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| <b>Report on the Implementation of the DCFTA Implementation National Action Plan for 2019</b> |  |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>Trade in Goods</b>   |  |  |   |  |   |   |
| 1   | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters:</b><br>Further improvements in the area of trade statistics  | Processing external merchandise trade data by Broad Economic Categories (BEC Rev.4) on the most detailed (3-digit) level | Statistical data on external merchandise trade of Georgia are available by Broad Economic Categories (BEC Rev.4) on the 3-digit level | Statistical data on external merchandise trade with breakdown by Broad Economic Categories (BEC Rev.4) on the 3-digit level  | LEPL National Statistics Office of Georgia  | External merchandise trade statistics data by Broad Economic Categories (BEC Rev.4) at the most detailed (3-digit) level was published. Dynamic set covers the period of 2000-2019.   |
| 2   | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-related Matters:</b><br>Support Georgia in diversifying its export structure, including export of new products to the EU market | Provide assistance to entrepreneurs to foster their efficient participation within the EEN                               | Facilitate establishing new business ties between the representatives of Georgian and the EU SMEs                                     | The increased number of Georgian companies registered on the EEN platform;<br><br>The number of informative meetings organized in order to facilitate the participation of Georgian enterprises in the EEN | LEPL – Enterprise Georgia;<br><br>LEPL - Innovations and Technology Agency of Georgia;<br><br>Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry | During the reported period, one Romanian company expressed its interest to cooperate with one of the Georgian toy production companies through the EEN platform.<br><br>Ukrainian company expressed its interest to cooperate with the Georgian high-tech company – “Smart Ring”. The Ukrainian side was given the contact information of the company.<br><br>In addition, five Georgian companies were registered on the platform during 2019. More than 30 interested persons were consulted on platform-related matters.   |
| 3   |  | Support Georgian exporting companies to participate in international trade fairs and missions                            | Popularization of Georgian products on international markets;<br><br>New business ties and export diversification                     | The number of exporting companies participating in trade fairs and missions within the member states of the EU   | LEPL - Enterprise Georgia<br><br>Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia<br><br>LEPL - Georgian National Wine Agency                         | In total, in 2019, the Agency supported 102 cases of Georgian companies participating in 11 international exhibitions/events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An exhibition event (trade show) Play Time Paris on March 26-28, 2019, in Paris, France - children’s clothing production 2 Georgian companies;</li> <li>• In the food and beverage sector, the Agency organized and co-financed the participation of 19 Georgian companies in “IFE London 2019” (London, the United Kingdom) exhibition.</li> <li>• The Agency helped showcase clothing and</li> </ul> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>footwear created by 18 Georgian designers at the follow-up event of the “Paris Fashion Week” (Paris, France).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Georgian companies participated in the international exhibition in Florence, Italy “Pitti Immagine Bimbo”.</li> <li>• The Agency helped showcase the clothes and footwear made by 6 Georgian designers in the follow-up event of “Paris Fashion Week” (Resort Collection) in Paris, France.</li> <li>• 5 Georgian companies participated in an exhibition of the toy production companies “Spielwarenmesse” (Nuremberg, Germany).</li> <li>• The Agency also ensured (organized and co-financed) the participation of 4 local companies in PASSAGEN (Cologne, Germany), one of the most important international events in the furniture production sector.</li> <li>• The Agency helped showcase clothing and footwear created by 8 Georgian designers at the follow-up event of the “Paris Fashion Week” (Paris, France).</li> <li>• 10 Georgian winemakers attended the Women in Wine Expo Event in Amsterdam, Netherlands.</li> <li>• In the sector of Food&amp;Beverages, 18 Georgian companies exhibited their products at Anuga expo event, in Cologne, Germany.</li> <li>• 8 Georgian companies participated in the Food Ingredients exposition in Paris, France.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the agency co-financed/co-organized 66 cases of Georgian companies participating in 5 international events held outside of the European Union.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The agency supported the participation</li> </ul> |

