aimed to increase effectiveness of Sakpatenti services rendered to customers, ensuring high quality of consultation and communication.</p> <p>On October 19, 2020, an online meeting of the top officials of Sakpatenti and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) was held within the WIPO 61st series of meeting of the Assemblies. The parties discussed the ongoing projects under the Memorandum of Understanding and outlined future plans. EUIPO training course “Intellectual Property as a Valuable Business Asset” will be adapted into Georgian language within the joint project of the offices – EUGIPP. The course is aimed to introduce the essence of intellectual property, mechanisms of protection of intangible resources of a company and methods of commercialization of rights to businesses which will assist them in achieving competitive advantage on the market.</p> <p>Lawyers and judges of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) shared the USPTO practice on trademark and patent disputes with their Georgian counterparts. The webinars which took place in three series from October 5 to November 3, 2020, were organized within the</p>

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						<p>Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the United States Department of Commerce.</p> <p>From September 15 to November 17, 2020, the Training of Trainers (TOT) Program, implemented within cooperation between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy and Sakpatenti, was delivered remotely. The Program implies sharing experience by WIPO Academy trainers, in particular, effective transfer of knowledge using remote platforms.</p> <p>In December 2020, within the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), working was started in order to obtain ISO 9001:2015 certificate for “Sakpatenti”. In order to discuss the above-mentioned issue, Sakpatenti Chairman met with EUGIPP project leader, representative of International Cooperation and Legal Department of European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). EUGIPP is implemented jointly by EUIPO and Sakpatenti and one of the important components of the project is development and modernization of the management system of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia .</p> <p>In December 2020, Sakpatenti staff members passed training on protection of personal data. The training on protection of personal data was held on the initiative of the NIPCG and in cooperation with the State Inspector’s Service. The training, organized in the distance mode, continued for two days and covered the legislation regulating the personal data protection as well as the practice of the State Inspector’s Service.</p>
49.		Start working with the EU and European Intellectual Property Organization (EUIPO) for the preparation of	Strengthened human and institutional capacity of Sakpatenti better performs its core functions (protection of industrial property rights and copyright)	Preparation of 30% of Guidelines envisioned by the project	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia-Sakpatenti	In April 2020, within the framework of the European Union-Georgia Joint Project on Intellectual Property (EUGIPP), work began on the creation of a design manual and a draft project of the design manual was prepared.

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		Guidelines on trademarks and designs.				On September 9, 2020, a Seminar on the Trademark and Design Practice Papers, published by Sakpatenti, was organized within the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP). The information on the documents was introduced to patent attorneys, lawyers working in the intellectual property field and Sakpatenti staff members. The main purpose of the Seminar was to increase transparency, legal certainty and predictability for applicants, examiners and any other interested parties regarding examination of trademark and design applications.
50.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights: Taking measures to increase public awareness in the field of intellectual and industrial property protection and ensuring effective dialogue with rightholders.	Hold seminars and workshops to raise public awareness	Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property.	Meetings held for minimum 2000 people. Number of held training and workshops.	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	<p>In February 2020, the WIPO Academy Distance Learning Course - General Course on Intellectual Property (DL101GE) was delivered, which is available for any interested person in the Georgian language. The Georgian version of the course was prepared by Sakpatenti in the framework of cooperation of the WIPO Intellectual Property Academy. The course is aimed to raise public awareness in the intellectual property field.</p> <p>On February 27, 2020, the necessity of protection of intellectual property was introduced to students gathered at the Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Centre of Tbilisi State University, participating in the pre-acceleration program of the Centre - JET 29. The given program is the first for the Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Centre. It is aimed to increase interest among students and to facilitate innovation activities. Sakpatenti representative familiarized the start-uppers with the significance of intellectual property and introduced to them information on the patent system, patent search, courses of Sakpatenti Training Centre and other services offered by Sakpatenti.</p> <p>On July 2, 2020, in order to raise awareness on intellectual property among youth, Sakpatenti Training Centre delivered a remote lecture, during</p>

