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Goal 1.	Further improvement in the field of trade statistics				
Objective 1.1.	Calculation of Foreign Trade Indices (Export-Import Unit Value Indices)				
1.1.1. Production of External Trade Indices (Export-Import Unit Value Indices) on the basis of the Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Nomenclature (HS) by sections	Produced Export-Import Unit Value Indices (UVI) on the basis of the Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Nomenclature (HS) by sections	External Trade Unit Value Indices published on the Geostat webpage: www.geostat.ge	LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia		External Trade Indices (Export-Import Unit Value Indices) were compiled on the basis of the Foreign Economic Activity Commodity Nomenclature (HS) by sections. Data is available on the Geostat webpage on the following link: https://www.geostat.ge/en/modules/categories/713/external-trade-unit-value-indices-uvi
Objective 1.2.	Mirror Comparison in International Merchandise Trade Statistics				
1.2.1. Detect the largest asymmetries in trade statistics between Georgia and EU countries through mirror comparisons and identify the main reasons for the differences in data	List of EU Member States by commodity positions identifying the largest asymmetries	Mirror Comparison Report on International Merchandise Trade Statistics with relevant trade partner: www.geostat.ge	LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia	Customs Department of the Revenue Service	Mirror Comparison Report on International Merchandise Trade Statistics was prepared. The report was published on the Geostat webpage and is available on the following link: https://www.geostat.ge/pdf/Report%20on%20mirror%20%20comparison%20in%20IMTS.PDF
Objective 1.3.	Production of Statistics on International Trade in Services				
1.3.1. Develop a pilot survey on International Trade in Services	Statistics on International Trade in Services by types of services and countries	Report on pilot survey on International Trade in Services	LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia	National Bank of Georgia	At the end of 2020, a pilot survey on International Trade in Services was conducted based on the results of the third quarter of 2020. Since 2021, the survey is conducted on a regular basis. Dissemination of Statistics on International Trade in Services is planned from 2023.
Goal 2.	Promoting exports to the EU				
Objective 2.1.	Diversification of export products within the EU				
2.1.1 Promoting the participation of Georgian companies in international	Number of exporting companies participating in international events,	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL- Enterprise Georgia		In 2021, 27 unique Georgian companies participated in 7 events held in the EU:

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events, exhibitions and trade missions in EU countries	<p>exhibitions and trade missions in EU countries</p> <p>Number of exhibitions and trade missions held in EU countries</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 Georgian companies took part in an event held in Florence, Italy – Pitti Immagine Bimbo (27/01/21-04/05/21); - 4 Georgian companies participated in an event held in Paris – Playtime Marketplace 2021; - 3 Georgian companies participated in the PARIS FASHION WEEK FW21; - 3 Georgian companies took part in an event held in Florence, Italy – Pitti Immagine Bimbo (10/06/2021-09/10/2021); - 3 Georgian companies took part in an event held in Milan and Vicenza, Italy – Fashion Weeks 2021; - 2 Georgian companies were spotted at an event held in Paris – Fashion Weeks 2021. - 16 Georgian companies participated in an international exhibition of food and beverages Anuga 2021 in Cologne, Germany <p>Beyond the EU, with the support of the agency, 14 Georgian companies participated in GulFood 2021, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.</p> <p>2 Georgian companies took part in an event held in Shanghai, China – SHANGHAI FASHION WEEK SS21.</p> <p>1 Georgian company took part in an event held in London – Fashion Weeks 2021.</p> <p>3 Georgian companies participated in SHANGHAI FASHION FW21.</p>

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					1 Georgian company participated in FaShion Weeks 2021 in Singapore. In total, based on the data for 2021, 60 instances of co-financing (45 unique beneficiaries) were identified.
Objective 2.2.	Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses				
2.2.1. Support to the small and medium entrepreneurship in access to finance and / or technical support	Quantity of created and / or extended enterprises; Number of consultations for access to the EU market	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL- Enterprise Georgia		Based on the data for 2021, 433 new contracts were signed within the industrial component, these projects include 345 factories, 77 hotels, 9 touristic services and 2 restaurants. The total investment volume of these projects exceeds 884.8 million GEL. These projects created more than 6900 jobs. The money transferred to the beneficiaries amounted 43.7 mln GEL. Over the same period, 7 companies and 2 hotel made use of the technical assistance component of the program.
Objective 2.3	Development of small and medium business export opportunities				
2.3.1. Training of export managers of small and medium businesses	Number of certified export managers	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL- Enterprise Georgia	Relevant higher education institution	Three Export Managers Certification courses were implemented in 2021. After the training, 70 new export managers have been certified.
2.3.2. Promoting registration of entrepreneurs in the European Entrepreneurs Network (EEN)	Number of Georgian companies consulted/supported about EEN platform register	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL- Enterprise Georgia		According to the data from 2021, the agency consulted up to 15 interested persons in relation to the EEN platform.
2.3.3. Promoting the platform “Trade with Georgia” and increasing its usage	Number of companies registered on the platform	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL- Enterprise Georgia		Currently, 569 companies are registered on the platform with the support from Enterprise Georgia.
2.3.4. Provide Consultations on international and European standards of production and products	Number of beneficiaries consulted on international and European standards	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL - Enterprise Georgia		In total, around 500 consultations were conducted.

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Goal 3. Legislative and institutional approximation with relevant EU legislation and best practice in the field of technical barriers to trade					
Objective 3.1. Elaboration of legislation that Georgia has undertaken to approximate in accordance with Annex III-A to the Association Agreement					
3.1.1. Adoption of the technical regulations and revision of already approximated Georgian Legislation according to the Annex III-A of the AA, in order to check their compatibility and update it in accordance with the repealed and recast Directives and Regulations in Appendix III –A	Adopted normative acts; Adopted amendments to the relevant legislation in case of necessity	matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		In order to approximate to the Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, draft resolution of the Government of Georgia on the approval of the technical regulation on radio equipment has been prepared, Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) on Radio Equipment was prepared, the meeting was held with the private sector, the updated draft was sent to the governmental stakeholders for the comments, after that updated draft technical regulation will be submitted to the Government of Georgia for approval.
3.1.2. Elaboration of technical regulations on medical devices in accordance with Regulation 2017/745 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017	The working group has been created to work on developing technical regulations; International best practices are shared and a draft technical regulations framework document is prepared	The framework document of the draft technical regulation prepared by the working group	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia		All harmonized standards of the given Regulation have been adopted as a Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology. The working group has been established for the development of the technical regulation.
3.1.3 Elaboration of technical regulations on in vitro diagnostic medical devices in accordance with Regulation 2017/746 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017	The working group has been created to work on developing technical regulations; International best practices are shared and a draft technical regulations	The framework document of the draft technical regulation prepared by the working group	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social		All harmonized standards of the given Regulation have been adopted as a Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology. The working group has been established for the development of the technical regulation.

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	framework document is prepared		Affairs of Georgia		
3.1.4 Start preparatory procedures for approximation process in the field of metrology with the MID (Measuring Instruments Directive) and NAWI (Non-automatic weighing instruments) directives	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	Agency Gen. Directorial Ordinances on the Adoption of Standards	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		<p>Main activates for approximation with these directives are considered in the planned twinning project, including identifying priority measuring instruments and developing draft internal procedures. Harmonized standards of those directives are adopted as a Georgian standards by the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology</p> <p>After the selection procedures for the Twinning project implementing organization relevant consortium was selected, the project is scheduled to start next year.</p>
3.1.5 Adopt the International and European Standards as a Georgian Standards; Particularly the harmonized standards referred in sectoral directives, specified in Annex III-A (TBT) of the AA	Number of international and European standards adopted as Georgian ones	Agency Gen. Directorial Ordinances on the Adoption of Standards	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		<p>As of 2021 the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) adopted 3 163 standards as Georgian standards (GES), among them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GES ISO,IEC (International Standard) -319 • GES EN (European Standard) – 2 844.
Objective 3.2.	Institutional and infrastructural development necessary for technical regulation, standardization, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment and market surveillance administration				
3.2.1 Continue the process of updating the equipment of reference laboratories in the field of metrology in order to provide new and/or enhanced services in priority areas	Increased number and range of services offered (Procurement of additional new equipment for reference divisions/labs. in 1 laboratory)	<p>Calibration certificates issued by the Agency</p> <p>Annual Report of the agency</p>	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		<p>During 2021 process of of the following equipment has been procured and delivered to GEOSTM: special thermostat/calibrator; equipment for calibration of automatic and semi-automatic blood pressure measuring devices and resistance/earth tester calibration equipment. The process of procurement of following equipment was finilised in 2021: special ear thermometer, pH sensors for phys-chemical measurements, special adapter for radio-physical measurements.</p>