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|   |  |   |   |   |                                      | <p>of 3 local leather accessories producer companies at a Leather international exposition APLF Leather and Materials in Hong-Kong;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In food and beverages sector, the agency co-financed the participation of 12 local companies on exhibition Gulfood 2019, held in Dubai, UAE;</li> <li>• The agency helped showcase the works of 8 Georgian designers, 2 mass producing companies and 1 national dressmaker at Fashion World Tokyo in Japan, Tokyo;</li> <li>• The agency supported the participation of 7 local companies at the food and beverages international exposition - Import Goods Fair – held in Seoul, South Korea.</li> <li>• 33 Georgian companies participated at the China International Import Expo in Shanghai, China.</li> </ul> |
| 4 |  | Supporting SMEs by providing technical assistance and/or broadening their access to finance | Newly established and/or expanded enterprises                                     | The number of newly established and/or expanded enterprises | LEPL - Enterprise Georgia            | In 2019, the agency Enterprise Georgia signed 144 leasing/loan interest subsidy contracts. These 144 projects include 85 factories and 59 hotels. The total investment volume of the 144 projects is GEL 288.6 mln., and the volume of loans issued by commercial banks exceeds GEL 166.3 mln. Upon completion, these projects are expected to create more than 2900 new jobs. In addition, 15 companies (12 factories, 3 hotels) benefited from the Technical Assistance component of the program.   |
| 5 |  | Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for SMEs  | In cooperation with the ETF, the Training Needs Assessment of SMEs is carried out | TNA for two newly identified sectors                        | LEPL - Enterprise Georgia            | The Agency no longer carries out TNA for SMEs after the structural reorganization of the agency.  |

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| 6   |   | Increase the awareness of beneficiaries of Enterprise Georgia and other stakeholders on DCFTA related issues   | Increased number of beneficiaries and other stakeholders informed about DCFTA related issues | number of beneficiaries and other stakeholders informed about DCFTA related issues | LEPL - Enterprise Georgia   | During 2019, 160 beneficiaries and stakeholders were consulted on DCFTA-related matters, among them: 10 toy producer enterprises; 50 apparel companies; 20 companies operating in Architecture and Design sector; 20 beneficiaries of the state programme of “Enterprise Georgia” and 60 other individual entrepreneurs. |
| <b>Technical Barriers to Trade, Standardization, Metrology, Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (TBT)</b> |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| 7   | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade- related Matters:</b> Developing legislation which Georgia committed to implement on the basis of the Association Agreement as provided in its Technical Barriers to Trade Strategy (TBT); | Adoption of relevant technical regulation in order to approximate with the Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis                               | Adopted Decree of the Government   | LEPL - Technical And Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) | “Technical regulation related to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres” was approved by the Governmental Decree №83 of February 6, 2020.<br><br>Harmonized standards of the directive have been adopted as Georgian standards.  |
| 8   |   | Adoption of relevant technical regulation in order to approximate with the Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment                                  | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis                               | Adopted Decree of the Government   | Georgian National Communications Commission;<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)                 | Within the EC Twinning project, a draft resolution on “Approval of Technical Regulations on Radio Equipment” was prepared with the involvement of European experts.<br><br>Harmonized standards of the directive have been adopted as Georgian standards.  |
| 9   |   | Adoption of relevant technical regulation in order to approximate with Directive 2008/43/EC of the   | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis                               | Adopted Decree of the Government   | LEPL - Technical And Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);  | The draft governmental decree approving “Technical regulation on the system for the identification and traceability of explosives” has been submitted to the Government of Georgia for approval.   |

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|    |  | European Parliament and of the Council relating to a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses  |  |                                  | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)   |   |
| 10 |  | Adoption of relevant technical regulation in order to approximate with the Regulation (EU) 2016/426 of the European Parliament and of the Council on appliances burning gaseous fuels | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis | Adopted Decree of the Government | LEPL - Technical And Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) | “Technical regulation on the Appliances burning gaseous fuels” was approved by the Governmental Decree №84 of February 6, 2020.<br><br>Harmonized standards of the directive have been adopted as Georgian standards. |
| 11 |  | Adoption of relevant technical regulation in order to approximate with the Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council on personal protective equipment    | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis | Adopted Decree of the Government | LEPL - Technical And Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) | “Technical regulation on the Personal protective equipment” was approved by the Governmental Decree №82 of February 6, 2020.<br><br>Harmonized standards of the directive have been adopted as Georgian standards.    |
| 12 |  | Adoption of relevant technical regulation in order to approximate with the Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery                            | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis | Adopted Decree of the Government | LEPL - Technical And Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;   | “Technical regulation on machinery” was approved by the Governmental Decree №85 of February 6, 2020.<br><br>Harmonized standards of the directive have been adopted as Georgian standards.                            |