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						<p>which participants of the “Junior Achievement Georgia” program “Be Entrepreneurial” familiarized with the role of intellectual property and its protection mechanisms in entrepreneurial activity. The objective of the program “Be an Entrepreneur”, implemented with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is to facilitate and stimulate entrepreneurial initiatives for high school pupils through teaching basic components of the business plan. One of the components of the program is providing information concerning intellectual property as a significant tool for business development.</p> <p>On July 13, 2020, the Summer School on Intellectual Property Law, organized by the European Law Students Association Georgia (ELSA – Georgia) and Sakpatenti Training Centre, was launched. The annual event, aimed to raise awareness of European and Georgian students in the intellectual property field, was held in the distance mode due to Coronavirus (COVID -19) pandemic current situation. During four days, up to 50 students from 21 various European countries received detailed information on the intellectual property system and its protection mechanisms.</p> <p>On September 15-18, 2020, the International Training Course on Geographical Indications was held in the remote mode. It’s already fourth year that the course, which is a part of the Professional Development Program (PDP) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), is being administered by Sakpatenti. Examiners of the IP Offices of 17 countries as well as from Georgia, and experts of relevant ministries from various countries were familiarized with the information about the mechanisms of legal protection of geographical indications, various legal protection systems and international practice, also about the experience of Georgia. The Training Course was aimed to enhance the skills of professionals of the</p>

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						<p>intellectual property field. Sakpatenti is the first office in the region to administer the WIPO Academy PDP Course, which is evaluated very positively each year.</p> <p>On September 29, 2020, the presentation of the Project “Creativity and Intellectual Property at Schools of Georgia” took place, which is one of the components of the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP). To develop relevant skills for teaching creativity and intellectual property concepts, 12 teachers of 6 public schools of Tbilisi, Rustavi and Gori passed training. The Project serves understanding the significance of the intellectual property system, raising awareness in this direction among policymakers and particular segments of the general public in Georgia.</p> <p>On August 20, 2020, at the meeting held in the village of Maghraani, Akhmeta municipality, representatives of Sakpatenti discussed with the local population the possibility of registration of wine “Maghraani Kisi” as a new Georgian appellation of origin. They also introduced the notion and importance of the appellations of origin (AOs) and geographical indications (GIs) system, together with the statistics of the State Registry, the production and export of AO and GI products. The meeting was attended by the representatives of legislative and executive authorities, as well as wine producers and winegrowers</p> <p>Sakpatenti Training Centre started training series - “Trainings tailored to the needs”. The first working meeting took place with the staff members of the National Scientific Library of Tbilisi State University. On October 29, 2020, the remote training was delivered for them on all significant issues related to copyright.</p> <p>Sakpatenti Training Center, within the framework of series – “Trainings tailored to the needs”,</p>

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						<p>conducted a workshop for the young entrepreneurs working in the field of social entrepreneurship and green innovation in regions of Georgia. The workshop was held remotely on November 5-6, in cooperation with the Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN) and the EU-supported project "EU4Youth - Development of Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystems for Green Growth in Borderline Communities".</p> <p>In November, 2020, the annual competition "Leonardo da Vinci" was held for the tenth time. Competition is aimed to arouse interest towards innovations and technology among pupils and develop their creative thinking and practical skills. In 2020 the competition was conducted remotely. The commission which was headed by the Head of Mechanics Division, Department of Inventions and New Varieties of Plants and Breeds of Animals, Sakpatenti, ranked the invention project "Queue Control System" as the winner.</p> <p>In December 2020, within the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), the first distance training was delivered for 12 teachers of 6 public schools of Tbilisi, Rustavi and Gori in order to develop relevant skills for teaching creativity and intellectual property concepts. According to the work plan of the Project, initially, the pilot version will be implemented - lessons in creativity and intellectual property will be delivered at the selected schools. The pilot version aims to integrate creativity and IP issues into the public education system.</p>
51.		Publishing informational flyers and booklets	Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property	About 15000 items of published informational materials	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	<p>Were prepared and published: Practice Paper CP3 _ 16 p. 155p. Practice Paper CP4 _ 16 p. 155p. Practice Paper CP5 _ 21 p 155p. Practice Paper CP6 _ 32 p 155p. Sakpatenti Annual Report 2019 (electronic version)</p>

