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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. Recalculation of imported goods value from CIF-type (Cost, insurance and freight) to FOB- type (Free on board)	The value of imported goods is calculated in FOR-type as well as CIF-type.	Statistical data about FOB-type value of imported goods are presented on the website: www.geostat.ge	National Statistics Office of Georgia	National Bank of Georgia	A methodology for calculating imported goods' value from CIF (Cost Insurance and Freight) prices to FOB (Free on Board) prices has been developed. Preparatory work is underway to calculate test data (development of a questionnaire and selection of enterprises).
1.1.2. Introduction of the HS 2022 Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activities in International Trade in Goods	Foreign trade statistics published in HS 2022 nomenclature	Geostat website: www.geostat.ge	National Statistics Office of Georgia		Work is ongoing to introduce an updated version of the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activities (HS 2022).
Goal 2.	Promoting exports to the EU				
Objective 2.1.	Diversification of export products within the EU				
2.1.1 Promoting the participation of Georgian companies in international events, exhibitions and trade missions in EU countries	Number of exporting companies participating in international events, exhibitions and trade missions in EU countries Number of international events, exhibitions	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia Enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		In the first quarter of 2025, with the support of agency Georgian small and medium businesses participated in 4 international exhibitions in Germany, Italy and France. In total, during the first three months of 2025 the agency co-financed 24 cases of Georgian companies' participation in the above-mentioned events. Also, 11 companies received co-financing for participation in events in EU countries under the Individual Expo Grant Program.

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	and trade missions in EU countries				
Objective 2.2.	Improving access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses				
2.2.1. Support to the small and medium entrepreneurship within the programme of co financing of interest rate on loan/lease	Number of co-financed enterprises	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		In the first quarter of 2025, 84 loans/leases were approved for 79 enterprises within the universal program, with the total amount of GEL 72 mln. The projects entail investments of GEL 162 mln and plan to create more than 700 jobs.
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	Selected higher educational institution	The training program for the export managers is set to begin in the II-IV quarters of 2025.
2.3.2. Implementation of technical assistance program for export promotion.	Number of supported export-oriented companies	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL-Enterprise Georgia		Under the Export stimulation technical assistance program, contracts were signed with 2 beneficiaries in the first quarter of 2025.
2.3.3 Implementation of Lead Generation Program	Number of supported companies	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge	LEPL - Enterprise Georgia		As part of the Lead Generation Program, a questionnaire was sent to potential beneficiary companies, based on which the participating companies will be selected.
2.3.4 Implementation of the Mentorship Program	Number of supported companies	Annual Report of Enterprise Georgia	LEPL - Enterprise Georgia		The companies participating in the program have been selected. Additionally, as part of the program, a study tour is planned during the preparatory period

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		enterprisegeorgia.gov.ge			leading up to the children's clothing exhibition (Pitti Immagine Bimbo).
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. In accordance with the EU 2024 Enlargement Report, develop a strategy in the areas of standards, conformity assessment, accreditation, metrology and market surveillance with the aim of approximating Georgian legislation to that of the European Union	Developed strategy	Legislative Herald of Georgia - matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		On April 17, 2025, by order of the Minister, an interagency working group was established to develop a strategy document on the approximation of legislation with the European Union in the areas of standards, conformity assessment, accreditation, metrology, and market surveillance.
3.1.2. Elaboration of technical regulation in accordance with European Parliament and European Council of 5 April of 2017 Regulation 2017/745/EU regarding medical devices and European Parliament and	Adopted technical regulation	Legislative Herald of Georgia - matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia		In order to approximate the aforementioned regulations 2017/745/EU and 2017/746/EU, the draft law of Georgia "On medical devices" has been prepared by the Ministry of IDPs from the occupied territories of Georgia, Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection.

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Council Regulation 2017/746/EU of 5 April 2017 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices.					
3.1.3. Adoption of a by-law to fulfill the objectives of EU Regulation No. 2012/1025 in the field of standardization	Order of the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	Legislative Herald of Georgia Matsne.gov.ge	LEPL – National Agency for Standards and Metrology of Georgia (GEOSTM)	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The process of researching the experience of the national standardization bodies of EU member states regarding the establishment, formation, and structure of the 'Standardization Council' is currently underway
3.1.4 Preparation of the draft amendment to the Product Safety and Free Movement Code in accordance with Regulation 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019	amendment to the Product Safety and Free Movement Code	Matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	LEPL- Market Surveillance Agency	An initial draft of the amendment to the Code of Product Safety and Free Movement has been prepared. At this stage, internal consultations are ongoing.
3.1.5 Preparation of technical regulations according to the Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States on	Adopted technical regulations	Legislative Herald of Georgia Matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	LEPL- Market Surveillance Agency	Draft resolution of the Government of Georgia "On Approval of Technical Regulations on Electromagnetic Compatibility" has been prepared. After the consultations with relevant agencies, the draft regulation will be submitted to the Government of Georgia for approval.

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electromagnetic compatibility					
Objective 3.2.	Institutional and infrastructural development necessary for technical regulation, standardization, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment and market surveillance administration				
3.2.1. Continuation of the process of modernising the equipment of reference laboratories in priority directions in order to provide improved services	Increased number and range of services offered	Calibration certificates issued; Annual Report of the GEOSTM	LEPL – National Agency for Standards and Metrology of Georgia (GEOSTM)		In January 2025, the following equipments were purchased for the Mechanics Reference Division of the Agency's Metrology Institute: a single-channel signal generator and an AC voltmeter. Procurement procedures are underway to purchase a weighing set for the Mass Reference Division.
3.2.2. Recognition of production of reference materials as a new direction in the field of metrology in accordance with ISO 17034:2016	Received recognition in the field of production of reference materials	Bureau International of Weights and Measures (BIPM) database www.bipm.org	LEPL – National Agency for Standards and Metrology of Georgia (GEOSTM)		The Physico-Chemical Reference Division of the Institute of Metrology is conducting stabilization of reference materials - homogeneity studies in accordance with the ISO 17034 standard.
3.2.3 Update/improve the existing status of GEOSTM in European Standardization Organizations CEN/CENELEC	More than 90% of European Standards adopted as Georgian standards	CEN/CENELEC report	LEPL – National Agency for Standards and Metrology of Georgia (GEOSTM)		As part of the work on implementing the criteria established for membership in the European standardization organizations (CEN/CENELEC) (CEN-CENELEC Guide 22 "Guide on the organizational structure and processes for the assessment of the membership criteria of CEN and CENELEC" edition 5, 2021-12), in accordance with the requirements of the Quality Management System (EN ISO 9001:2015) implemented in the Standards Department of the Agency, periodic monitoring of the implementation of the aforementioned criteria is actively carried out - in order to identify non-conformities and subsequently improve them.