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|    |  |   |  |   | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)  |  |
| 13 |  | Adoption of relevant technical regulation in order to approximate with the Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys                     | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis | Adopted Decree of the Government  | LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) | “Technical regulation on the safety of toys” was approved by the Governmental Decree №47 of January 20, 2020.<br><br>Harmonized standards of the directive have been adopted as Georgian standards.  |
| 14 |  | Revision of already approximated Georgian Legislation in order to check their compatibility with the repealed and recasted Directives and Regulations in Appendix III -A                | Georgian legislation is approximated to the relevant EU acquis | Adopted amendments to the relevant legislation in case of necessity     | LEPL - Technical And Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) | Within the framework of the Twinning Project already approximated legislation has been revised according to the recommendations of the EU experts in order to check their compliance with the repealed and recast Directives and Regulations in Annex III-A. The need for certain amendments were identified and relevant drafts have been prepared. |
| 15 |  | Adopt the International and European Standards as a Georgian Standards; Particularly the harmonized standards referred in sectoral directives, specified in Annex III-A (TBT) of the AA | Increased access to the International and European standards   | Number of international and European standards adopted as Georgian ones | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia   | As of 2019, the Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) has adopted and registered 2036 standards as Georgian standards (GES), among them:<br>➤ GES ISO (International Standard) - 71;<br>➤ GES IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission Standard) – 279;<br>GES EN (European Standard) - 1686.                          |
| 16 |  | Start preparatory procedures for approximation process  | The skills of Metrology Institute staff improved in            | Draft internal procedure is developed for 1 (one) selected measuring    | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);   | The process of translating Harmonized European Standard EN 45501 of the NAWI directive has been completed.   |

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|    |  | in the field of metrology with directives MID (Measuring Instruments Directive) and NAWI (Non-automatic weighing instruments)   | the fields defined by the directives;<br><br>Harmonized standards referred in these directives are adopted as Georgian standards                                      | instrument considering the requirements of MID or NAWI;<br><br>The European standard/s, harmonized with the MID and/or NAWI Directives and adopted as Georgian standard/s, priority standard/s are translated into Georgian language                            | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia  | There is an ongoing process of identifying a priority measuring instrument for developing a draft version of the internal procedure.<br><br>Activities to support the approximation process with mentioned directives are considered in the forthcoming EU twinning project, which is forecasted to start in the first half of 2020.  |
| 17 |  | Implement Quality Management System (QMS) in Standards Department of GEOSTM according to ISO 9001:2015 – finalise the process of elaboration of the quality management system documentation | Increased efficiency of the internal processes of the Agency and further improvement of the quality and efficiency of the services provided to the interested parties | elaborated QMS documentation based on the recommendations of European experts   | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia | Within the framework of the Twinning Project, based on recommendations of EU experts, the Standards Department of GEOSTM developed documents that are necessary to implement the Quality Management System in the Standards Department.   |
| 18 |  | Implementation of new SST ISO/IEC 17025:2017/2018 standard's requirements into GAC rules and procedures and start transition of the accreditation labs on the new version of the standard.  | Accreditation of the testing and calibration labs is conducted according the new version of the SST ISO/IEC 17025:2017/2018 standard                                  | Requirements of the new version of SST ISO/IEC 17025:2017/2018 standard is implemented into GAC rules and procedures and accreditation process of the accredited testing and calibration labs is carried out in accordance with the new version of the standard | LEPL – The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC)  | The GAC implemented a new international standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017/2018 within GAC rules and procedures and started the evaluation process based on the mentioned standard.<br><br>There are already several accredited testing labs and further assessments are in progress. There are ongoing works to further accredit testing and calibration labs according the new version of the SST ISO/IEC 17025:2017/2018 standard.<br><br>According to the plan, the process will be finalized by December 2020.<br><br>By the end of 2019, 26 laboratories, out of 80 accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025:2010 |