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					<p>In the framework of German regional project "Strengthening the Quality Infrastructure in the Countries of the Southern Caucasus" following equipment was procured and delivered to GEOSTM: Liquid density measuring reference equipment; Reference standards for calibration of so called non-contact Infrared Thermometers.</p> <p>In 2021 GEOSTM has already started provision of new services in the field of liquid density measurements.</p>
3.2.2 Take necessary measures to maintain and / or expand the international recognition of priority reference laboratories in metrology field	The number of CMC recordings on calibration and measuring capabilities of the country	Data base of BIPM www.bipm.org	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		<p>During 2021, in internationally recognized measurements fields of metrology 4 new services of GEOSTM Metrology Institute – Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMCs) in the field of small volume, were published. In total, GEOSTM has published and recognized 65 CMC lines.</p> <p>In order to maintain international recognition as well as to ensure traceability of measurements, GEOSTM reference standards and measuring instruments were calibrated abroad in National Metrology Institutes of the following countries: CMI (Czech Republic), BelGIM (Belarus), UkrMetrTestStandard (Ukraine, Kiev), United kingdom.</p>
3.2.3 Start preparatory process for certification of Quality Management System (QMS) in Standards Department of GEOSTM according to ISO 9001:2015.	Elaborated and implemented procedures according to ISO 9001:2015 in Standards Department	Annual report of Agency Twinning project reports	LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology		<p>Major part of necessary documents for the implementation of QMS in accordance to ISO 9001:2015 in Standards Department of GEOSTM have been developed.</p> <p>Main activities for implementation of QMS in Standards Department of GEOSTM will be carried out in the framework of EU twinning project.</p>
3.2.4 Initiation of preparatory work for the introduction of the new services in the field of	Prepared documents and procedures required for the implementation of the	Annual report of Agency	LEPL – Georgian National Agency		The process of implementation of international standard ISO 17034:2016 in GEOSTM Metrology Institute is on initial stage, drafts of some documents,

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metrology in accordance with ISO 17034: 2016 reference materials	Quality Management System in accordance with the international standard ISO 17034: 2016	Twinning project reports	For Standards And Metrology		<p>internal procedures are developed with assistance of German experts, on-line consultations, seminars have been carried out.</p> <p>Main activities for the complete implementation of this standard in GEOSTM Metrology Institute are considered in the framework of planned EU twinning project, wchi is planned to start in 2022.</p>
3.2.5 Establishing a risk assessment system for the market surveillance agency	Implemented risk assessment system	Annual report of the agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		<p>With the support of the EU project "Support to the Implementation of the Association Agreement between the EU and Georgia - Phase II", work on the concept of a risk assessment system (program) was completed. At this stage, an expert is being selected for for the creation of the system.</p>
3.2.6 Establishing an electronic information system on hazardous products	Electronic information system on hazardous products	Annual report of the agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		<p>The introduction of a risk assessment system and the website of the agency jointly ensure the implementation of the activity, in particular, the creation of an electronic system and access to information for users. An electronic system for information on hazardous products will be integrated into the website of the Market Surveillance Agency.</p> <p>Work for the development of the website is on a final stage.</p>
3.2.7 Developing a long-term institutional development strategy for the LEPL Market Surveillance Agency	Developed and approved long-term institutional development strategy	Order of the Head of the Agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		<p>According to Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of The Council of 20 June 2019, the EU has required members states to develop the market surveillance strategy for 2022. Therefore, it is appropriate for the agency to develop strategy no earlier than 2022, to rely on the experience of above-mentioned countries.</p>
3.2.8 Strengthening capacity of the Accreditation Center and development of accreditation	Number of accreditation schemes created	Developed scheme / schemes in both	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	<p>During the 2020, in accordance to DCFTA TBT part, new accreditation scopes were elaborated for 4 new products, among them: cable way installations,</p>

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schemes for accreditation in various areas of conformity assessment		voluntary and regulated areas Gac.gov.ge	body – Accreditation Center	Development of Georgia	machinery products, personal protective equipment and for toys.
3.2.9 Preparation of the technical assignment for the digitalization programme of the Accreditation Centre`s Activities	Prepared technical assignment	Functional electronic system	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	In 2021, a tender was completed to select an appropriate company to digitize the services of the Accreditation Center. A relevant agreement was signed with the company that won the tender and a technical meeting was held for the planning of the processes. The program is scheduled to run in the test mode in the second quarter of 2022.
Objective 3.3.	Facilitate the training and adaptation of stakeholders, including economic operators for the implementation of related legislation				
3.3.1 Organize meetings / seminars for stakeholders, including small and medium entrepreneurs	Meetings held / Number of seminars; Number of attendees	List of attendees of seminars / meetings	LEPL - National Agency for Standards and Metrology; LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency; LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center		LEPL - National Agency for Standards and Metrology The procedures for the new standardization technical committee "Roads and Traffic Regulation" (TC 8), statute review, and adoption completed. Processes for renewal of the members of the technical committees of standardization "Electrical" (TC 1), "Natural Gas" (TC 6) completed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic committee meetings and standard review procedures are conducted online. GEOSTM and Latvian Standard (LVS) in cooperation with Tilde Company implemented the grant project of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia "Supporting the creation of sustainable infrastructure for the use of modern language technologies in Georgian public administration by proposing automatic translation solutions and expanding opportunities of the machine translation

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					<p>platform introduced within the standardization system". The project partner was State Language Department of Georgia. In framework of the project conducted meetings on machinery translation with interested partes from governmental and non-governmental sectors.</p> <p>LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency</p> <p>During the 9 months of 2021, the Agency held sectoral meetings in the following areas: construction products, toys, personal protective equipment, appliances burning gaseous fuels, machinery (13 meetings conducted via electronic platform attended by 72 stakeholders).</p> <p>The rest of the activity is planned within AA Facility Project and implementation of the activity depends on donor assistance.</p> <p>LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center</p> <p>During 2021, 2 meetings of the Accreditation Council were held. The first meeting was held on April 20, the issues of raising awareness about the activities of the Accreditation Center were discussed and further activities were planned taking into account the situation of the pandemic. The second meeting was organised on December 15 the topics related to the implemented activities in 2021 and the planned activities for the next years were duiscused. Participants were als informed about the ongoing digitization project at the Accreditation Center and the EU-funded twinning project.</p>

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					<p>In June 2021, GAC management were meet with the representatives of the construction cluster companies. The meeting was attended representatives of around 30 companies and from non-governmental institutions. The main topic of the meeting was the utilisation of accredited CABs services by the construction and related sector companies.</p>
<p>3.3.2 Organize trainings for accredited conformity assessment bodies in the fields of standards related to their activities and in the fields of mandatory documents adopted by international and European organizations operating in the field of accreditation</p>	<p>Number of organized trainings</p> <p>Number of conformity assessment bodies present at the trainings</p>	<p>Annual Report of the agency</p> <p>www.gac.gov.ge</p>	<p>LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p>	<p>During the first part of 2021, two trainings were conducted for the representatives of the medical laboratories. 19 participants from accredited medical labs were participated in the trainings.</p> <p>By 2021, a total of 74 trainings were conducted for the staff of the Accreditation Center, which was attended by a total of 376 participants.</p> <p>During the reporting period, experience sharing activities were organized to improve the qualifications of the staff of the Accreditation Center and the invited technical assessors and to further inform them.</p>
Objective 3.4.	Capacity building of the relevant state institutions				
<p>3.4.1 Upgrading qualification of staff in the field of standardization and metrology</p>	<p>Number of seminars/ trainings/internships conducted for the staff of Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology</p>	<p>Annual report of the agency</p> <p>geostm.ge</p>	<p>LEPL – Georgian National Agency For Standards And Metrology</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the framework of the regional German project “Strengthening the Quality Infrastructure in the Countries of the Southern Caucasus” following trainings was conducted in on-line format: pH measurements; liquid density measurements; production of reference materials; statistical methods and quality control; theoretical and practical issues for calibration of infrared, non-contact thermometers. • Representatives of GEOSTM took part in following trainings organized in the framework of UNIDO’s

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					<p>Global Quality and Standards Programme: Method validation, analysis quality control and measurement uncertainty evaluation; Risk management and conformity assessment; Laboratory internal audit and so called Train of trainers to increase the competence of national experts of Georgia on improving QMS of laboratories in accordance with ISO/IEC17025:2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In light of COVID 19 pandemic in the framework of regional metrology organization COOMET, peer reviews of member NMIs were organised in remote or hybrid mode. Representatives of GEOSTM were actively involved in these peer reviews as lead auditors as well as technical experts both on-line and on-site. • On 30th of March 2021 in the framework of BIPM Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer (CB&KT) program was conducted on-line (video) seminar regarding technical capacities of Key Comparison Data Base (KCDB 2.0) and creation and expertise of CMCs in the field of Ionizing Radiation. • On April 20, 2021, representative of the GEOSTM Standards Department participated in a webinar on "Connecting European Sustainable Finance to standardization". • On May 20, 2021, representatives of the GEOSTM Standards Department participated in International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) workshop for National Secretaries. • On May 26-27, 2021, representative of the GEOSTM Standards Department participated in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) regional virtual workshop on "Product Certification".

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 21-22, 2021, representative of the GEOSTM Standards Department participated in the virtual session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) "Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards". • On June 24, 2021, representatives of the Agency participated in the General Assembly of the European Standardization Organization (CEN, CENELEC, ETSI). • On June 30, 2021, representatives of the Agency participated in the "Europe and Central Asia region - monthly meeting" organized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). • On September 10, 2021, a representative of the Agency's Standards Department participated in a seminar "Changes introduced in the CEN and CENELEC bylaws", organized by European standardization organizations. • During 2021 representtives of GEOSTM participated General Assemblies, meetings of different technical commmittess, seminars and trainings of various international and regional stadnardisation and metrology organisations (ISO, IEC, CEN?CENELEC, BIPM, OIML, COOMET), which where conducted in online format. • On November 30, 2021 representative of the Agency's Standards Department participated in CEN and CENELEC webinar „Harmonized European standards under the Low Voltage Directive (LVD)“. • On December 2-9, 2021 representative of the Agency's Standards Department participated in ISO webinar "Digital Learning Solutions (DLS) Toolkit“.