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						<p>Sector Brochures 1. - Acts of The Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs; Patent Cooperation Agreement; Berne Convention; Paris Convention; Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks; Nice Agreement; Vienna Agreement; Rome Convention - 24 pcs.</p> <p>Sector brochures 2. - appellation of origin and geographical indication of goods; Instruction on design registration; Georgian Law on Design; application submission an application for a trademark; Law of Georgia on Trademarks; Patent Law of Georgia; Drawing up an invention and utility model application; Law of Georgia on Copyright and related Rights - 24 pcs.</p> <p>The so-called passports of geographical indications (short specification) - 200 pcs.</p> <p>Sectoral brochures were prepared and published: “Invention and Utility Model” –16 p., 450 items; “Trademark” – 16 p., 400 items; “Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin” – 16 p., 600 items; “Protection of Your Trademarks Abroad” – 12 p., 400 items; “Trademark for Success of Your Business” – 8 p., 500 items.</p>
52.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights: Taking effective measures against counterfeiting and piracy, including production of statistical information on those activities to be shared between the Parties	Hold workshops and seminars for stakeholders and right holders of IPR to raise awareness	Improve the efficiency to combat against counterfeit and piracy. Raising public awareness.	Meetings, trainings and workshops organized for stakeholders and right holders of IPR	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	On May 28, 2020, the Virtual Round Table took place, organized by the International Trademark Association (INTA) and Sakpatenti. The dialogue was devoted to the results of measures carried out in Georgia against counterfeiting during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic period and future prospects. Within the Round Table, the top officials of the Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance and the Georgian National Association of Patent Attorneys introduced major INTA member companies the effective mechanisms used in Georgia regarding the protection of intellectual property. In particular, foreign companies received information concerning the border measures

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						<p>related with intellectual property in Georgia and mechanisms of ensuring its protection on the market, as well as proper functioning of the intellectual property system in the country. The traditional Round Table of INTA serves sharing information of trademarks between the professionals of the relevant field.</p> <p>On July 15, 2020, representatives of the public and the private sectors discussed in the Parliament of Georgia one of the main challenges of creative industries in Georgia – the problem of piracy. The dialogue between the sectors was organized within the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Economic Security Program, with the support of the deputies of the Sector Economy and Economic Policy Committee of the Parliament of Georgia. During the meeting the policy document draft was presented and all issues articulated by representatives of the industry were discussed. Sakpatenti also presented draft amendments to the Law of Georgia “On Copyright and Related Rights”, which requires discussion with the private sector. Refining legislation is related to elaboration of Internet Service Providers Liability system, that will ensure introduction of effective enforcement mechanisms for copyright holders in the Internet through private legislative method, without public agencies.</p>
Competition						
53.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters: The Parties will cooperate on implementation of the Competition Chapter of the Association Agreement and the related reforms. Cooperation will tackle Georgia's institutional framework and relevant administrative capacity to	Competition policy advocacy, holding trainings for public and private sector representatives on various topics of competition policy.	Increased level of awareness of target groups.	Amount of seminars and informational meetings held.	LEPL Competition Agency	<p>During 2020 9 events were held to raise public awareness about the competition policy. Judges, members of the Georgian Bar Association, business associations, representatives of the regulated sectors. NGO's, media, academia were target groups of the events.</p> <p>In January closing event of EU project “Support to the Georgian Competition Agency” was held to summarize work conducted by the Project.</p>

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	guarantee effective implementation of relevant legislation, as well as enhanced dialogue on legislative enforcement in the competition area and related legislations					<p>During the event Glossary of Competition Terms was presented, which was also created in the framework of the EU Project. Glossary will contribute to use similar terminology in Competition field. Besides the Glossary, Guideline document on Judicial Control of Competition Cases was released. Guideline will be highly helpful for court representatives in the process of judging competition related cases.</p> <p>The Agency has elaborated a guideline “On the Protection of Confidential Information in the Competition Proceedings.” The document aims to inform any interested person regarding the protection of the confidential information in the competition proceedings and procedures related to it.</p> <p>Meetings were held with the media, NGO’s, international donor organizations, and academia representatives to give insights into developments, upcoming amendments to Law on Competition, and challenges of Competition related issues in Georgia.</p> <p>The Agency staff held information meetings (in online format) for the staff of the National Bank and GNERC, as well as for companies operating in the energy and water sector related to the amendments in the competition legislation in 2020,</p> <p>Due to the spread of Covid-19 Agency was unable to plan and conduct further events to raise public awareness.</p>
54.		Organizing trainings and study visits for the Competition Agency staff members on various topics of competition policy.	Upgraded qualifications of the Competition Agency staff members.	Number of the trainings and other capacity-building activities held and number of retrained staff members.	LEPL Competition Agency	During 9 months of 2020, 17 qualification-rising events were held. With the financial support of GIZ, representatives of GCA conducted a study visit at the Finnish Competition and Consumer Protection Authority, where they had the opportunity to get information about practical issues of competition cases and recent challenges and trends.