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| 19 |  | Extending scope of recognition by EA (European Cooperation for Accreditation) on the accredited medical labs                                | Accredited medical labs are recognized by EA. The number of applications in GAC from the labs are increased and customer confidence in accredited labs is increased too. | Evaluation is done by EA and new field of the accredited medical labs is recognized. | LEPL – The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC) | <p>standard, successfully moved to new version ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard.</p> <p>On October 2-3, 2019, at the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the EA Multilateral Accreditation Council (EA MAC) meeting, Georgian Accreditation Center was granted recognition in the area of medical laboratories and at the same time, the recognition of the European Accreditation is maintained until November 2022 in already recognized areas.</p> <p>Georgian Accreditation Center is a signatory of the EA Bilateral Agreement (EA BLA), since 2017, which implies recognition of the GAC is the scopes covered by the agreement. For maintaining recognition of EA, the agreement provides for a periodic assessment of accreditation bodies in compliance with international standards.</p>                                   |
| 20 |  | Sign MRA (Mutual Recognition Agreement) between ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) and Georgian Accreditation center | Accredited testing and calibration medical labs, persons, products certification and inspection bodies are internationally recognized                                    | MRA (Mutual Recognition Agreement) is signed between ILAC and GAC                    | LEPL – The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC) | <p>After official recognition of GAC from the EA (European Cooperation for Accreditation) in the November 2019, GAC has started relevant procedures to apply for the MRA signatory with the ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation). Request was sent related to the technical details, including provision of the relevant application forms.</p> <p>It was planned to apply for MRA by the end of the year 2019, but due to structural changes in ILAC procedures was delayed. According to the information provided by ILAC, the ILAC secretariat will provide updated application forms in January 2020. Conducted structural changes in ILAC, the affiliate membership status was abolished. Therefore GAC is obliged to change its status, from the affiliate to the associate in the ILAC</p> |



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| 21 |   | Implementation of the following standards in the accreditation scheme: ISO 50003, OHSAS 18001, ISO 14001.                        | New accreditation schemes are prepared according to ISO 50003, OHSAS 18001, ISO 14001 standards. With the implementation of ISO 50003, it is possible to estimate the energy efficiency of the buildings, OHSAS 18001 is an important standard for labor safety and ISO 14001 is an important standard for ecological management | New accreditation schemes are implemented in GAC rules and procedures according to ISO 50003, OHSAS 18001, ISO 14001 standards | LEPL – The Unified National Body of Accreditation – Accreditation Center (GAC)  | Georgian Accreditation Center is ready to carry out evaluation in accordance with ISO 50003:2014 and ISO 14001 standards. For this purpose, Georgian versions of these standards were purchased from Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology Center for the GAC assessors.  |
| 22 | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b><br>Developing infrastructure related to administration of standards, technical regulations, metrology, market surveillance, accreditation and conformity assessment procedures, including through EU support. | To continue the process of upgrading the equipment base of laboratories in priority fields in order to provide improved services | Availability of increased number of metrological services for interested entrepreneurs   | Procurement of additional new equipment for reference divisions/labs. in 2 (two) fields of measurements                        | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia | There is an ongoing process of equipping and modernizing the measurement standards base of reference laboratories. A digital manometer for pressure laboratory a digital temperature calibrator (thermostat) for the Temperature and Humidity reference division were purchased. By procuring the mentioned equipment, the Metrology Institute of GEOSTM fulfils recommendations received during the international peer evaluation of COOMET experts.<br><br>Moreover, as of 9 months of 2019, the pH meter and reference materials (solutions) for Phys-chemical reference division, as well as materials and parts that finalized the process of modernizing pH and Electrical Conductivity primary national measurements standards were procured.<br><br>A frequency measuring device, generator and digital multimeter has been purchased for the Radio physic, Optics and Acoustics Reference Division. |