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					According to the CEN/CENELEC report for the first quarter of 2025, the rate of harmonization of Georgian standards with European standards is 87.24%.
3.2.4 Creation of project for the implementation of the electronic risk assessment system	Developed technical specifications	DCFTA Implementation Report www.DCFTA.gov.ge	LEPL-Market Surveillance Agency		With the support of the European Union-funded twinning project (strengthening the capacities of the market surveillance agency in Georgia) for the implementation of the electronic risk assessment system the necessary technical specifications are being developed.
3.2.5 Implementation of the notification system of the accredited conformity	Prepared/approved action plan for the implementation of	annual report of the accreditation center;	LEPL - Georgian National		Curently, preparations is underway to find appropriate resources to implement the defined activties. In parallel, works is underway to select an EU country whose experience will be used to establish an appropriate system in Georgia.
3.2.6 Maintaining the recognition of the European Accreditation Cooperation (EA) and fully integrating the Accreditation Center into the daily activities of EA	Number of EA workshops and technical committees organized in Georgia Organization of EA MAC meeting in Georgia	Accreditation Center website www.gac.gov.ge EA website https://european-accreditation.org/about-ea/who-are-we/	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Centre		Organisation of the event is underway. A relevant web-page for the registration of participants has been prepared and distributed among MAC member organizations.
Objective 3.3.	Facilitate the training and adaptation of stakeholders, including economic operators for the implementation of related legislation				
3.3.1. Organizing meetings/seminars in Tbilisi and regions for interested parties,	At least 5 meetings /seminars to be held	DCFTA implementation report www.dcfta.gov.ge	LEPL – National Agency for Standards and Metrology of	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	On February 28, 2025 in Rustavi, and on March 21 in Gori, within the framework of the PTB project, an awareness-raising seminar was held on the topic: “Quality Infrastructure and Its Role in Business

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including small and medium-sized entrepreneurs, on the approximation of quality infrastructure with the EU			Georgia (GEOSTM) LEPL – Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Centre; LEPL Market surveillance agency	Development of Georgia	Development”, where employees of the Agency’s Standards Department and the Institute of Metrology, together with representatives of the LEPL Market Supervision Agency and the Unified National Accreditation Body - Accreditation Center, provided interested parties with information about the services available in the relevant field, news, future plans, and more. • On February 20-21, 2025, representatives of the LEPL Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology participated in the UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) project “Enabling Inclusivity by Mainstreaming Gender Throughout the Quality Infrastructure for Trade”. • In February and March 2025, meetings were held with accredited laboratories in the fields of pressure, mass, temperature, and electricity, where representatives of the Agency's Metrology Institute shared information on international calibration guidelines with them. In total, both events were attended by representatives of about 60 organizations.
3.3.2. Organize trainings for accredited conformity assessment bodies in the fields of standards related to their activities.	Number of organized trainings (3 at least) Number of conformity assessment bodies presented at the trainings	Annual Report of the agency; www.gac.gov.ge	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Centre	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025

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3.3.3. Awareness raising on accreditation rules and procedures among representatives of the executive, legislative and judicial bodies	Number of organized trainings and number of representatives of executive, legislative and judicial bodies	Annual Report of the agency; www.gac.gov.ge	LEPL - Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Centre	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025
Objective 3.4.	Capacity building of the relevant state institutions				
3.4.1. Raising qualifications of the staff in the field of quality Infrastructure	Number of seminars/ trainings conducted (at least 5)	DCFTA Implementation report www.DCFTA.gov.ge	LEPL – National Agency for Standards and Metrology of Georgia (GEOSTM) LEPL – Georgian National accreditation body – Accreditation Centre; LEPL Market surveillance agency		<p>Within the Twinning Project 'Advancing the Capacities of the Market Surveillance Agency of Georgia', the Agency's staff participated in a training on directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits.</p> <p>In addition, in order to share best European practices, Polish and German experts conducted 2 training sessions for the agency's employees on communication with consumers, businesses and other stakeholders.</p> <p>February 25, presentation on the topic "Documented information in accordance with the SST EN ISO 9001 standard" for the persons involved in the Standards Department and the Quality Management System. On March 25-27, 2025, employees of the Agency's Standards Department and the Institute of Metrology visited the city of Chisinau, Moldova, for the PTB project "Quality Standards for Increased Trade in the Eastern Partnership Countries" Regional Seminar for</p>

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					<p>EaP Countries on the topic: "Exploring the Potential for Future Regional Cooperation".</p> <p>Metrology:</p> <p>On January 23, representatives of the Institute of Metrology of the Agency participated in the online webinar “Current status of accelerator neutron source and dosimetry for boron neutron capture therapy”</p> <p>On January 24, February 10, seminars were held on the topic CABUREK Talk and Digitalisation – opportunities and challenges”</p> <p>On January 27-31, within the framework of a project funded by PTB, a visit of a German expert was carried out and training was conducted on the automation of measurements of the state standard of power and energy using the relevant ZERA software.</p> <p>On February 6, 2025, a training was held on the use of the KCDB 2.0 platform for international comparisons - online technical exchange.</p> <p>On February 10-13, a representative of the Institute of Metrology participated in the online training “Evolving needs in metrology. Metrology for Food and Food Safety”</p> <p>Representatives of the Agency’s Institute of Metrology participated in the training held on February 24-28 - “Proficiency Testing in Georgia – Introduction to EN ISO/IEC 17043:2023”</p> <p>On March 19, an online training “Building legal frameworks for a future-proof Quality Infrastructure” was organized by PTB/UNIDO.</p> <p>On March 21, 2025, a meeting was held at the Accreditation Center of Georgia for invited experts on accreditation rules and procedures, where a representative of the Agency’s Institute of Metrology</p>