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						<p>Representatives of the Agency took part in the seminars organized by OECD-GVH RCC.</p> <p>Due to the worldwide pandemic staff of GCA took part in the webinars organized by the UNCTAD, OECD, OECD–GVH RCC, ICN, and Turkish Competition Authority. Webinars were focusing on issues such as the influence of Covid-19 on competition, recent challenges, the role of international cooperation in this time, enforcement of competition law, etc.</p>
Trade and Sustainable Development						
55.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters: The Parties will continue their dialogue on the issues covered by the Chapter on Trade and Sustainable Development of	Ensure compliance of the draft by- laws with the new Forest Code	Elaborated draft by-laws to ensure sustainable forest management	Elaborated by-laws in accordance with the new Forest Code	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia has formed working groups in order to prepare the subordinate normative acts of the Forest Code. At this stage, we are actively working on bylaws, which will be submitted to the government by the third quarter of 2021.
56.	the Association Agreement, in particular exchanging information on the development of an appropriate labour inspection system for all international fundamental labour standards, implementation of the Labour Code, implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, which either side is party to, and implementation of their commitments related to sustainable development, as well as discuss and exchange best practices on the future implementation of the commitments under the Chapter with regard to stakeholder involvement and civil society dialogue	Improvement of information and decision support system for forest and land use.	The trial version of centralized forest information and monitoring system is available for authorities responsible for forest management and supervision	The basic modules of the forest information and monitoring system are developed	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	In the framework of the project “Global Forest Watch”, in order to improve the Forest and Land Use Information and Decision Support system, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia has developed the “Forest and Land Use Atlas”, which provides access to transparent and precise data on forest and land use. Moreover, for the development of “FIMS”, the equipment worth of 1,300 000 Gel has been purchased. In addition, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, alongside with the National Forest Agency, is putting finishing touches on the systematization of the results from the forest inventory, which will be integrated into the current electronic system of Timber Resource Management. Mentioned electronic system will become part of the “FIMS” and some portion of the generated information will be represented on the “Forest and Land Use Atlas”.
57.	stakeholder involvement and civil society dialogue	Cooperation with the GFCM and European Union to	Improving the effectiveness of tackling illegal,	Actions regarding the technical equipment of fishing vessels inside the	Ministry of Environmental Protection and	Since July 1, 2020, the Department of Environmental Supervision (DES) has purchased 2 months service from a French company (CLS)

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		develop an electronic monitoring system for fisheries to combat illegal, unregistered and unregulated fishing (IUU)	undeclared and unregulated fishing (IUU).	country with electronic monitoring system are identified Needs for tackling illegal, undeclared and unregulated fishing (IUU) are identified and future actions are planned.	Agriculture of Georgia; Department of Environmental Supervision National Environmental Agency	<p>(access to satellite electronic vessel monitoring system (VMS) and training on its use). Since 1986, CLS has an experience in collecting and controlling of fishing data through a satellite electronic monitoring system. At the same time, above mentioned service is compatible with the EU standards. CLS cooperates not only with the countries (EU member states and other countries), as well as with international organizations.</p> <p>At the beginning of July, CLS conducted a training for the DES staff on the specifications of the VMS (Vessel Monitoring System).</p> <p>From September 1, 2020, the Department of Environmental Supervision (DES) under a tender agreement acquired access to the satellite monitoring system of fishing vessels involved in international fishing in order to control IUU Fishing (VMS, Vessel Monitoring System). Above-mentioned tender agreement is valid from September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The Department of Environmental Supervision carries out the control of fishing vessels flying the flag of Georgia in accordance with the Decree of the Government of Georgia N423 of December 31 2013 „On approval of the Technical Regulation regarding fishing and protection of fish stock“.</p> <p>The Department of Environmental Supervision (DES) continues to control vessels flying the flag of Georgia in terms of fighting the illegal unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. For mentioned monitoring purposes, the Department uses EU-certified VMS (Vessel Monitoring System). The Department of Environmental Supervision continues work to comply with the international standards and to improve national standards for the monitoring of illegal unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.</p>
58.	Association Agreement; Article 230, Paragraph 4:	The final draft of the Nationally Determined	Fulfilment of the obligations related to	The document is approved by the government;	Ministry of Environmental	The Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) has been elaborated.