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3.4.2 Upgrading the qualification of the Accreditation Center staff	Number of trainings conducted with the participation of accreditation staff and number of trained employees	Annual Report of the agency www.gac.gov.ge	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Center	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	In 2021, 74 trainings were conducted for the staff of the Accreditation Center, which was attended by 376 participants. During the reporting period, experience sharing conference was organized for the afaire of GAC, external technical assessors and the technical experts in order to improve their qualifications.
Objective 3.5.	Enforcement of the market surveillance in accordance with DCFTA obligations				
3.5.1 Enforce market surveillance in the supervisory area of agency based on risk analysis by LEPL Market Surveillance Agency.	Number of inspections performed (documentary and technical)	Annual Report of the agency	LEPL – Market Surveillance Agency		The market surveillance procedures are carried out in the supervisory area of the agency. In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The technical documentation of 6714 pre-import notifications of construction products have been checked; • The technical documentation of 3535 pre-import notifications of toys have been checked; • The technical documentation of 319 pre-import notifications of gas appliances have been checked; • The technical documentation of 100 pre-import notifications of personal protective equipment have been checked; • The technical documentation of 317 pre-import notifications of machinery have been checked; • 43 types of construction products were inspected; • 32 different samples of construction products were taken and sent to the accredited laboratory; • 73 toys of 31 economic operators were inspected; • 88 appliances burning gaseous fuels of 55 economic operators were inspected; • 39 personal protective equipment of 22 economic operators were inspected; • 18 machinery of 10 economic operators were inspected.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 types of simple pressure vessels were inspected; • 6 types of pressure equipment were inspected;
Goal 4.	Promoting trade in products subject to sanitary and phytosanitary measures and protecting the life or health of humans, animals and plants				
Objective 4.1.	Improvement of sanitary and phytosanitary, animal welfare and other legislative measures				
4.1.1 Approximation of Georgia's legislation to the relevant EU legal acts in accordance with Annex XI-B of the Association Agreement	<p>Elaborated legal acts;</p> <p>Number of Georgia's legislation is approximated to 16 EU legal acts, referred to in Annex XI-B;</p>	<p>Georgian legislation published In the Legislative Herald of Georgia - Matsne.gov.ge /public space (in case of non-normative acts).</p> <p>Dcfta.gov.ge</p>	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Food Agency	<p>The following decrees of the Government of Georgia were adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decree N479 of the Government of Georgia September 28, 2021 "Technical Regulation - on Approval of Primary Products of smoke Flavorings Permitted for Use (Authorized) for in or on Food; • Decree № 290 of the Government of Georgia, June 16th, 2021, Technical Regulation – “Approval of the Technical Regulation on Sampling and Analysis (Examination) Methods for Determination of Nitrates in Food”; • Decree № 480 of the Government of Georgia, September 28th, 2021, Technical Regulations – “On Approval of smoke Flavorings Used or Intended for Use in or on Food”; • Decree № 439 of the Government of Georgia, August 31th, Technical Regulation – on approval of release of N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosamines substances from pacifiers made of elastomer or rubber; • Decree N525 of the Government of Georgia, November 2th, 2021 "On Restriction of the Use of some epoxy resin derivatives in materials and products (objects) for Contact with Food"; • Decree N497 of the Government of Georgia of August 13 2020 – Technical regulation on

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					<p>flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decree N575 of the Government of Georgia December 7, 2021 On approval of specific rules on official controls for Trichinella in meat”; • Decree N58 of the Government of Georgia February 7, 2022 On Amending Decree No 443 of 31 December 2013 of the Government of Georgia on Approval of Technical Regulations - the Statute Registration Tests, Examinations and Registration of Pesticide and Agrochemicals in Georgia. <p>The following drafts of the decree of the government of Georgia elaborated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of the decree of the Government of Georgia On approval of the rules animal feed additives for animal nutrition; • Draft of the decree of the Government of Georgia On approval of sampling and analysis methods for state control of feed.
Objective 4.2.	Raising awareness of consumers and rights holders in business circles and civil society				
4.2.1 Raising stakeholders’ awareness of EU approximated Georgian legislation and facilitating adaptation to new requirements	<p>Number of conducted trainings and other events;</p> <p>Number of persons trained in trainings and other events</p>	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA Action Plan</p> <p>dcfta.gov.ge</p>	LEPL National Food Agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	<p>On June 10th , in Kutaisi, Imereti and from June 11th to June 12th, in Batumi, Adjara the National Food Agency within its competence and with the support of the Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, conducted meetings to raise awareness regarding the implementation of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) with the involvement of in-field associations (Restaurateurs’ Association, Gastronomic Tourism Business Association) and representatives of public catering venues.</p> <p>Due to global Coronavirus pandemic, not more than 25 people were able to participate in meetings.</p>

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Objective 4.3.					
<p>4.3.1 Training of employees of the relevant competent authority in legal drafting and implementation; Capacity development of the competent authority, in terms of program development and strengthening laboratory skills</p>	<p>Strengthen the capacity and skills of the competent bodies</p> <p>Number of conducted trainings and other events;</p> <p>Number of persons trained in trainings and other events</p>	<p>Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA Action Plan</p> <p>dcfta.gov.ge</p>	<p>LEPL National Food Agency</p>	<p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia; LEPL - Revenue Service; LEPL - State Laboratory of Agriculture</p>	<p>Within the twinning project: Ensuring further progress of SPS and food safety system in Georgia, the following events/trainings have been carried out for the staff of National Food Agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The training on methods of sampling and analysis for the feed; Community Reference Laboratory concerning applications for authorizations of feed additive; Additives for use in animal nutrition and authorization of feed additives has taken place online, on December 9th and 10th, 2020. 8 participants from NFA have been involved. 2. Food contact materials, natural mineral waters and food supplements. The training has taken place online, on December 9th and 10th, 2020. 6 participants from NFA have been involved. 3. Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 and (EC) 546/2011 on uniform principles for evaluation and authorization of Plant Protection Products in EU. Directive 2009/128/EC on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (SUD). The training has taken place online, on December 21st, 2020. 6 participants from NFA have been involved. 4. Official controls for Trichinella in meat. The training has taken place online, on January 26th, 2021. 6 participants from NFA have been involved. 5. Food enzymes and flavourings. Food labeling. Quick - frozen foodstuffs. The training has taken place

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					<p>online, on January 27th and 28th, 2021. 8 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>6. TRACES system. The training has taken place online, on February 16th and 17th, 2021. 36 participants from NFA have been involved on February 16th and 30 participants on February 17th.</p> <p>7. Development of monitoring and surveillance programs for priority plant pests - sharing Latvian experience. The training has taken place online, on March 31st, 2021. 7 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>8. 3 Strategy Roadmaps on brucellosis, tuberculosis, leucosis. The training has taken place online, on March 25th, 2021. 12 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>9. Risk - based import controls in EU and discussions. The training has taken place online, on March 22nd and 24th, 2021. 7 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>10. Elaborate instruction manuals with necessary templates for culling of animals. The training has taken place online, on April 1st, 2021. 7 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>11. Development of epidemiological surveillance programs. Presentation of contingency planning practices in Estonia and sharing of experience. The training has taken place online, on April 14th, 2021. 8 participants from NFA have been involved.</p>

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					<p>12. Development of reporting systems. Presentation of Estonian identification and registration databases and sharing of experience. The training has taken place online, on April 19th and 20th, 2021. 11 participants from NFA have been involved on Day 1 and 7 participants on Day 2.</p> <p>13. Presentation of instruction manuals with necessary templates for culling of animals in the case of disease outbreak. The training has taken place online, on May 13th, 2021. 5 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>14. Presentation on PRA: International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures under IPPC. The training has taken place online, on May 18th, 2021. 4 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>15. Presentation on Plant Health Survey Programmes in EU. The training has taken place online, on May 24th and 25th, 2021. 5 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>16. Draft Contingency Plan on LSD. The training has taken place online, on June 11th, 2021. 8 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>17. Develop disease specific surveillance and monitoring programs: Fish diseases - presentation & discussion on viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN). The training has taken place online, on June 15th, 2021. 8 participants from NFA have been involved.</p>

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					<p>18. Presentation of Phytosanitary Information IT in Estonia and Latvia, discussion on the needs for future Phytosanitary IT system in Georgia. The training has taken place online, on June 15th and 16th, 2021. 6 participants from NFA have been involved on day 1 and 4 participants on day 2.</p> <p>19. Epidemiological research of food born outbreaks: presenting EU legal framework and Latvian practices and experience. The training has taken place online, on July 5th, 2021. 3 participants from NFA have been involved.</p> <p>20. Training on Implementation of Regulation (EU) No 546/2011- Uniform Principles for Evaluation and Authorisation of Plant Protection Products. The training took place online, on July 5th and 8th, 2021 and 6 participants from NFA were involved;</p> <p>21. Training: Preparation of Pest Risk Analysis for Pests Selected by NFA. The training took place online, on July 20th and 23th, 2021 and 6 participants from NFA were involved;</p> <p>22. Workshop: EC Regulation (EU) No 540/2011- Plant Protection Products. The workshop was organized online, on July 31st August and September 2nd, 2021 and 7 participants from NFA took part;</p> <p>23. Training: Preparation of Pest Risk Analysis for Pests Selected by NFA - Part 2. The training was held online, on September 28th and 30th, 2021 and 5 participants from NFA attended;</p>