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					<p>participated.</p> <p>Within the reporting period, the employees of the Accreditation Center participated into the two events to improve their qualifications. The first one was held in Tbilisi and covered the topics related to accreditation of proficiency testing providers. Within the framework of the project, it is planned to develop an information manual related to the role of the organizations providing proficiency testing. Prepared manual will provide information to all accredited organizations how and why should they use proficiency testing services.</p> <p>Within the framework of the second event, the employees of the Accreditation Center were in the Republic of Moldova, where, together with representatives of the Eastern Partnership countries of the European Union, they participated into the discussions related to define priority directions for the accreditation systems in the coming years.</p> <p>Both events were funded by the German Federal Institute of Metrology.</p>
Objective 3.5.	Enforcement of the market surveillance in accordance with DCFTA obligations				
3.5.1 Conducting the market surveillance in the supervisory areas of agency based on risk analysis by the LEPL Market Surveillance Agency	At least 900 inspected products placed on the local market	DCFTA Implementation Report www.DCFTA.gov.ge	LEPL-Market Surveillance Agency		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 appliances burning gaseous fuel placed on the market were inspected; • 96 Construction Products placed on the market were inspected; • 10 PPE Products placed on the market were inspected; • Samples of 54 Construction Products were sent to the appropriate accredited laboratory. • Samples of 49 toys were sent to the appropriate accredited laboratory.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior notices of import of 1409 Construction products; • Prior notices of import of 883 Machinery products; • Prior notices of import of 353 PPE products; • Prior notices of import of 551 toys; • Prior notices of import of 545 appliances burning gaseous fuel; • 9 ordinances were issued on the restrictive measures; • 13 ordinances were issued on the imposition of a penalty;
3.5.2 Conducting the market surveillance and issuing relevant recommendations by the Agency in the recently approximated areas	Number of inspections performed (documentary and technical)	DCFTA Implementation Report www.DCFTA.gov.ge	LEPL-Market Surveillance Agency		This activity is planned to be implemented in the third and fourth quarters of this year.

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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	Georgia's legislation is approximated to 16 EU legal acts, referred to in Annex XI-B;	Annual report on the implementation of the action plan for the implementation of the DCFTA; dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Food Agency	<p>1. Implementing Decision 2012/697/EU was repealed and replaced by Regulation (EU) 2024/2013, on the basis of which a draft Resolution of the Government of Georgia "On restrictive measures to prevent the introduction and the spread within the county of the snails of the genus Pomacea" was prepared, which was sent to the relevant agencies for approval and further progress in the formation of the final version.</p> <p>2. On the basis of Directive 2003/91/EC, a draft Resolution of the Government of Georgia "On approval of the procedure for conducting tests on distinctness, uniformity and stability of new varieties of animals and/or plants" on amendment to Resolution of the Government of Georgia N587, dated on December 23th 2022 was prepared, which is subject to agreement with the relevant agency (LEPL Scientific-Research Center of Agriculture (SRCA).</p> <p>3. It is no longer necessary to develop a project based on Directive 93/50/EEC, since, in agreement with the Department of European Integration, the requirements of this directive meet the requirements established by Georgian legislation.</p> <p>4. It is no longer necessary to develop a new project based on Regulation (EU) 2020/1740, since the requirements of this regulation are already reflected in our legislation (Resolution of the Government of Georgia No. 22 of January 13, 2020 "On Approval of</p>

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					<p>the Technical Regulation - Regulations on Registration Examinations, Expertise and Registration of Pesticides and Agrochemicals in Georgia” amending Resolution N 443 of December 31, 2013 of the Government of Georgia) and are in line with the requirements of the European Union.</p> <p>5. Decree of the Government of Georgia of 9 November 2015 No. 567 was prepared in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 of 19 December 2006. Regulation No. 1881/2006 was repealed by the European Commission by Regulation (EU) 2023/915 of 25 April 2023, Accordingly, a draft Decree of the Government of Georgia on "Approval of Technical Regulations on Maximum Levels of Certain Contaminants in Food" was prepared.</p> <p>6. A draft decree of the Government of Georgia on the approval of the "Technical Regulation - Methods of sampling and analysis for the control of the levels of dioxins, dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls and non-dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls in certain foodstuffs" was prepared on the basis of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/644 of 5 April 2017 and Commission Recommendation 2013/711/EU of 3 December 2013.</p>
Objective 4.2.	Raising awareness of consumers and rights holders in business circles and civil society				
4.2.1. Increasing the awareness of the interested parties about the Georgian legislation approximated to	Number of conducted trainings, informational meetings and other events	Annual report on The implementation Of the action plan for the Implementation of the DCFTA;	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Food Agency	<p>1. On March 24, 2025, a meeting was held in Tbilisi with animal feed distributors on issues related to the rules for food additives used in animal feed and the rules for placing and labeling animal feed on the market. 11 business operators attended the meeting.</p> <p>2. On February 14, 2025, an online meeting was held</p>

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the EU legislation, and supporting entrepreneurs in adapting to the new requirements		dcfta.gov.ge			with business operators on the Resolution of the Government of Georgia of November 10, 2015 N581 "Technical Regulations on Microbiological Indicators of Food". 4 business operators attended the meeting.
Objective 4.3.	Strengthen the capacity and skills of the competent bodies				
4.3.1. Training of sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control specialists, updating the manual on a specific procedural issue	Number of conducted trainings and Participating specialists; Adopted procedural manual	Annual Report of the Revenue Service rs.ge	Revenue Service (Border contro directionl)	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia. National Food	<p>1. On February 20, 2025, a working meeting was held in Tbilisi with the authorities of the Customs Service regarding the entry into force of the rule on food additives in animal feed.</p> <p>2. On March 26, 2025, a meeting was held in Tbilisi with the competent service of the Customs Service regarding the provision of information on imported antimicrobial agents. A legislative document should be prepared to ensure the resolution of this issue.</p>
4.3.2. Training of employees of the relevant competent authority in legal drafting and implementation	Number of conducted trainings and other events	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture	<p>LEPL National Food Agency;</p> <p>LEPL – State Laboratory of Agriculture;</p> <p>LEPL- Revenue Service</p>	<p>1. On February 20, 2025, an online meeting was held with specialists of NFA on the state control plan and its implementation. Moreover, new legislative requirements developed within the framework of the DCFTA and the rules for their implementation were discussed.</p> <p>2. The following international trainings were held for authorized persons of the National Food Agency (NFA) in the first quarter of 2025:</p> <p>On January 13-17, 2025, in Malta, the Head of the Food Safety Department attended the training on “Food Improvement Agents” (BTSF training course “Food Improvement Agents”);</p> <p>On February 3-7, 2025, in Athens, Greece, the Head</p>