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| 23 |  | Implement activities needed for maintaining/achieving international recognition of priority reference laboratories in the field of metrology  | Increase access to the metrological services for enterprises, laboratories, interested parties  | The number of CMC recordings on calibration and measuring capabilities of the country gradually increases in internationally recognized areas | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia | <p>In July, 2019 2 CMC (Calibration and Measurement Capabilities) of Radiation Metrology Division in the field of Dosimetry were published on BIPM data base, that means international recognition of mentioned services.</p> <p>The process of publishing CMCs of internationally recognized reference laboratories of Metrology Institute of GEOSTM in BIPM database KCDB continues in new field of measurements e.g. pressure, small volume, humidity, length. Furthermore, the extension of the range and the increase of number of CMCs in already recognized fields, such as electrical measurements, mass and temperature is in process.</p> <p>In order to maintain international recognition as well as to ensure traceability of measurements, the reference standards and measuring instruments of GEOSTM were calibrated abroad in National Metrology Institutes of the following countries: PTB (Germany), UkrMetrTestStandard (Kiev) and NNC Metrology Institute (Kharkov) Ukraine, CMI (Czech Republic), BelGIM (Belarus).</p> |
| 24 |  | Start the process of implementing the new version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – an essential standard for maintaining international recognition at the Metrology Institute's reference laboratories | Quality Management System, in accordance with the new version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, of the Metrology Institute of the Agency is internationally recognized | Review of the quality management system documentation is started for the introduction of a new version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard         | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia | <p>Metrology Institute of GEOSTM developed transition plan on new version of standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and submitted to COOMET Technical Committee on Quality on 30 of September 2019, which is mandatory condition for maintaining international recognition.</p> <p>Employees of the Institute of Metrology of GEOSTM participated in the training workshop organized under the auspices of the Regional Metrology Organization -</p>   |

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|    |  |  |                              |   |   | <p>COOMET, which was held in PTB (German National Metrology Institute) on February 4-8, "Implementing the updated requirements of the new version ISO/IEC 17025 in the Quality Management System of NMIs/DIs."</p> <p>The representative of the Metrology Institute of GEOSTM also took part in the seminar organized by the Regional Metrology Organization - COOMET for Quality Management Systems Auditors of NMIs/DIs, which was held on March 26-28 in Chisinau, Moldova.</p> <p>Within the framework of the PTB German regional project (Strengthening of food testing and Metrology in the countries of Southern Caucasus), a training was conducted on 18-20 June by a European expert for the staff of the Metrology Institute reference laboratories on requirements of the new ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 standard, regarding the quality management systems. Special attention was paid to the following requirements of the new version of the standard: "Impartiality," "Decision Rule," "Statement of Conformity," "Actions to address risks and opportunities."</p> |
| 25 |  | Development of information management system for GEOSTM Standards Department and Metrology Institute | Improved electronic services | Demo/Pilot version of the systems is developed and launched | LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia | <p>Within the framework of the Comprehensive Institutional Building program (CIB), a project "Support to the Georgian Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) on Information Management System" is being carried out.</p> <p>The process of creating an electronic platform (E-shop URL: <a href="https://sst.geostm.gov.ge/">https://sst.geostm.gov.ge/</a>) and switching it to</p>  |

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|    |  |   |  |  |  | <p>live mode is completed. The platform is available for all interested parties.</p> <p>Currently, the process of synchronization of GEOSTM's Standards base with the bases of International (ISO / IEC) and European organizations (CEN, CENELEC) is carried out.</p>  |
| 26 | <p><b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b><br/>Facilitating the preparation and adaptation of stakeholders, including economic operators, for the implementation of approximated legislation</p> | <p>Conduct the seminars/meetings for interested parties, including small and medium enterprises</p> | <p>Increased awareness on Standards and Metrology among interested parties and civil society</p> | <p>Number of conducted meetings/seminars</p> | <p>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p> | <p>On February 21 2019, within the framework of the Twinning project, an awareness-raising seminar was held in the Municipality of Gori for local entrepreneurs and other stakeholders. During the seminar, representatives of the Metrology Institute and Standards Department of GEOSTM discussed benefits and challenges of the TBT (Technical barriers to Trade) chapter of the DCFTA and the achievements and challenges faced by the GEOSTM, as well as advanced services offered by it. European experts from Lithuania, Latvia and Denmark also shared their countries' experience to the participants.</p> <p>On March 5, 2019, an event, <i>Day of Open Doors</i>, was organized by GEOSTM, within the frames of the Twinning project. The event was a unique opportunity for university and high school students, representatives of the private sector, as well as academic and science community to get acquainted with the services of GEOSTM and get theoretical and practical information from the GEOSTM staff and experts about reference measurement laboratories, measurement process, standardization, as well as other activities in different fields.</p> <p>On March 7, 2019, a closing conference of the Twinning project, "Support the National</p> |