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					<p>24. Presentation of the Draft Contingency Plan for African Swine Fever ASF. The presentation was held at the NFA office, on October 8th, 2021 and 7 participants from NFA took part;</p> <p>25. Training: Disease Outbreak Epidemiological Investigations. The training took place at the NFA office, on October 13th, 2021 and 19 participants from NFA were involved;</p> <p>26. Training: Foodborne Disease Outbreak Investigation. The training was held at the NFA office, on October 20th and 21st, 2021 and 10 participants from NFA attended;</p> <p>27. Training: Updated SOPs for Border Control and Their Implementation (SOPs for Import Control of Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin). The training was organized at the Revenue Service Office, on October 22nd, 2021 and 2 participants from NFA were involved;</p> <p>28. Training of phytosanitary border inspectors. The presentation was held in Tbilisi, in Revenue Service on 18 and 19 November, 2021. 31 participants have been involved on day 1 and 29 participants on day 2.</p> <p>29. Training on the exercise of official control based on elaborated documents. The presentation was held in Tbilisi, in the conference hall of NFA as well as in Gori on 15 and 16 December, 2021. 12 participants have been involved on day 1 and 16 on day 2.</p>

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4.3.2 Introduction of new laboratory diagnostics methods in sanitary and phytosanitary direction and/or expansion of the scope of accreditation	Relevant studies added to the list (statement of prices) of laboratory services (studies).	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	LEPL – State Laboratory of Agriculture	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	<p><u><i>Food safety - following methods have been established:</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Honey - Determination of Nitroimidazole (dimethridazole, ipronidazole, tinidazole) chromatography method; 2. Flour - Whiteness and quality determination (GOST – 26 361-2013); 3. Meat and fish – Detection of Nitrofurans by LC Chromatography method; 4. Meat and fish – Detection of Chloramphenicol and Nitro furans by screening method (Randox Evidence Investigator); 5. Meat and fish – Detection of Anti helminths by screening method (Randox Evidence Investigator); 6. Milk - Detection of Nitrofurans by LC Chromatography method; 7. Milk -Detection of Chloramphenicol by screening method (Randox Evidence Investigator); 8. Grain - Detection of Aflatoxin B1 and Aflatoxin B1+B2 +G1+G2 by LC Chromatography method. <p><u><i>Plant diseases - following methods have been established:</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of Dickeya sp. by polymerase chain reaction; 2. Identification of Pseudomonas syringae pv. syringae by polymerase chain reaction; 3. Identification of Xanthomonas arboricola pv pruni by polymerase chain reaction; 4. Identification of Pectobacterium atrosepticum by polymerase chain reaction; 5. Morphological & morphometrical characterization and identification of Xiphinema diversicaudatum; 6. Morphological & morphometrical characterization and identification of Longidorus macrosoma; 7. Morphological identification of Cassia occidentalis L;

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					<p>8. Morphological identification of <i>Cassia tora</i> L; 9. Morphological identification of weed sunflower (<i>Helianthus lenticularis</i> Dough); 10. Separation of weed seeds from the soil; 11. Detection and morphological & biochemical identification of <i>Pseudomonas corrugata</i> (submitted for approval). 12. Detection and morphological identification of <i>S. sclerotiorum</i>, <i>S. trifoliorum</i>, <i>S. Minor</i> and <i>S. Cepivorum</i>.</p> <p><u><i>Veterinary diseases - following methods have been established:</i></u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detection of Dog plague, PCR method 2. <i>Nosema apis</i> & <i>Ceranae</i> / nosemosis 2. Detection of Rabies PCR method 3. Detection of Ortopox virus , PCR method 4. Detection of Nematosis virus , PCR method 5. Salmonella Serotyping by bacteriological method
<p>4.3.3 Training of specialists in sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control, step-by-step upgrading of standard procedural manuals</p>	<p>Number of trainings conducted, specialists participating in it.</p> <p>Number of standard procedural manuals introduced</p>	<p>Annual report of Revenue Service</p> <p>www.rs.ge</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance; Revenue Service</p>	<p>Ministry of Environmental protection and agriculture; National Food Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twining: on 16-17 February training in TRACES for veterinary, food safety and phytosanitary border inspectors was conducted – 20 participants from RS • Twining: on 22-24 March Workshop on Development of risk-based national monitoring plan was conducted – 8 participants from RS • Twining: on 12-13 April workshop Develop and update existing general control procedures for border controls on animals and products was conducted – 13 participants from RS • Twining: on 14 May workshop Asses existing fee levels for border control and prepare report on

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					<p>inspection fees was conducted – 11 participants from RS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twining: on 18-22 October workshop and training - to develop and update the existing control procedures for border controls of food and feed of non-animal origin products – 12 participants from RS • Twining: on 15-19 November workshop and training - to develop and update the existing control procedures for phytosanitary border control. Training in TRACES – 15 participants from RS • On 6-10 September online training on Risk Assessment for Animal By-Products was conducted In frame of Technical assistance project “Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade” for CAREC countries, financed by the ADB. 26 participants from RS attended.
Objective 4.4.	Implementation of sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control				
4.4.1 Implementation of sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control procedures	Number of implemented border control procedures	The results of the implemented procedures are reflected in the control acts - in the relevant software module	Ministry of Finance; Revenue Service	Ministry of Environmental protection and agriculture; National Food Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 287 consignment was subject to veterinary border control procedures. • 28 236 consignment was subject to phytosanitary border control procedures. • 3 705 consignment was subject to food/feed of non-animal origin border control procedures.
4.4.2 Identifying sources for financing for the construction / Reconstruction and equipping of 1 border inspection posts for implementation of approximated sanitary and phytosanitary legislation	Financing source of construction of 1 Border Inspection Post is identified.	Annual report of Revenue Service www.rs.ge	Ministry of Finance; Revenue Service	Ministry of Environmental protection and agriculture. National Food Agency	The work is in progress for finding donor assistance.
Goal 5.	Approximation with EU legislation and EU best practice in the field of customs				

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Objective 5.1. Legal and procedural support for accession to the Common Transit Procedures (CTC) and the Single Administration Document (SAD) and the implementation of the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)					
5.1.1 Conduct mobilization workshop and awareness raising seminar for the NCTS Software System Development project's national working group and senior policy decision makers	Conducted workshops/seminars	www.rs.ge	Revenue Service		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On January 26, 2021 the first joint UNCTAD-GRS NPT online meeting was held. The objective of the meeting was to provide information about the current state of play, discuss challenges and next steps. • On March 12, 2021, the opening meeting of the project was held. The event was attended by representatives of the EU Delegation in Georgia, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Georgia Revenue Service; Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia; Representatives of transport sector. • Weekly online working meetings between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and representatives of the Revenue Service are held regularly.
5.1.2 Design and development of GRS NCTS national transit application and eCustoms component for connection and NCTS messages management	Developed components of NCTS application	Report of the Project Steering Committee Meeting	MOF Revenue Service		The activities planned under the project are being implemented, in particular, the UN Conference on Trade and Development - UNCTAD is working on the creation of components / modules of the new computerized transit system - NCTS. At this stage, the work on creating an authorization module has been completed. The system and its different modules are currently being tested.
Objective 5.2. Facilitate the implementation of the new Customs Code					
5.2.1 Organize meetings/seminars for the purposes of elaboration of implementing provisions for certain articles of the new Customs Code	Number of conducted meetings	www.rs.ge	Ministry of Finance; Revenue Service		On the 24 February of the current year a web-meeting was held between the representatives of the customs administration and of the experts from the European Commission, it saw discussion of matters related to import VAT calculation and filling in of the single administrative document;

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					<p>On March 26, EU TAXUD and Georgian Revenue Service Representatives held a workshop to discuss the interpretation and application of Book 10 of the Customs Code of Georgia. In addition, GRS launched TAIEX application – for a workshop on practical application of the provisions of Book 10 of the Union Customs Code (UCC);</p> <p>At the national level, a working group was set up to draft secondary legislation. Draft bylaws have been elaborated and agreed at the national working group level.</p>
5.2.2 Drafting of implementing provisions for certain articles of the new Customs Code	Draft implementing provisions of certain articles of the Customs Code	www.matse.gov.ge www.rs.ge	Ministry of Finance; Revenue Service		<p>Positive response has been received on TAIEX application. Organizational issues for workshops are currently underway. In total, it is planned to hold three (5-day each) workshops on specific articles of the Customs Code.</p> <p>In addition, for the purpose of implementing the articles of Book 10 of the Customs Code of Georgia, which relate to exemption from customs obligations, TAIEX application was approved pending further coordination of the activities therein.</p>
5.2.3 Organize workshops/seminars for the purposes of elaboration of Post Clearance Audit procedural manual	Number of conducted meetings	www.rs.ge	Revenue Service		On 22 June 2021 webinar was held with assistance from the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the USA and participation of the relevant GRS staff, while being aimed at post-clearance audit-related issues
5.2.4 Elaboration of Post Clearance Audit procedural manual	Procedural Manual Drafted	www.rs.ge	Revenue Service		Elaboration of the draft depends on successful implementation of the activities (workshops) with assistance from donor organizations
Objective 5.3.	Further approximation of the Georgia's Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) program with that of the EU				
5.3.1 Organize workshops aimed at elaboration of the	Number of conducted meetings	www.rs.ge	Revenue Service		Donor organizations are currently being identified. At the same time as an additional/support activity - 15 June of the current year saw a webinar being held with

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AEO program procedural manual					<p>assistance from the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the USA and participation of the relevant GRS staff, while being aimed at Authorized Economic Operator program issues;</p> <p>On July 15 with the support of Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the USA, virtual roundtable meeting was organized between representatives from GRS and Private sector. Meeting was moderated by the representatives of U.S. Customs and Border Protection program on Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT).</p> <p>On September 9, with the support of the CLDP, the relevant staff of the Revenue Service had an opportunity to attend a virtual validation of the U.S company involved in the AEO program by CTPAT representative;</p> <p>GRS launched TAIEX application – for a workshop on topics related to Authorized Economic Operator program, which was approved pending further coordination of the activities therein.</p>
5.3.2 Drafting of the AEO program manual	Procedural Manual Drafted	Draft of the project; NCTF Information Newsletter	Revenue Service		With assistance from the IFC - AEO manual for the use by relevant Customs unit of the GRS has been elaborated by the KGH.
5.3.3 Initiation of negotiations with the EU on conclusion of the AEO Mutual Recognition Memorandum	Initiated negotiations	Minutes of the meeting of the Customs Subcommittee https://trade.ec.europa.eu/ and/or an official letter	Ministry of Finance; Revenue Service	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	GRS dispatched an official letter (N 21-13/20338) addressed to European Commission DG TAXUD with request to initiate mutual recognition of the AEO programs, which was met with a response letter (TAXUD/E4/SH/MKN/IP). Requirement for the initiation of the negotiations was defined as granting of the AEO status to the appropriate operator and a minimum of one year experience of operation.