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					<p>of the Animal Food Division of the Food Safety Department and the Head of the Trade and Public Catering Division of the same department attended the training on “Food Improvement Agents” (BTSF Training Course “Food Improvement Agents”);</p> <p>• On February 9-22, 2025, in Rome, Italy, the Head of the Non-Animal Food and Beverage Division of the Food Safety Department attended training on “Sampling and Analysis Methods in the Context of Food Safety Control” (BTSF Training Course on Mycotoxins, Phase 2);</p> <p>• On February 11-13, 2025, in Tirana, Albania, the Senior Specialist of the Animal Origin Food Division of the Food Safety Department attended the Regional Seminar on “Animal Welfare” (WOAH);</p> <p>• On February, 16-21, 2025, in Valencia, Spain, the Senior Specialist of the Non-Animal Origin Food and Beverage Division of the Food Safety Department attended the “Food Contact Materials” (BTSF Training Course);</p> <p>• On March 10- 21, 2025, in Madrid, Spain, a Senior Specialist of the Food and Beverages of Non-Animal Origin Division of the Food Safety Department attended the training on “Sampling and Analysis Methods in the Context of Food Safety Control” (BTSF Training Course Phase 2. Course 1 - Mycotoxins).</p> <p>3. On February 14 and 17, 2025, the meetings were</p>

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					<p>held online, within the framework of which the Resolution of the Government of Georgia N581 dated on November 10, 2015 "Technical Regulations on Microbiological Indicators of Food" was discussed. The meetings were attended by 57 authorized persons of the NFA.</p> <p>4. On March 27, 2025, a meeting was held in Tbilisi, where the project for initiating a risk assessment due to the consumption of various categories of food contaminated with nitrates was discussed. The meeting was attended by 35 authorized persons.</p> <p>5. On March 21 and 31, 2025, the meetings were held in Tbilisi on the development of a methodology for determining the priority of hazards. The meetings were attended by 36 authorized persons.</p> <p>6. On March 20- 21- 31, 2025, In Tbilisi, the trainings session was held with hotline operators on the standard operating procedure (SOP) for responding to messages received on the hotline. The trainings were attended by 53 authorized persons.</p> <p>7. On February 14, 2025, a meeting was held in Tbilisi to discuss the scientific conclusion on the health risk assessment of the Georgian population due to the consumption of milk and dairy products produced from raw milk containing aflatoxin M1 in Georgia within 2022-2023 and the draft risk management recommendations based on it. The meeting was attended by 20 authorized persons.</p> <p>8. On February 28, 2025, the training was held in Gori</p>

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					<p>on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Operating Procedure for Supervision • Standard Operating Procedure for Inspection • Standard Operating Procedure for Sampling • Standard Operating Procedure for Detection, Assessment and Determination of Sanctions for Violations • Standard Operating Procedure for State Food Safety Control <p>The training was attended by 21 authorized persons of the State Food Safety Service.</p> <p>9. On February 11, 2025, a training was held for authorized persons of the Tbilisi City Service on the topic - Functioning of State Control Mechanisms.</p> <p>10. Within the framework of the ENPARD IV project, on February 4-7, 2025, the training conducted by Czech experts on the topic "Pesticide Statistics/Traceability and Data Records, with an emphasis on the requirements of Regulations (EC) No 1185/2009 and 2022/2379" was attended by employees of the Plant Protection Department of the National Food Agency.</p> <p>11. On February 7-9 and February 20-21, 2025, within the framework of the targeted sub-program, trainings were held in the regions of Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti and Mtskheta-Mtianeti for phytosanitary officers of the Tbilisi City Service and regional departments.</p> <p>10 specialists from SLA have participated in the</p>

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					training - Proficiency Testing in Georgia - Introduction to EN ISO/IEC 17043-2023.
4.3.3 Establishment and/or expanding the field of accreditation of new laboratory diagnostics methods in sanitary and phytosanitary direction	15 testing methods established and/or accredited in the laboratory, which will later be added to the list (price list) of laboratory services (tests)	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action Plan dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environmental Protection And Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL – State Laboratory of Agriculture	<p>3 methods were established in Plant Disease Diagnostics Department:</p> <p>1. Morphological identification of <i>Anoplophora cinensis</i></p> <p>2. Morphological-morphometric characterization and identification of <i>Xiphinema vuittenezi</i></p> <p>3. Morphological identification of Henbane (<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i> L).</p> <p>1 method was established in Food Testing department:</p> <p>1. Determination of aflatoxin B1 in animal feed</p>
Objective 4.4.	Implementation of sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control				
4.4.1 Implementation of sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border control procedures	Number of implemented sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary border procedures	The results of the implemented procedures are reflected in the control acts - in the corresponding software module	Revenue Service	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia. National Food Agency	<p>Veterinary border control – 4 448 consignment</p> <p>Phytosanitary border control – 6 516 consignment</p> <p>Border control of food/feed of non-animal origin – 1 852 consignment</p>
Goal 5.	Approximation with the EU legislation and the EU best practice in the field of customs				
Objective 5.1.	Further approximation of the Georgia's Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) program with that of the EU				
5.1.1. Capacity development of the AEO program	Technical assistance meetings organized for the purposes of the AEO program	Annual Report of the Revenue Service rs.ge	Revenue Service		Process is underway to identify development partner organizations for the purposes of organizing AEO program capacity development technical assistance meeting. Two new AEOs (one of which is AEO-S)

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	capacity development				registered in Q1, with one additional economic operator undergoing evaluation.
Objective 5.2.	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)				
5.2.1 Launch of the “New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)”	The “New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)” is launched	Annual Report of the Revenue Service; www.rs.ge https://www.ncts.rs.ge/#/home	Revenue Service	Ministry of Finance of Georgia	New computerized transit system launched on February 1, 2025
5.2.2 Upgrade of “New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)” (Phase 6)	The “New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)” has been updated according to Phase 6 specifications	Annual Report of the Revenue Service www.rs.ge https://www.ncts.rs.ge/#/home	Revenue Service	Ministry of Finance of Georgia	Communication was established with the EU Commission in order to determine the relevant activities to be implemented
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. Update Annex XV-B and Annex XV-C of the Association Agreement	Updated Annex XV-B and Annex XV-C	matsne.gov.ge dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	National Communications Commission of Georgia	An agreement has been reached with the European Commission to amend XV-B Rules applicable to telecommunication services) and XV-C (rules applicable to postal and courier services) of the Association Agreement. A decision has been made by both parties regarding the amendments. However, the further legal procedures for reflection of the amendments have been suspended
6.1.2. Approximation of Georgia's electronic communications	Elaborated drafts of legislative changes	dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	National Communicatio	Draft of amendments to the Georgian Law "On Electronic Communications" has been prepared, with