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	The Parties reaffirm their commitment to reaching the ultimate objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Protocol thereto (Kyoto Protocol). They commit to cooperate on the development of the future international climate change framework under the UNFCCC and its related agreements and decisions.	Contribution (NDC) is prepared and approved	the NDC under the Paris Agreement of the UNFCCC	The document is registered in the Convention system	Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	Public hearing of the document was held (in online format) and received comments were reflected in the document. Approval of the NDC by the Government of Georgia is planned in the first quarter of 2021. After the approval, the NDC will be send to the UNFCCC secretariat.
59.		Preparation of the final drafts the Climate Action Plan 2021-2030 (CAP) for the energy, buildings, agriculture, transport, industry, forestry, and waste sectors	Fulfilment of obligation related to the elaboration of the implementation plan of NDC under the Paris Agreement of the UNFCCC	The final drafts of the CAP for all sectors are prepared	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	Climate Action Strategy and Climate Action Plan have been elaborated. Public hearing of the documents was held (in online format) and received comments were reflected in the document. Approval of the document by the Government of Georgia is planned in the first quarter of 2021.
60.		The preparation of the adaptation, mitigation, inventory, and support chapters of the Georgia's 4th National Communication (FNC) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Fulfilment of obligation related to the FNC under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	The final drafts of the adaptation, mitigation, inventory, and support chapters of the FNC are prepared	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	A final version of the Fourth National Communication to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change has been developed (including adaptation, mitigation, inventory, and support chapters). The document was translated into English.
61.	Association Agenda; 2.5 State budget Trade and Trade-related Matters: exchanging information on the development of an appropriate labour inspection system for all international fundamental labour standards, implementation of the Labour Code, implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, which either side is party to, and implementation of their commitments related to sustainable development, as well as discuss and exchange best practices on the future	Informing employees and employers about occupational health and safety rules at workplaces	Increased awareness of employers and employees	Number of informational meetings and consultations	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	In order to establish the Labor Inspectorate in compliance with international standards, the Parliament of Georgia adopted a law "on Labor Inspection" on September 29, 2020. Pursuant to the Law LEPL Labor Inspection Office will be established from January 1, 2021. At the same time, as part of the labor law reform, significant changes were made to the Organic Law of Georgia "Georgian Labor Code", which resulted in the Labor Inspection Office overseeing the implementation of the Labor Code. These changes will activate a full-fledged labor conditions inspection mechanism in Georgia, which includes oversight of both labor rights and labor safety. Labour Conditions Inspection Department has supervised enforcement of the Organic Law of

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	implementation of the commitments under the Chapter with regard to stakeholder involvement and civil society dialogue					<p>Georgia on Occupational Health and Safety in 169 sites, during which business sector was informed of occupational health and safety rules at workplace. In addition, in parallel to the state of emergency declared throughout the territory of Georgia, 39 recommendations (1 general and 38 sectoral) were developed in order to prevent the spread of new coronavirus (COVID 19), moreover, working and informational meetings were held with 1500 representatives of 30 sectoral business associations and sectoral business representatives to raise their awareness in this regard. Furthermore, in order to facilitate the fulfilment of recommendations, 6 video instructions were prepared and spread through mass media and social networks all over the country.</p> <p>In addition, in order to familiarize with and implement the Covid-19 recommendations, the LCID with the involvement of the Revenue Service, the National Food Agency, the Municipal Supervision Service and the party police, as well as the relevant departments of the criminal and financial police conducted 67 275 awareness-raising activities.</p> <p>In addition, to raise awareness on occupational safety in construction sector, 7 video instruction were developed with the support of GIZ, Also started work on publishing book - "Occupational Safety on Construction Sector". 11 videos about sectoral and specific hazards are being prepared with the support of ILO.</p>
62.		Rising Awareness of employees and employers regarding child labour issues	Reducing child labour at enterprises	The number of held awareness rising meetings regarding child labour	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	During the reporting period, within the mandate of Labour Conditions Inspection Department, which pursuant to #112 Ordinance of the Government of Georgia, dated March 7, 2016, comprises inspection of labour conditions at workplace, prevention of forced labour and trafficking and execution of state supervision to respond to them, as well as to execute the recommendations developed from April 1, 2020 to prevent spread of new coronavirus (COVID-19) at workplace, under the supervision