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Goal 6.	Legislative and institutional approximation in the field of establishment, trade in services and e-commerce with relevant EU legislation				
Objective 6.1.	Develop a legal framework in line with European best practices in telecommunications, e-commerce and postal services and promote the development of the postal market				
6.1.1 Adoption of the Law of Georgia on E-Commerce	Adopted Law of Georgia on Electronic Commerce	matsne.gov.ge dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		The draft law of Georgia on e-commerce has been prepared, certain issues are being clarified, meetings with stakeholders are planned, after that the draft law will be submitted to the Government for initiation to the Parliament of Georgia.
6.1.2 Approximation of Georgian legislation with the relevant EU directives: Directive on privacy and electronic communications (2002/58/EC), Authorisation Directive (2002/20/EC), Access Directive (2002/19/EC), Framework Directive (2002/21/EC) and Universal Service Directive (2002/22/EC)	Legislative changes adopted in order to approximate the five EU legal acts provided for in Annex XV-B	matsne.gov.ge dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	Georgian National Communications Commission	<p>In order to approximate the legislation of Georgia to the Directives on privacy and electronic communications (2002/58/EC); on Authorization (2002/20/EC); on Access (2002/19/EC) and framework (2002/21/EC) draft amendments to the Law of Georgia on Electronic Communications have been prepared. At the same time, the European Commission proposed approximation of Georgian legislation to the Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Code on which negotiations with the European Commission are ongoing. If a commitment for harmonization with the new EECC is made, the obligation to harmonize with the certain directives (2002/19 / EC; 2002/20 / EC; 2002/21 / EC; 2002/22 / EC) will be abolished, and the Ministry will be obliged to develop new legislative regulations for harmonization with the EU EECC Code.</p> <p>In the EU-funded TAIEX Expert Mission the work of raising awareness and relevant recommendations on the new European Electronic Communications Code (EECC) with participation of the experts of Austrian,</p>

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					<p>Slovenian, Italian and Finnish regulatory bodies and relevant ministries has been completed.</p> <p>At the same time, the MoESD together with the ComCom within the framework of the "Log-in Georgia" project launched with the World Bank, has started work on the preparation of legislative changes related to universal services. Expression of interest was carried out on "Introduction of universal services in Georgia".</p>
6.1.3 Adoption of Postal Law	Adopted law on postal services	matsne.gov.ge dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		The draft law on Post was submitted to the Government of Georgia for initiation in the Parliament of Georgia. It had been modified according to government recommendations and before its re-submission to the GoG the negotiations regarding EC proposed new commitment (Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services) with EC are in progress. If a new commitment is made, a new harmonization deadline will be set for Georgia, which will abolish the current deadline.
Goal 7.	Legislative and institutional approximation in the field of public procurement with relevant EU legislation and institutional capacity building				
Objective 7.1.	Adopt a new law on public procurement and by-laws and develop guidelines, methodological guidelines and instructions on this topic.				
7.1.1. Implementation of legislative changes in the field of public procurement in accordance with Annexes XVI-E, XVI-F, XVI-G, XVI-H, XVI-I, XVI-J, XVI-K to the Association Agreement	Adopted Law on State Procurement	matsne.gov.ge; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency	Government of Georgia, Ministries, Parliament of Georgia	State Procurement Agency completed elaboration of new Draft Legislation in scope of public procurement complex reform. The Draft Legislation reflects remarks and recommendations made by the governmental entities. The new Draft reflects almost all the phases of approximation envisaged by DCFTA, gradual implementation of each phase in compliance with the relevant obligations and agreed terms. The Draft law received positive evaluation at EU Commission Session

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					that took place on 28 May 2021. Members of the Parliament of Georgia who attended the Commission Session expressed readiness to enact the Draft Law until the end of 2021.
7.1.2. Elaboration and adoption of “secondary legislation” - by-laws based on the Law on Public Procurement	Adopted secondary legislation	matsne.gov.ge; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency		Currently, process of distribution of competencies within primary and secondary Legislation regulating Public Procurement is underway. In scope of the EU Twinning program: “For strengthening Public Procurement Practices in Georgia” international experts of the project elaborated seven sub-legislative normative acts based on Public Procurement new Legislation. Currently, the sub-normative acts are in the process of translation and adaptation due to Georgian Legislative norms.
7.1.3. Develop manuals, methodological guidelines and instructions in accordance with the Law on Public Procurement and publish them electronically on the website	Published methodological guidelines, manuals and instructions	Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency		On June 30, 2021, State Procurement Agency collaborating with State Audit Office elaborated and published new recommendation re market research “Public Procurement Agency recommendations about conducting market research during electronic tender”. State procurement Agency elaborated and published new recommendation on 1 st of October, 2021 “On placing documents in excel format within the Unified System of e-Procurement“.
Objective 7.2.	Modernization of the unified electronic system of public procurement				
7.2.1. Development of new e-services, procedures and tools of the Unified System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement)	Additional services and opportunities introduced in the Unified System of Public Procurement;	Modernized Unified System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement; Electronic Government procurement system);	LEPL State Procurement Agency	LEPL National Agency of Public Registry of the Ministry of Justice; LEPL Financial-Analytical Service of the Ministry of Finance	State Procurement Agency continues various activities for the modernization of e-Procurement system, including information exchange with other public entities. 1. Information concerning consolidated tender awarded contracts is sent via the System to the State Treasury;

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		Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge			2. Fundamental modernization of existing Dispute Resolution Board and SMP module took place in compliance with amendments made within the Public Procurement Legislation and Decree enacted by the Government of Georgia on July 2, 2020. New module for appealing simplified procurement is added to the system, moreover, fee electronic payment system “Merchant” for commercial banks has been improved. 3. Tender related info is sent to Revenue Service via the System in test mode. 4. The name of the Bank conducting guarantee sum payment and tender participation fee transactions has become available.
Objective 7.3.	Human resource development in the field of public procurement				
7.3.1 Conduct trainings for the relevant employees of the State Procurement Agency according to the requirements of the new Law on Public Procurement	Number of trained employees of the State Procurement Agency, 20 employees	Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency		In scope of the EU Twinning program: “strengthening Public Procurement Practices in Georgia” were conducted trainings for SPA employees; - 16-18 February, training regarding best practice concerning Dispute Resolution; - 22-23 February, training re Furniture procurement by means of centralized procurement; - 10-11 March, training regarding main directions of the public procurement new Legislation; - March 29, training regarding uniform procurement by means of centralized procurement; On March 24 of the current year, experts from the World Bank, OECD and French Development Agency, SPA representatives and representatives of Lebanon parliamentary and governmental structures exchanged experience concerning ongoing reforms in public procurement. On May 18, 2021 within the scope of EU4 Environment program, consultation meeting on “legislative basis for

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					<p>the implementation of sustainable public procurement” was conducted. Participants of the meeting discussed principles of sustainable public procurement and possibilities for its reflection within the new draft legislation.</p> <p>On May 20, 2021, within the scope of EU4 Environment program, SPA has organized online training on “Mechanisms of Eco-Marking in Georgia” was attended by the representatives of SPA.</p> <p>On 9th of July, 2021 training center of the State Procurement Agency conducted online training on the “Usage of sustainable procurement criteria within state procurement for the prioritized procurement objects”. Training was conducted in close collaboration with the Environmental Information and Education Center of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia. The aim of online training was to introduce: the essence and utilization of sustainable public procurement and introduction of directives and manuals to the representatives of procuring entities in order to implement approaches of sustainable procurement in practice.</p> <p>On December 13-14, 2021, with the support of US Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), workshop on “Identifying and Combatting Bid Rigging” was organized at the Georgian Agency of Innovation and Technology (GITA). The workshop was attended by representatives of the State Procurement Agency, Competition Agency and other interested institutions.</p>