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legislation to the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC)			Development of Georgia	ns Commission of Georgia	<p>The aim of aligning it with the European Parliament following directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2002/58/EC of 12 July 2002 concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (Directive on privacy and electronic communications); • 2002/20/EC of 7 March 2002 on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services (Authorisation Directive); • 2002/19/EC of 7 March 2002 on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities (Access Directive); • 2002/21/EC of 7 March 2002 on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Framework Directive). <p>Herewith, a draft amendment to the Georgian Law "On Electronic Communications" has been prepared in accordance with the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC) in order to introduce universal telecommunications service.</p> <p>However, following to the negotiations with the European Commission it is planned to update Annex XV-B, under which the issues defined by the above Directives will be implemented in accordance with the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC). A decision has been made to update Annex</p>

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					XV-B. However, further legal procedures for reflection of the amendments have been suspended.
6.1.3 Implementing the recommendation of the European Commission's 2024 Enlargement Report (to develop an overarching digital strategy, in line with the EU strategies Shaping Europe's Digital Future and the 'Digital Compass')	Approval of the 2025- 2027 National Strategy for the Development of the Digital Economy and Information Society of Georgia for 2025-2030 and the 2025-2027 Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Strategy.	The Legislative Herald of Georgia matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		The Strategy for the Development of the Digital Economy and Information Society of Georgia for 2025-2030 and “Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Development of the Digital Economy and Information Society of Georgia for 2025-2030 for 2025-2027 were prepared and approved by the Resolution of the Government of Georgia No. 49 of February 21, 2025 "On approval of the Strategy for the Development of the Digital Economy and Information Society of Georgia for 2025-2030 and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Development of the Digital Economy and Information Society of Georgia for 2025-2030 for 2025-2027". The Strategy and its Action Plan have been elaborated in accordance with the EU strategies - Shaping Europe's Digital Future and the "Digital Compass".
6.1.4 Approximation of the postal legislation of Georgia to the legislation of the European Union.	Adopted the law of Georgia „on Post”	The Legislative Herald of Georgia matsne.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development		Following to the negotiations with the European Commission an agreement has been reached to update Annex XV-C (a decision has been made, and further legal procedures for reflecting the amendments were planned, which have been suspended), under which Georgia would undertake harmonization commitments on cross-border parcel delivery services Regulations ((EU) 2018/644, (EU) 2018/1263) in addition to the Directives 97/67/EC amended by Directives 2002/39/EC, 2008/6/EC. However, within the framework of the TA of the Facility for the Implementation of the EU – Georgia Association Agreement, the latter has already been reflected in the draft Postal Law.

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					The draft Postal Law and its accompanying laws are planned to be submitted to the Government of Georgia in the nearest period
Goal 7.					
Objective 7.1.					
7.1.1. Implementation of legislative changes in the field of public procurement in accordance with the Annexes, XVI-C, XVI-D, XVI-E, XVI-F, XVI-G XVI- H, XVI-I, XVI-J, XVI-K of the Association Agreement	Adopted legislative amendments	The Legislative Herald of Georgia matsne.gov.ge	LEPL SPA, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL PPP Agency		<p>In order to fully harmonize the new Law with the EU directives, State Procurement Agency has been actively working to reflect final recommendations and remarks made at the DG GROW and DG DEFIS of the European Commission.</p> <p>According to the obligations under the Association Agreement signed between Georgia and European Union, the State Procurement Agency has started the approximation process with the EU Utilities Directive. For this purpose, within the framework of the EU-funded AA Facility Implementation project, an international expert prepared a draft law aimed at legal approximation with the EU utility Directive. In order to fully approximate the draft law with the EU Utilities Directive, all the remarks made by OECD/SIGMA experts have been reflected in the draft law. Currently, SPA is actively working to reflect comments made by the DG GROW of the European Commission in the draft law.</p>
7.1.2. Development of secondary legislation -	Drafted relevant secondary legislation	procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL SPA		The State Procurement Agency is actively working to develop secondary legislation based on the new Law

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subordinate normative acts based on the Law on Public Procurement	- subordinate normative acts				<p>on “Public Procurement”, which has to be adopted by January 1, 2027.</p> <p>According to the requirements determined by the Law of Georgia on Personal Data Protection and Law of Georgia on Public Procurement and its normative acts, SPA has adopted a Policy Document on Personal Data Protection. Policy Document envisages personal data processing/protection to be carried out in accordance with the norms and requirements of the law in unified electronic system of State Procurement Agency.</p>
7.1.3. Based on the law on Public Procurement, developing of manuals, methodological guidelines and instructions	Published methodological guidelines, manuals and instructions	E-Newsletter of the SPA; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL SPA		State Procurement Agency continues to develop new manuals, methodological guidelines, and instructions that aim to raise awareness of new procurement procedures and instructions, as well as new provisions.
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, e-modules and opportunities introduced in the Unified System of Public Procurement;	Test mode of the Modernized Unified System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement; Electronic Government procurement system); Annual Report of	LEPL SPA	<p>LEPL Digital Governance Agency of the Ministry of Justice;</p> <p>LEPL Financial-Analytical Service of the</p>	Development of new e-services, procedures and tools of the Unified System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement) has been continuously ongoing. It envisages to further advance existing electronic system and ensure adoption of best European practices.

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		the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the SPA; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge		Ministry of Finance	
Objective 7.3.	Human resource development in the field of public procurement				
7.3.1. Conduct training sessions 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 in total.	Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the SPA; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL SPA	GIZ	Representatives from the State Procurement Agency participated in the MATRA Rule of Law Training Program in Hague, Netherlands in March 10-21, 2025. The program is supported by Helsinki Committee, Leiden Law School and The Hague Academy, which aims to strengthen institutional capacity in the field of rule of law.
7.3.2. Conduct training sessions for the procuring organizations, economic operators and other interested parties according to the new Law on Public	Number of trained staff of procuring authorities, economic operators and interested parties: 15 classes during 2025 academic year, total of 320 participants	Annual Report of the State Procurement Agency; E-Newsletter of the State Procurement Agency; procurement.gov.ge; spa.ge	LEPL SPA	GIZ; Chamber of Commerce and Industry, business associations	<p>Since January to March 2025, 4 training courses on the "State Procurement Course" were held at the training center of the State Procurement Agency.</p> <p>Within the scope of above courses, total of 103 specialists were trained, who operate as procurement specialists at various public authorities and its' subordinate LEPL's and LTD's, at local self-government bodies and its' Non-Entrepreneurial Non-Commercial Legal Entities. After completion of the courses based on the written test results, participants were awarded with Certificates of attendance.</p>