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						and coordination of the Department, total 21158 sites were inspected, where employers and employees' awareness on child labour was raised. It is noteworthy that during inspections no signs of child labour were detected.
63.		Functioning of Tripartite Social Partnership Commission	Strengthened social partnership and social dialogue	The number of commission meetings.	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia; Tripartite Social Partnership Commission	The working group under TSPC held 2 meetings during 2020 year (due to pandemic related restrictions). On July 9 2020 meeting of the Commission was held. The commission adopted a new roster of mediators consisting of 17 labour mediators, discussed labour code reform related issues and adopted a new 2020-2022 action plan for TSPC.
Transparency						
64.	Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters: Preparing for the implementation of commitments on transparency in trade related policy-making and consideration of necessary mechanisms to be put in place in this regard	Further development of the web-portal on DCFTA	Increased public awareness on DCFTA	The number of the page visitors, published projects of the legislative acts, provided consultation to the received questions	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The website ww.dcfta.gov.ge is being updated with the support from the project "Facility for the Implementation of the Association Agreement in Georgia - Phase II". The information on this website is constantly updated, draft laws in the direction of sanitary and phytosanitary norms have been made public for remarks. In 2020, the number of website visitors increased by 16% compared to the previous year and amounted to 23,277. In addition to Georgia, the website was also frequently visited from the United States, Germany, Russia, China, Turkey and other countries.
65.		Organization of DCFTA Advisory Group meetings	Promoting the participation and raising awareness of NGOs, business community and civil society in DCFTA implementation process	The number of meetings conducted	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	On December 21, 2020, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia hosted the eighth meeting of the DCFTA Advisory Group held in online format. The main topic of the meeting was the draft DCFTA Implementation Action Plan for 2021-2023 developed by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.

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66.		Organize thematic meetings with the representatives of business, NGOs, local government, academics and other stakeholders on DCFTA related issues	Increased public awareness on DCFTA	The number of meetings conducted	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The meeting with the media representatives on the DCFTA related issues organised by the EU project “Facility for the Implementation of the AA in Georgia – II” took place on February 8-9, 2020 in Kakheti with the support from the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. The representatives of the state agencies discussed the progress made in implementing the norms of the agreement, the implemented, ongoing and planned reforms. During the meeting with the media representatives, the heads of the Georgian companies exporting to the EU delivered presentation on the success stories of trading with the European Union.
67.		Issuing printed materials/ informative booklets in order to raise awareness on the DCFTA implementation process	Increased public awareness regarding the implementation process of the DCFTA	The number of printed materials	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The regional meetings where the printed materials were supposed to be distributed were not implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore the printed materials were not published
DCFTA Coordination						
68.	Coordination of the DCFTA implementation	Organize meetings of the DCFTA implementation interagency working group	Improved coordination between DCFTA implementing government authorities and effective and timely implementation of DCFTA obligations	The number of meetings conducted	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The twelfth meeting of the DCFTA implementation interagency working group was held on 31 July and 1 August 2020. During the meeting discussed were the implementation of the DCFTA and the final draft of the DCFTA Medium Term Action Plan (2021-2023).
69.		Drafting and adoption the medium-term plan of the DCFTA implementation (2021 – 2023)	Improved coordination among the institutions implementing DCFTA and ensuring the timely execution of the DCFTA commitments	The medium-term plan of the DCFTA implementation is adopted	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	DCFTA Implementation Medium Term Action Plan for 2021-2023 has been adopted on December 30, 2020.