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7.3.2. Conduct trainings for the procuring authorities, economic operators and other relevant stakeholders according to the new Law on Public Procurement	Number of trained staff of procuring authorities, economic operators and relevant stakeholders: 10 classes in one academic year	Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL State Procurement Agency		<p>During 2021, SPA training Center conducted 51 online training sessions to 1620 employees operating in procurement field at central government state agencies, local selfgovernmental bodies, and its' Legal Entity of Public Law and Non-entrepreneurial (Non-commercial) Legal Entities.</p> <p>In 2021 Training Center of the State Procurement Agency switched to the new online training regime in scope of which, trainings were conducted in several different programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Procurement: existing risks and established practice – 100 attendee • Simplified procurement: established practice, challenges, useful advices, agency recommendations – 32 attendee • Off-premise training by the cooperation of LEPL National Food Agency and LEPL State Procurement Agency – 40 procurement specialist <p>In 2021, a total of 1792 trainees were trained.</p>
Goal 8.	Approximation to EU standards and best practices in the field of intellectual property				
Objective 8.1.	Ensuring access to justice in the field of intellectual property				
8.1.1 Conduct trainings on intellectual property rights for representatives of relevant government or executive agencies, judges and lawyers;	The number of trainings organized for representatives of relevant government or executive agencies, judges and lawyers;	sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	LEPL High School of Justice	On June 14-16, 2021, the IP Enforcement Forum in Georgia was held. In the course of the event, seminars were organized during which recent developments and challenges in the field of intellectual property rights enforcement were discussed. Within the Forum, the exhibition of counterfeit products of well-known trademarks took place. The Forum was attended by the

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<p>Preparation of a collection of interesting and important decisions of the European Court of Justice and the Boards of Appeal of European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).</p>	<p>A collection of developed decisions</p>				<p>representatives of Sakpatenti, enforcement bodies, the Revenue Service (Tax Monitoring Department, Customs Department), the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance, the Prosecutor’s Office and the Court as well as patent attorneys.</p> <p>In May 2021, within the Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia”, a working meeting on the issues of geographical indications rights enforcement and market control was held for the representatives of the Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia, the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance and the Revenue Service. The training aimed to facilitate capacity building of enforcement offices to introduce theoretical and practical aspects of investigation, monitoring and inspection measures for geographical indications rights enforcement.</p> <p>On June 16, 2021, roundtable discussion was organized with participation of judges within the framework of IP Enforcement Forum. The event, with the cooperation of Sakpatenti and the High School of Justice, was attended by up to 20 judges from the Chambers of Criminal, Civil and Administrative Cases of Tbilisi City Court. During the Forum, European and Georgian judges discussed Georgian court cases related to intellectual property and case-law.</p> <p>On November 12, 2021, within the EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), with the co-organization of Sakpatenti, the meeting was held between the representatives from relevant enforcement authorities in Georgia and the experts involved in the Project, working to elaborate further</p>

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					<p>the intellectual property rights enforcement system in Georgia. Representatives of various administrative bodies and experts discussed the problematic issues in the enforcement field in Georgia and the EU best practices. At the meeting the participants heard the comparative analysis report of compliance of Georgian enforcement legislation with EU acquis, prepared by the experts and discussed the Guidelines for Enforcement Officers on Administrative, Border and Criminal Enforcement of IPRs, developed within the Project.</p> <p>Compilation of decisions of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and the EUIPO Boards of Appeal was prepared and is being revised currently.</p>
Objective 8.2.	LEPL - Institutional Development of the Georgian National Intellectual Property Center - Sakpatenti				
8.2.1 Holding trainings and workshops for Sakpatenti employees; Organizing bilateral meetings and seminars with third country governments and industry associations to share best practices and experiences from developed countries	Number of participants in meetings and trainings organized for employees	sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		<p>On March 15-18, 2021, with the involvement of international partners, a seminar was held to raise awareness on collective management organizations of economic rights of authors in Georgia. The workshop, organized by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, was attended by Sakpatenti staff members, patent attorneys, collective management organizations and other stakeholders.</p> <p>On April 27, 2021, the Guidelines for Examination of National and International Design Applications, developed within the EUGIPP, were submitted for consideration to patent attorneys and stakeholders. The Guidelines were developed in order to ensure the consistency of decisions taken by Sakpatenti and to establish common practice while examining the applications. The Guidelines will be available to</p>

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					<p>Sakpatenti examiners, holders of intellectual property rights and other users.</p> <p>On July 2, 2021, Workshop on Alternative Dispute Resolution was organized by Sakpatenti and the EUGIPP Project team within the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP). The Event aimed to raise awareness on the alternative dispute resolution and approximation with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) standards. On the basis of the experience of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal, Sakpatenti staff members, patent attorneys, representatives of the Mediators' Association and Arbitration Centres shared experience and the best practices related to the above-mentioned issue and mediation results.</p> <p>On August 2, 2021, the EU-funded Twinning Project for institutional cooperation between Public Administrations - "Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia" was closed. The main beneficiary of the Project was the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. Within the Project, draft amendments to the Law of Georgia, the logo of geographical indications and specifications of four products were prepared. The Project was a component of the sectoral support from the European Union to Georgia, which was launched on November 7, 2019.</p> <p>On September 22, 2021, a new Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Sakpatenti and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The Memorandum envisages strengthening cooperation in the intellectual property field between</p>

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					<p>the European Union and the Georgian Intellectual Property Offices as well as sharing of information and experience. In particular, cooperation within the Memorandum covers development of the trademark and design areas, also implementation of joint educational and awareness raising activities in the field of intellectual property rights enforcement. The target group of the activities implemented within the Memorandum will be Sakpatenti staff, users and holders of intellectual property rights, with the special emphasis on small and medium-sized entrepreneurs.</p> <p>On October 29, 2021, within the EU Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), a training programme on examination of national and international design applications was organized for design examiners, right holders and users. New examination guidelines for designs were introduced and detailed information on their practical use was delivered to the participants of the meeting.</p> <p>On November 10, 2021 The Webinar “Collective Management Organizations in Georgia” was organized by the Commercial Law Development Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce (CLDP). Members of the Working Group of the Culture Committee of the Parliament of Georgia, together with the representatives of Sakpatenti and invited experts, discussed the significant topics related to strengthening the system of collective management organizations in Georgia.</p> <p>On November 15, 2021, the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti officially published the guidelines for national and international</p>

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					<p>designs. The guidelines, developed on the basis of EUIPO design guidelines, will enhance the administrative frameworks for protecting intellectual property rights (IPRs) in Georgia and strengthen the quality of IPR administration services. Moreover, they will support Sakpatenti in taking consistent decisions and guarantee that Sakpatenti's file-handling practice is aligned with the latest EU developments.</p> <p>On November 19, 2021, the 5th meeting of EU-Georgia Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications under the Association Agreement with the European Union took place in the hybrid mode. Representatives of Sakpatenti and various ministries attended the meeting on behalf of Georgia. At the meeting, the parties discussed various outstanding issues, presented information on the status, protection and enforcement of Georgian geographical indications, as well as on the internal procedures related to new geographical indications in the European Union and Georgia. The recent developments in the legislative and strategic fields related to the system of geographical indications were also considered during the meeting.</p> <p>From November 22 to 24, 2021, Sakpatenti staff visited the EUIPO's premises in Alicante for the purposes of a study trip. The visit allowed Sakpatenti representatives to meet with selected departments to familiarise themselves with the EUIPO's procedures as a high performing IP office.</p> <p>On December 3, 2021, the delegation of Sakpatenti, within an official visit to Ukraine, met with the representatives of the Department for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and</p>

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					<p>the Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent). The main objective of the meetings was sharing experience between the offices as well as discussion of future bilateral cooperation, in particular: signing of a new, comprehensive Agreement on the Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Indications of Source between Ukraine and Georgia, which is a priority direction for both countries and will have a positive effect on the economic development of the countries.</p> <p>On December 06, 2021 Technical Workshop on Tools and Practices (TWTP) Developed under the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN) was held in Kyiv, Ukraine. The event, organized by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), was attended by representatives of the IP Offices of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The delegation of Sakpatenti delivered a presentation on the EUGIPP components and reported about the progress of the project to the participants of the workshop.</p>
8.2.2 Development of Trademark Guidelines with the support of European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)	Developed guidelines within the project	sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		As part of the EUGIPP project, a group of experts was selected that started working on the guide.
Objective 8.3.	Raising awareness in the field of intellectual property				
8.3.1 Conduct trainings and workshops to raise public awareness	At least 200 trained individuals, including in the regions.	sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		Within one of the components of the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP) - “IP in Education”, 240 lessons on intellectual property (01.01.2021 – 01.03.2021) were delivered at schools of Georgia. The pupils expressed the knowledge received

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	Number of trainings and workshops conducted				<p>at the lessons in the form of intellectual property subject-matters, as a result of which exhibitions were held at 4 schools.</p> <p>In the reporting period, Sakpatenti Training Center offered 16-hour training course on intellectual property law for the Master’s Degree students of the of the Law Faculty of Tbilisi State University (TSU). In addition, the participants passed the 4-month specialized program of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy “Intellectual Property for Youth”.</p> <p>In March 2021, Sakpatenti Training Centre organized a working meeting on copyright for staff members of the Library of the Georgian National University (SEU). The training covered all important issues related to copyright, knowledge of which will assist SEU in fair use of copyrighted works within its library activities.</p> <p>In April 2021, webinar “Intellectual Property - from Idea to Innovation” was held for pupils of the teams who have passed to the semifinal of the Millennium Innovation Competition 2021. The webinar was attended by the leaders of 30 teams who have moved to the semifinal, the management of the Millennium Challenge Account – Georgia and members of the evaluation commission of the Competition.</p> <p>On April 26, 2021, Sakpatenti Training Centre organized a webinar “Commercialization of your ideas”. The webinar was aimed to introduce the ways and mechanisms of commercialization of the ideas to the representatives of the small and medium</p>