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Goal 8.	Approximation to the 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, private sector, as well as, for judges and lawyers	Number of organized trainings (At least five trainings/seminars/working meetings.)	Sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”	LEPL High School of Justice	The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025
8.1.2 In accordance with the 2024 EU Enlargement Report on Georgia, negotiations are to begin for accession to the European Patent Convention.	Request sent to the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation regarding the initiation of negotiations	Sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		The procedure for launching negotiations was clarified, which was also generally discussed at the working meeting with the European Patent Office (EPO). To initiate the negotiation process, Sakpatenti is consulting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and other relevant official agencies.
Objective 8.2.	Institutional strengthening of the LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti				
8.2.1. Holding trainings and workshops for Sakpatenti employees; Organizing bilateral meetings and seminars with third country governments and industrial associations to share best practices and	Number of meetings and trainings organized for employees (at least 5 trainings/working meetings/seminars)	Sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		On February 7-8, 2025 the closing event of the joint Georgian-Swiss Intellectual Property Project (GESIP) was held. The event was attended by representatives of the National Intellectual Property Center – “Sakpatenti”, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, the National Food Agency of Georgia, the Georgian Accreditation Center, the National Wine Agency of Georgia and the Embassy of Switzerland. At the event the importance of improvement of user services in the field of intellectual property protection and

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experience of developed countries					<p>development of effective mechanisms of protection of geographical indications was highlighted, attention was also focused on the success achieved as a result of close cooperation within the project and the role of institutional strengthening of intellectual property in the socio-economic development of the country. During the meeting, the representative of the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) spoke about Swiss experience related to coordination between the offices involved in registration and management of GIs.</p> <p>On February 26, 2025, in order to take into account the requirements of new Law of Georgia “On Personal Data Protection” and to ensure the uniform practice of personal data protection, a one-day training session was held at Sakpatenti, implemented in cooperation with the Personal Data Protection Service. The training was attended by 21 staff members, including Sakpatenti Personal Data Protection Officer and the top and middle management officials.</p>
8.2.2 Scientific-technical processing of material documents formed in the process of Sakpatenti activity in 1992-2017 and digitization.	Processing/digitization of documents will be implemented in 3 stages: III stage by the end of 2025 scientific-technical processing of 100% of the total number of documents of the Department of Inventions and	Sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		<p>Document processing/digitization is underway according to the plan.</p> <p>During the reporting period, the following was carried out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scientific and technical processing of documents of the Department of Inventions and New Varieties and Breeds for 1997 – a total of 600 files; 2. Digitization of documents of the Department of Inventions and New Varieties and Breeds for 1994 – in total, 70 files (2540 sheets).

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	New Varieties and Breeds of 1997-2007 (10 years), including 100% digitization, 100% processing and 80% digitization of documents of the Trademark Department of 1994-1996 (3 years).				
Objective 8.3.					
8.3.1 Determination of regulatory framework regarding the qualification examination of patent attorneys in accordance with the European best practice	Determination and approval of the form, rule and program (examination issues) of conducting the qualification examination by the order of the Chairman of Sakpatenti. Organization of qualification exam (at least 1)	Sakpatenti.gov.ge Matsne.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		<p>The following were approved by the orders of the Chairman of Sakpatenti:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Order №13 of the Chairman of the Legal Entity of Public Law – National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti of January 31, 2025 “On Approval of the Rule, Conditions of Compulsory Insurance of Professional Responsibility of the Patent Attorney of Georgia and the Minimum Insurance Amount”; Order №12 of the Chairman of the Legal Entity of Public Law – National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti of January 31, 2025 “On Approval of the Rule of Keeping the Register of Patent Attorneys of Georgia, the Form and Rule of Issuing the Certificate of Patent Attorney of Georgia”; Order №11 of the Chairman of the Legal Entity of Public Law – National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti of January 31, 2025

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					“On Approval of the Form, Rule of Conducting the Qualification Examination of Patent Attorneys of Georgia and the Examination Program, the Form and Rule of Issuing the Document Confirming Passing the Qualification Examination of Patent Attorneys of Georgia – Certificate”.
Objective 8.4.					
8.4.1 Conduct trainings, information meetings and workshops to raise public awareness	Number of conducted trainings and workshops (at least five trainings/information meetings)	Sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		<p>On February 20, 2025, Sakpatenti participated in the Youth Literary Camp. Within the Youth Literary Camp, held in Telavi, Head of Sakpatenti Legal Department, delivered a presentation for the participants of the Camp and spoke about the importance of Sakpatenti activity and intellectual property. Debates were held on the issues related to copyright protection as well as the legislative changes carried out at Sakpatenti recently and ongoing reforms.</p> <p>On February 6, 2025, Sakpatenti awarded the finalist team “BEES” of the Millennium Innovation Award 2024. Sakpatenti is actively engaged in implementation of various events aimed at the development of innovations and technologies, including the Millennium Innovation Award. Sakpatenti cooperates with the Millennium Foundation over the years and from 2014 – establishment of the competition – is represented in the jury and has participated in evaluation of the challenge projects and selection of the winning teams.</p> <p>On January 24, 2025, International Excellence School (IES) was opened at Kutaisi International University (KIU), dedicated to Intellectual Property Rights. Mr.</p>

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					Soso Giorgadze, Chairman of Sakpatenti, attended the opening event of the International Excellence School (IES) at KIU, and addressed the audience. The international and local experts invited to the academic area of the International Excellence School discussed the role and importance of intellectual property, workshops and practical sessions of various types were also delivered.
8.4.2. Publication of information booklets and flyers	Number of published information materials	Published booklets and flyers	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		In total, 65 items of informational materials were printed: 1. Journal “Georgian Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications” (English version) – Format: 21X27, 160 pages, 40 copies 2. Booklet “Creative Diary” – Format: A4, 28 pages, 25 copies
Objective 8.5.					
8.5.1. Conducting workshops and seminars for owners of intellectual property rights and stakeholders to raise awareness	Number of workshops and trainings for owners and stakeholders (at least 3 trainings/seminars and/or working meetings);	Sakpatenti.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025
Objective 8.6.	Intellectual property legislation harmonization with EU’s standards				
8.6.1. Harmonization of the Law of Georgia “On Design” with Directive 98/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13	Preparation of Draft Law of Georgia “On Making Amendments to the Law of Georgia “On Design” and submission to the	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action plan dcfta.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		The draft law of Georgia on Amendments to the Law of Georgia 'On Design' was sent to the Administration of the Government of Georgia for consideration on March 27, 2025, and is currently undergoing approval procedures with the ministries.