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					<p>enterprises (SMEs), inventors, startupper, students, lawyers, patent attorneys and other stakeholders.</p> <p>In April 2021, Sakpatenti and Tbilisi State University (TSU) renewed the Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum envisages the possibility to grant relevant ECTS credits after passing the General Course on Intellectual Property (DL101GE), which will facilitate raising awareness in this field, promotion of the course and increasing the number of professionals of this field in future.</p> <p>In June 2021, Professional Development Program (PDP) on Geographical Indications of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Sakpatenti was held. Representatives of public agencies employed in the field of intellectual property were familiarized in the remote mode with geographical indications systems existing in various countries and organizations.</p> <p>ELSA Summer School was held for the sixth time the reporting year with the Support of Sakpatenti. During four days, students from six countries, including students of the Faculties of Law of the leading Georgian universities received exhaustive information on intellectual property system.</p> <p>On September 13, 2021, 12 outstanding graduates of the spring session of the General Course on Intellectual Property (DL101GE) were awarded with certificates. By the initiative of Sakpatenti, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will finance specialized courses for all of the 12 graduates by taking into consideration their interests. The above-mentioned</p>

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					<p>will facilitate raising awareness in this field, promotion of the course and increasing the number of professionals of this field in the future.</p> <p>WIPO awarded pupils from Akhaltsikhe with the title of IP Youth Ambassador 2021. They will promote intellectual property among the youth under the mandate of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The IP Youth Ambassador status was awarded to the trio for a term of one year, enabling these young people to make their contribution to the IP development in Georgia, the Central European and Baltic States. IP Youth Ambassador is one of the projects developed within the WIPO Academy IP4Youth&Teachers Program, aimed to promote raising awareness in the relevant field and encourage innovations among the youth of their countries by the nominated candidates.</p> <p>On October 19, 2021, the Training Center of Sakpatenti organized training on Copyright for the staff members of the National Bank of Georgia. Within the training, the staff of the National Bank received information on all the basics of copyright, which applies in their everyday work.</p>
8.3.2 Publication of information booklets and flyers	Number of published information materials	Published booklets and flyers	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		In the reporting period 189 items of information booklets and flyers were published.
Objective 8.4.	Implement effective measures against contraception and piracy				
8.4.1 Conducting workshops and seminars for owners of	Number of workshops and trainings for owners and stakeholders;	Number of workshops and trainings for owners and stakeholders;	Number of workshops and trainings for		In June 2021, two-day seminar on border measures related to geographical indications was held for Georgian customs officers. The seminar took place

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intellectual property rights and stakeholders to raise awareness; Development of the guidelines	Developed guidelines	Developed guidelines	owners and stakeholders; Developed guidelines		within the Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia” and 25 representatives of the Customs Department of the Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia participated in it.
8.4.2 Review the cases related to the violation of rights and development of relevant recommendations by the Interagency Coordination Council for the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights	Number of meetings held by the Council	Prepared Minutes of the council meeting; sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	Interagency Coordination Council for the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights	In the reporting period, the Interagency Coordination Council hasn't got a complaint regarding the violation of rights, therefore, the session of the Council was not held.
8.4.3 Detection of counterfeit and pirated products, including on the border and abating of infringing activities	Number of cases identified and investigated	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	MOF; Revenue Service; LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti		According to the data of 2021, 222 intellectual property objects were registered in the Customs Register. During 2021, 267 orders were issued by the Customs Department on the suspension of goods. In 215 of these cases, an agreement was reached between the right holder and the owner of the goods to destroy the goods. In 11 cases the right holder filed a lawsuit in court, while in the remaining cases the goods were released because the counterfeitness of the goods could not be established.
Goal 9.	Develop competition and trade remedy fields in line with EU best practices				
Objective 9.1.	Raising awareness on competition policy and trade remedies among public and private sector representatives				
9.1.1 Organizing seminars and information meetings on current issues of competition for public and private sector representatives	Number of seminars and information meetings held	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		During 2021, 9 events were held to raise public awareness about the competition law and policy. These events were attended by approximately 200 representatives of the Georgian Bar Association, private/business sector, regulatory authorities, expert

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					<p>circles, media, and NGOs. 3 of these events were held in the different regions of Georgia and were intended for local entrepreneurs in order to access necessary information in place.</p> <p>Besides, to raise public awareness on the main amendments to the Law of Georgia “On Competition” with the financial support of the EU-funded Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II, the information brochure/newsletter was elaborated. The online version of the Brochure is available at: https://admin.competition.ge/uploads/9d749de834ba4610b0bdc3c6b3756f87.pdf</p>
9.1.2 Organizing seminars and meetings for representatives of the private sector on taking the anti-dumping measures	Number of seminars and meetings held, number of participants	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		During 2021, 8 events were held to raise public awareness about the anti-dumping measures. These events were attended by approximately 150 representatives of the Georgian Bar Association, public and private/business sector, media, and NGOs. . 3 of these events were held in the different regions of Georgia and were intended for local entrepreneurs in order to access necessary information in place.
9.1.3 Production and dissemination of information materials on the use of anti-dumping measures	Number of newsletters produced and disseminated	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		To raise public awareness, with the financial support of the EU-funded Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II, the information brochure/newsletter “on the Main Principles of the Law of Georgia “On the Introduction of Anti-Dumping Measures in Trade” was elaborated. The document was distributed during the events for raising public awareness and its online version is available at: https://admin.competition.ge/uploads/f6651fd3952f421ca12a1e74bf05d486.pdf
Objective 9.2.		Improving the qualification of employees			

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9.2.1 Organizing trainings / seminars / study visits on current issues of competition policy (including on legislative changes)	Number of trainings / seminars / study visits conducted	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		<p>During 2021, 19 qualification-rising events were held/participated. More precisely, to effectively enforce the amendments made to the Law of Georgia “On Competition”, with the financial support of the EU-funded Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II, the training on the following topics were held for the Agency’s staff: enforcement of competition law in the regulated sectors, dawn raids of the undertakings, commitments, structural and behavioral remedies.</p> <p>Agency’s staff attended the workshop organized by the U.S Department of Commerce’s Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) on identifying and combatting bid rigging in public procurement.</p> <p>Besides, Agency’s staff participated in the webinars organized by the UNCTAD, OECD, OECD-JVH RCC and ICN. Webinars were focusing on various actual topics of competition law and policy.</p>
9.2.2 Raising the qualification of the Agency staff in relation to the use of anti-dumping measures	Number of trainings / seminars / study visits conducted	Annual report of the agency, www.competition.ge	LEPL Georgian National Competition Agency		<p>During 2021, 2 qualification-rising event, training on anti-dumping measures was held. One of them - with the financial support of the EU-funded Facility for the Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II and the second-one - under the cooperation with Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.</p>
Goal 10.	Promoting sustainable development				
Objective 10.1.	Sustainable management of natural resources and contribution to the conservation				
10.1.1 Extend cooperation with the EU and the GFCM to	Identified actions to be carried out to equip	DCFTA Annual Action Plan Report	The state sub-agency	The Ministry of Environmental	During 2021, the capacity and knowledge of the relevant competent staff of the Department of

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develop electronic fisheries monitoring system and to fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.	commercial fishing vessels with appropriate technical equipment for the electronic monitoring system. Identified needs and planned future actions to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.	dcfta.gov.ge	Department of Environmental Supervision	Protection and Agriculture of Georgia LEPL – National Environmental Agency	Environmental Supervision to control illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing were strengthened. This result was achieved through several opportunities, such as: training, theoretical instruction provided by experts in the relevant field regarding the use of the IUU Fishing Control Program, and practical experience reflected in the electronic report of the Department of Environmental Supervision at the end of 2021. Detailed data was collected through ERS and VMS electronic programmes. The above trainings and practical software lessons were conducted by the French company CLS (Collecte Localisation Satellites), which is a certified and authoritative software organization in the field of fisheries monitoring throughout the EU. These trainings were conducted in three sessions, which included different modules, such as: theoretical review and introduction of the electronic program of fisheries control created by CLS, practical application and specifications of the program, production of THEMIS ERS electronic reports between vessels and the Department of Environmental Supervision. Although, according to official data, vessels fishing in the Mauritanian waters left the Georgian flag at the end of 2021, the Department of Environmental Supervision continues to further deepen this activity and improve its quality in 2022 in order to fulfill relevant obligations under the EU-Georgia Association Agreement, related to the control of IUU Fishing.
10.1.2 Close and continuous cooperation between the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and FAO/GFCM	Number of meetings and surveys in the frame of the BlackSea4Fish project	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	The state sub-agency Department of Environmental Supervision	Though the restrictions established due to COVID 19 the planned meetings were held. In summary, around 20 meetings have been carried out using online platforms within the framework of the BlackSea4Fish project. In addition, studies planned within the framework of the BlackSea4Fish project were carried

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				LEPL – National Environmental Agency	out, in particular, the anchovy hydroacoustic study in the territorial waters of Georgia and the study of <i>Rapana venosa</i> for the Black Sea in which Georgia participated.
10.1.3 Ensure compliance of the draft by-laws with the new Forest Code	Elaborated by-laws in accordance with the new Forest Code	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		By-laws on forest use rules, forest protection, restoration and care rules, Georgian forest registration system, categorization, and monitoring rules, and forest status assignment, termination and forest demarcation and correction rules were approved by the Government of Georgia. During the fourth quarter of 2021, active work was underway on the Regulation on Sustainable Forest Management Criteria and Indicators, which is in the final stage of consideration, after which it will be submitted to the Government of Georgia for approval.
10.1.4 Improvement of information and decision support system for forest and land use	The basic modules of the forest information and monitoring system are developed	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		The FIMS Forest Management Plan Inventory Program is being tested and data is being submitted. The aim of the program is to analyze the data collected in the forest and prepare a 10-year forest management plan. The final stage of implementation is the development of the FIMS "Field Acts Accounting System" program. The program provides for the development of an electronic field report for inspection and data analysis.
10.1.5 Supporting trade in timber produced as a result of a sustainable forest management	There are 25 active "Business Yards" across the country	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		In order to facilitate trade in timber products produced as a result of sustainable forest management, business yards have been set up throughout Georgia, namely: 8 business yards in Kakheti, 5 in Shida Kartli, 6 in Samtskhe-Javakheti, 9 in Mtskheta-Mtianeti, 2 in Imereti, and Guria- 2, 2 business yards in Racha-Lechkhumi. In total, there are 34 business yards across the country.
Objective 10.2.	Implementation of international commitments / agreements related to climate change				

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10.2.1 The preparation and approval of the final version of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)	The document approved by the government; The document registered in the Convention system	NDC Registry https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NDCStaging/Pages/All.aspx	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		The Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) has been developed and approved by the Resolution №167 of the Government of Georgia of April 8, 2021. The document was submitted to the Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The document was then posted on the Secretariat's website.
10.2.2 Preparation and approval of the final versions of the Climate Change Strategy 2030 and Action Plan 2021-2023 (CSAP)	The final version of the CSAP is approved by the government	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		Georgia's Climate Change Strategy for 2030 and Action Plan for 2021-2023 were elaborated and approved by the Resolution №167 of the Government of Georgia of April 8, 2021.
10.2.3 The preparation of the final version of Georgia's 4th National Communication (FNC) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and submission of the document to the Secretariat of the Convention	FNC is submitted to the Secretariat of the Convention	The document of Fourth National Communication is placed on Convention web-page - www.unfccc.int	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		In 2021, the development of the 4th National Communication of Georgia was completed. The document was submitted to the Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on April 5, 2021.
Objective 10.3.	Ensuring protection of labour rights in line with international standards				
10.3.1 Informing employers and employees about occupational safety and health rules in the workplace which derives from the national and international law	Number of information meetings and consultations provided	www.moh.gov.ge	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	LEPL - Labour Inspection Service	In order to raise the awareness of employers and employees, in parallel with the increase of the labor inspection mandate, up to 180 working/ information meetings were held with the active involvement of Office representatives with up to 9000 people, including up to 60 workshops on business recommendations. In addition, in order to monitor implementation of the measures taken to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus 44361 activities were carried out by the

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					<p>representatives of the Labor Inspection Office during the reporting period, with the involvement of LEPL Revenue Service, LEPL National Food Agency and Municipal Supervision Services.</p> <p>25 workshops on prevention of COVID-19 spread in the workplace and the mandate of labor inspection, were organized at the regional level by various government agencies and with the involvement of labor inspection representatives. Up to 1200 representatives of regional / sectoral businesses were trained.</p> <p>In addition, it is noteworthy that on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and the Labor Inspection Service on July 7, 2021, volunteer students of higher education institutions in Georgia were trained, who, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace, informed 1,212 facilities about the approved recommendations, which affected a total of 9,200 employees.</p>
10.3.2 Raising the awareness of employers and employees about child labour	Number of information meetings held to raise awareness about child labour	www.moh.gov.ge	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	LEPL - Labour Inspection Service	<p>With the active involvement of LEPL Labor Inspection office information on labour rights and child labour related norms was presented during 48 working/informational meetings.</p> <p>Also, pursuant to the Law of Georgia on Labor Inspection, 1422 inspections were carried out throughout Georgia (including primary and repeated inspections). Child labor is constantly monitored by labor inspectors, which are constantly raising the awareness of employers on the above-mentioned issue.</p>
10.3.3 Transformation of the Labour Inspection Department	LEPL - Labour Inspection Service is set up	matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Internally		On January 1, 2021, in accordance with the Law of Georgia on Labor Inspection and the Statute of the

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into a Legal Entity of Public Law and its Institutional Strengthening by collaboration with social partners	<p>LEPL - Labour Inspection Service staffed with relevant human resources</p> <p>Number of measures taken to increase the capacity of labour inspectors</p>	<p>Annual report of the Labour Inspection</p> <p>www.moh.gov.ge</p>	<p>Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</p>		<p>Labor Inspection Service, a structurally independent executive body - the Labor Inspection Service - was established, which aims to ensure the effective use of labor norms within the extended mandate.</p> <p>From January 2021, the LEPL Labor Inspection Service is constantly hiring staff. Vacancies are constantly being filled through competition. In addition, needs-based training for incumbent or newly hired inspectors is intensive.</p> <p>Training of labor inspectors has been one of the priority issues since its inception. Due to the fact that the field itself is quite comprehensive and in parallel with the expansion of the mandate, the issue of raising the qualification and continuous monitoring of staff is crucial, the Labor Inspectorate closely cooperates with related international or local organizations.</p>
10.3.4 Functioning of the Labour Inspectorate in accordance with the extended mandate defined by the legislation	<p>Number of companies inspected and recommendations issued per year;</p> <p>Number/indicator of recommendations implemented;</p>	<p>Annual report of the Labour Inspection - www.moh.gov.ge</p>	<p>Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia</p>	<p>LEPL - Labour Inspection Service</p>	<p>In 2021, 58 712 activities were carried out by or with direct involvement LEPL Labor Inspection office, Which included inspecting on 13 598 facilities and / or sharing information to raise awareness. In particular, the implemented activities were distributed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In accordance with the Organic Law of Georgia on Occupational Safety, 956 (primary and subsequent, before elimination of violations) inspections were carried out at 432 facilities. 2. According to the Organic Law of Georgia, Labor Code of Georgia, 327 inspections were carried out at 249 facilities in order to supervise the implementation of certain norms. 3. In accordance with the Resolution N112 of the Government of Georgia of March 7, 2016, On Approval

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					of the Rule of State Supervision for the Prevention of Forced Labor and Labor Exploitation and Response to them, 139 inspections were carried out at 139 facilities during the reporting period, of which 137 were planned and 2 were unplanned; 4. In order to implement the measures developed to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus, 57 290 activities were carried out (across 12 778 facilities) throughout Georgia.
10.3.5 Functioning of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission and discussing the issues envisioned by the action plan	Number of commission and working group meetings	Minutes of the meeting of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	Member Agencies / Organizations of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission on	<p>During the reference period 2 meetings of the working group under the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission were held. The parties discussed prospects of ratification of ILO Conventions N183 and N189 – presentations of regulatory impact assessment reports (from UN Women and ISET) and drafts of legal acts to be adopted pursuant to the Georgian labor legislation.</p> <p>On November 18, 2021, a meeting of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission was held. The Commission considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports on the Impact of Regulation N183 on the Protection of Motherhood of the International Labor Organization (ILO) prepared by the UN Women and the N189 Convention on the Decent Work of Domestic Workers; - List of fields with specific work regime; - Social Code reform, etc.
Goal 11.	Ensure effective coordination and communication about the DCFTA implementation				
Objective 11.1.	Disseminate information about the benefits, opportunities and benefits of the DCFTA				
11.1.1 Efficient operation of the web-portal on DCFTA	Number of website visitors Number of published draft legislative acts	Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		In 2021, with the support of the EU-funded project – Facility for the implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement – II, update of the webpage – dcfta.gov.ge was finalised, the means of disseminating

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					this information were improved and became more userfriendly. The information posted on the site is constantly updated.
11.1.2. Organization of DCFTA Advisory Group meetings to involve and inform civil society, business representatives, and NGOs in the DCFTA implementation process	At least 1 meeting per year	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		On November 24, 2021, a joint meeting of the on Trade Advisory Group (TAG) of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and the DCFTA Advisory Group (DAG) in an expanded format was held online. The meeting of the Advisory Board discussed the ongoing research on the implementation of the Turkey-Georgia-EU Diagonal Cumulation under the USAID Economic Security Program (implemented by the PMCG). The meeting also discussed information on the study of laboratory (industrial) capabilities of Georgia, which aims to identify priority areas for the development of local laboratories.
11.1.3 Holding thematic Meetings with the representatives of business, NGOs, local government, academics and other stakeholders to raise their awareness on the DCFTA related issues	Number of meetings held	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		The activity has not been carried out due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
11.1.4. Issuing printed materials/ informative booklets in order to raise awareness on the DCFTA implementation process	Number of Published printed materials	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		The thematic meetings where the printed materials should have been disseminated did not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the printed materials have not been published at this stage.
Objective 11.2.	Improving the functioning of a coordination mechanism for timely and successful implementation of the undertaken obligations				
11.2.1. Organizing meetings of the Interagency	At least 1 meeting per year	Annual report on the implementation of the	Ministry of Economy and		On January 27, 2021, the 13th meeting of the Interagency Subcommittee on the Implementation of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement

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Subcommission on the DCFTA Implementation		DCFTA National Action Plan Dcfta.gov.ge	Sustainable Development		(DCFTA) was held online (via Zoom). The subcommittee discussed progress and future plans for the implementation of the DCFTA. The 14th meeting of the Interagency Subcommittee on the Implementation of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) was held online on November 25, 2021 (via Webex).
11.2.2 Develop DCFTA Implementation National Action Plan for 2022	Adopted DCFTA Implementation Annual National Action Plan	Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		A draft action plan for the implementation of the DCFTA for 2022 has been elaborated.
11.2.3 Drafting and publishing of the quarterly and annual reports on the implementation of the DCFTA Implementation National Action Plan	Prepared DCFTA implementation reports	Dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		The 9-month report on the implementation of the 2021 DCFTA Action Plan was prepared and published on the DCFTA.gov.ge website.