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October 1998 on the legal protection of designs	Government for initiation				
8.6.2. Preparation of Gap analysis and draft amendments to be made to the Law in order to approximate the Law of Georgia “On Copyright and Related Rights” with the EU legislation related to protection of copyright and related rights	Preparation of Gap analysis document. Preparation of the Draft Law of Georgia “On Making Amendments to the Law of Georgia “On Copyright and Related Rights” and submission to the Government for initiation	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action plan dcfta.gov.ge	LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti”		At this stage a draft comparative analysis (Gap Analysis) has been prepared, which includes detailed assessment of the compliance of Georgian legislation with EU directives. Currently, based on this analysis, work is underway on a draft Law on Making Amendments to the Law of Georgia on Copyright and Related Rights.
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 meetings on the current issues of competition policy	Number of seminars and information meetings held (at least 3)	Annual report of the agency, www.gcca.gov.ge	LEPL Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency		In the first quarter of 2025, the Agency, with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science, and Youth, organized five awareness-raising meetings on competition and consumer protection policy. These events took place in five different public schools across Georgia and were specifically aimed at engaging ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities.

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9.1.2. Organizing seminars and meetings for representatives of the private sector on the use of anti-dumping measures	Number of seminars and information meetings held (at least 1)	Annual report of the agency, www.gcca.gov.ge	LEPL Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency		The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025
Objective 9.2.	Improving the qualification of employees				
9.2.1. Organizing trainings / seminars / study visits on current issues of competition policy	Number of trainings / seminars / study visits conducted (at least 3)	Annual report of the agency, www.gcca.gov.ge	LEPL Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency		In the first quarter of 2025, Agency representatives participated in five events focused on current issues in competition policy, organized by UNCTAD, ICN, and OECD-GVH. Additionally, Agency representatives attended a training session on the protection of personal data in the course of administrative proceedings, including during case investigations.
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 (at least 1)	Annual report of the agency, www.gcca.gov.ge	LEPL Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency		
Objective 9.3.	Approximation regulatory acts of competition policy with EU legislation				
9.3.1 Implementing amendments to regulatory legal acts in the field of competition policy (primary and secondary legislation) to ensure	Amended/Adopted Legal Acts	Georgian legislative herald, Annual report of the agency, www.gcca.gov.ge	LEPL Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency		The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025

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harmonization with EU legislation					
Goal 10.	Promoting sustainable development				
Objective 10.1.	Sustainable management of natural resources and contribution to the conservation				
10.1.1 Conducting research on priority species in the Black Sea area (European anchovy, Trachurus, Merling, Black Sea turbot, Rapana, Mullus) within the framework of close and continuous cooperation between the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and FAO/GFCM. Research on demersal species across the Black Sea within the framework of the FAO/GFCM BlackSea4Fish project. Start the process of harmonization of hydroacoustic survey methods. Conduct regional trainings within the framework	Number of studies carried out within the BlackSea4Fish project on relevant fish species, assessment of the degree of uniformity of hydro acoustic survey methods and the success of the process, as a result of the harmonization process, improvement of the monitoring system and standardization of data collection methods. Intensity of cooperation with FAO/GFCM countries and their support for the implementation of the methods, number of meetings	Annual implementation of DCFTA action plan Report dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Environmental Agency; State Sub-Agency Department of Environmental Supervision	<p>Under the framework of the Grant Agreement signed on September 11, 2024, between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and National Environmental Agency of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, a four-day marine expedition was conducted in January-February 2025. The expedition involved bottom trawling using a standardized demersal trawl to study populations of red mullet, whiting, turbot, and dogfish in Georgian waters (GSA 29). Also, a hydroacoustic survey was conducted on the Kapshia.</p> <p>As a result of the studies carried out on the mentioned priority species within the framework of the BlackSea4Fish project, accurate and up-to-date data on the distribution, number, ecological status, migration and habitats have been accumulated. Common standards for hydroacoustic methods have been developed. GFCM's Data Collection Platform (DCRF) is regularly loaded with all available requested data.</p> <p>From March 4-7, 2025, a working meeting was held in Batumi with the support of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM). The purpose of the meeting was to initiate the harmonization of hydroacoustic survey methods among Black Sea countries. The event took place at</p>

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of cooperation with FAO/GFCM	and trainings, experience gained				<p>the Batumi office of the LEPL National Environmental Agency, with active participation from the Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Biodiversity Department staff.</p> <p>On March 18-19, 2025, staff from the Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Biodiversity Department of the LEPL National Environmental Agency participated in a seminar focused on implementing a legislative framework for registering the small-scale fishing (SSF) fleet in Georgia and improving data collection processes.</p>
10.1.2 Promotion of trade in wood products produced as a result of sustainable forest management	15 additional business yards are functioning in the country	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	LEPL National Forestry Agency	<p>For the proper functioning of business service yards, 15 business yards were fully staffed in three regions of Georgia: Guria, Kakheti and Tianeti. 105 employees are employed in the mentioned business yards in the following positions: manager, operator, assistant specialist (driver), assistant specialist (worker), and guard.</p> <p>Moreover 3,632m3 of timber resources is stored in Kakheti, Guria and Mtskheta-Mtianeti regions, specifically in following municipalities: Akhmeta, Dedoplistskharo, Telavi, Kvareli, Lanchkuti, Ozurgeti, Chokhatauri, and Tianeti.</p>
Objective 10.2.	Fulfillment of the International Obligations/Agreements related to Climate Change				
10.2.1 Preparation of the 2024 implementation report of the Climate Change Action Plan (2024-2025) for the implementation of the	Yearly report of the Climate Change Action Plan (2024-2025) is presented to the Administration of the Government of Georgia.	Website of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia www.mepa.gov.ge	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		The 2024 report on the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Action Plan (2024–2025) has been prepared and submitted to the Administration of the Government of Georgia. Once the received comments are reflected into the document, the report will be published on the Ministry's website.

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Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)					
10.2.2 Kick off the updating of Georgia's Climate Change Action Plan (2026-2028)	At least 2 working groups are formed. First draft of Action Plan is elaborated.	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action plan dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		The updated Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan of Georgia are instruments for achieving the goals set out in the 3rd cycle of Georgia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0). Accordingly, the direct development of these documents will begin after the approval of NDC 3.0. At this stage, the technical terms of reference for the project designated for the development of the documents are being prepared.
10.2.3 Initiation of updating of Georgia's Climate Change 2030 Strategy for the implementation the updated NDC 3.0	Experts have been selected for the update of the Georgia's Climate Change 2030 Strategy At least 2 working groups have been formed.	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action plan dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		The updated Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan of Georgia are instruments for achieving the goals set out in the 3rd cycle of Georgia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0). Accordingly, the direct development of these documents will begin after the approval of NDC 3.0. At this stage, the technical terms of reference for the project designated for the development of the documents are being prepared.
10.2.4 Development and Adoption of the updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0)	Updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) is presented to the United Nations Framework Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC)	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action plan dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		The draft version of the document for the 3rd cycle of Georgia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) has been developed. Meetings were held with relevant state agencies to present the background for the development of the document and to agree on the messages outlined in the document. A public meeting is planned to be held in April of this year, where NDC 3.0 will be presented to various stakeholders. After that, the document will be agreed with the Climate Change Council and submitted to the Government of Georgia for approval.

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	Secretariat				
10.2.5 Start the development of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) on Climate Change	<p>A detailed work plan for the preparation of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) for climate change has been developed.</p> <p>A governance and coordination mechanism has been established</p>	Annual report on the implementation of the DCFTA National Action plan dcfta.gov.ge	Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		The project has gone through internal procedures to develop a National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and has received approval from the Government of Georgia for its implementation. The development of the project's terms of reference has been completed - a tender is planned to be announced to select a company (consortium) to implement the project.
Objective 10.3.	Ensuring the protection of labor rights in accordance with international standards				
10.3.1 Awareness raising of employers and employees about Labour Norms	<p>Number of consultations provided through information/worki ng meetings and hotline (1575);</p> <p>Number of prepared thematic materials;</p>	Annual report of the Labour Inspection office - www.lio.moh.gov.ge	LEPL - Labour Inspection Office	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	<p>LEPL-Labor Inspection office's (LIO) Consultation Center/Hotline (1575) provided consultations through the 2,627 incoming calls.</p> <p>An electronic version of 17 booklets were developed in Georgian language within the framework of the EU Twinning Project and was uploaded to the official website of LIO.</p> <p>In addition, 6 videos prepared within the framework of the electronic training course developed in 2024 regarding the HARMFUL AND/OR HAZARDOUS WORK FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, WOMEN IN THE POST-PARTUM PERIOD AND NURSING MOTHERS and were disseminated through the LIO's YouTube channel and webpage.</p>

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					<p>1 video was disseminated through the social network, on the principle of equal treatment of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>2 information meetings were held with the representatives of the business sector.</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, number of printed and distributed booklets. Within the mandate, facts of violations of labour rights of minors are recorded and relevant administrative offense reports developed	www.lio.moh.gov.ge	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	LEPL - Labour Inspection Office	LEPL - Labor Inspection Office carried out 1143 activities (initial and follow up inspections until the elimination of violations, monitoring), which covered 800 facilities within the scope of primary supervision. The activities also include control over the implementation of labor rights of minors, as a result of which a violation of the aforementioned right was detected at 1 facility and 1 administrative violation protocol was issued.
10.3.3 Institutional development of the LEPL- Labour Inspection Office	<p>Number of measures taken to increase the capacity of labour inspectors</p> <p>Number of measures/events carried out for the capacity building of the labour</p>	<p>Annual report of the Labour Inspection Office</p> <p>-</p> <p>www.lio.moh.gov.ge</p>	LEPL - Labour Inspection Office	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	<p>During the reporting period, an electronic training course on HARMFUL AND/OR HAZARDOUS WORK FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, WOMEN IN THE POST-PARTUM PERIOD AND NURSING MOTHERS was technically implemented and became available to labor inspectors.</p> <p>2 trainings were conducted on 2 thematic issues.</p>

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	inspectors (guidelines, trainings)				
10.3.4 Functioning of the LEPL - Labour Inspection Office in accordance with the extended mandate defined by the legislation	<p>Not less than 2000 inspections are carried out and as a result of the inspections workplaces are inspected</p> <p>Scheduled and unscheduled inspections are carried out at workplaces As a result of inspections relevant recommendations and administrative offense reports are issued</p>	Annual report of the Labour Inspection Office - www.lio.moh.gov.ge	LEPL - Labour Inspection Office	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	<p>LEPL - Labor Inspection Office carried out 1143 activities (initial and follow up inspections until the elimination of violations, monitoring), which covered 800 facilities within the scope of primary supervision.</p> <p>In accordance with the violations identified as a result of the inspections carried out, LIO issued 6,387 instructions to the facilities and drew up 806 administrative violation protocols.</p>
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 March 19, 2025, a meeting of the Tripartite Commission on Social Partnership was convened. During the session, among other agenda items, the Commission reviewed and approved the 2025–2026 Action Plan of the Tripartite Commission on Social Partnership.

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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. Effective functioning of the DCFTA website	Number of website visitors; Number of published draft legislative acts	www.DCFTA.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		During the first quarter of 2025, the website was visited by 2,500 new users. In addition to Georgia, visitors came from the United States, Germany, China, Turkey, and other countries. The visits were made to the website www.dcfta.gov.ge
11.1.2. Organizing meetings of the DCFTA Consultative Group to engage and inform civil society, business representatives and non- governmental organizations in the DCFTA implementation process	At least 1 meeting to be held	Annual report on Implementation of DCFTA national action plan www.DCFTA.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		During the first quarter of 2025, no requests were made by the DCFTA Consultative Group to organize a meeting
11.1.3 Thematic meetings with representatives of business, NGOs, local authorities, academia and other interested parties to raise awareness about the DCFTA	Number of meetings held	Annual report on Implementation of DCFTA national action plan www.DCFTA.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025
Objective 11.2.	Improving the functioning of a coordination mechanism for timely and successful implementation of the undertaken obligations				
11.2.1. Organizing Inter-	At least 1 meeting to be held	Annual report on Implementation	Ministry of Economy and		The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025

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Agency Sub-Committee meetings on the Implementation of the DCFTA		of DCFTA national action plan www.DCFTA.gov.ge	Sustainable Development of Georgia		
11.2.2. Development of annual plans for the implementation of the DCFTA medium-term plan for 2024-2026	DCFTA Implementation 2026 Action Plan adopted	www.DCFTA.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		The activity is planned to be implemented in the 4 th quarter of 2025
11.2.3 Publishing the quarterly and annual reports on the 2025 DCFTA Implementation Action Plan	Reports on adopted DCFTA Implementation Action Plan	www.DCFTA.gov.ge	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia		The activity is planned to be implemented in the upcoming quarters of 2025