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|    |  |  |                                      |   |  | <p>Agency for Standards and Metrology for the purpose of further implementation of EU - Georgia DCFTA requirements” was held in the hotel Courtyard Marriot. Participants presented the results achieved within the framework of the project.</p> <p>On December 11, 2019, the GEOSTM organized Georgian standards electronic platform (URL <a href="https://sst.geostm.gov.ge/">https://sst.geostm.gov.ge/</a>) presentation event. At the event, business sector representatives were provided with the information on platform’s functionality, capabilities and users guidelines.</p>   |
| 27 | <p><b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-related Matters:</b><br/>Further staff training for the administration of responsible government bodies and agencies</p> | Capacity building of the staff in the field of standardisation and metrology | Raised qualification of GEOSTM staff | Number of conducted seminars/trainings for GEOSTM staff | <p>LEPL – Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM);</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p> | <p>In February 2019, within the framework of the Twinning project, representatives of the Metrology Institute and Standards Department of GEOSTM participated in a study visit to Latvia. During the visit, representatives of GEOSTM visited Latvia's standards and metrology organizations, the Ministry of Economy, and relevant agencies operating in the field of supervision.</p> <p>Moreover, within the framework of the Twinning project, representatives of GEOSTM and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia visited Riga, Latvia to receive information on Latvia’s experience on the requirements of the legislation on energy efficiency of buildings and its implementation.</p> <p>Within the framework of the mentioned twinning project, seminars/trainings by European experts and study visits for the staff of GEOSTM Metrology Institute Reference Divisions were conducted in the following fields of measurements: Acoustical</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>measurements, Phys-chemical measurements, Optical measurements.</p> <p>On 13-14 of March and 9-11 of September representative of Metrology Institute of GEOSTM participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> meetings of Joint Committee of BIPM and Regional Metrology Organizations - JCRB.</p> <p>In March, English language courses, held within the frames of the Twinning project, were completed and certificates were issued to the employees of the agency.</p> <p>Representatives of GEOSTM participated in the Regional Training "Non-Tariff Measures (NTM) and International Standards for Sustainable Development," organized by the ESCAP / ISO / UNCTAD on March 12-15 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand and June 10-11 2019 in Erevan, Armenia.</p> <p>Representative of GEOSTM took part in a Committee Meeting (general assembly) of the Regional Metrology Organization COOMET and in a seminar, which were held on 2-4 April in Dresden, Germany.</p> <p>On 5-6 June 2019, representatives of GEOSTM participated in the General Assembly (GA) of European Standardization organizations (CEN-CENELEC, ETSI), which was held in Bucharest, Romania.</p> <p>On 18-20 June 2019, representatives of GEOSTM participated in the ISO seminar on "ISO Marketing and Communications," which was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>On 16-21 June 2019, representative of the Standards Department of GEOSTM, together with the chairperson of the standardization technical committee (TC 7) participated in the ISO Technical Committee meeting N301 and in an international conference on "ISO 50001 Energy Management Systems (EnMS)," which were held in Vienna, Austria.</p> <p>On 16-18 July 2019, representative of the Standards Department of GEOSTM participated in ISO seminar on "IT Services for User Administrators (MBUAs)", which was held in Qingdao, China.</p> <p>On 6-8 August 2019, representative of the Standards Department of GEOSTM, together with the chairperson of the standardization technical committee (TC 3) participated in ISO seminar „Managing Effective National Mirror Committees“, which was held in Qingdao, China.</p> <p>On 17.09-20.09.2019 representative of radiation metrology division of GEOSTM participated in meeting of COOMET Technical Committee 1.9 "Ionizing radiation and radioactivity" which was held in Chisinau, Moldova.</p> <p>On 9-11 December 2019, representative of the Standards Department of GEOSTM participated in ISO seminar on "Non-tariff measures in Azerbaijan and North and Central Asia", which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan.</p> <p>Representative of Electrical Measurements Reference division of GEOSTM participated in meeting of COOMET Technical</p> |

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|    |   |  |   |   |   | <p>Committee 1.3 “Electricity and Magnetism” which was held on 21-25 October in Chisinau, Moldova.</p> <p>On 01-02.10.19 representatives of Mass and related quantities reference division and Pressure laboratory of GEOSTM participated in meeting of COOMET Technical Committee 1.6 “Mass and related quantities” which was held in Saint Petersburg, Russia.</p> <p>Representatives of reference laboratories of Metrology Institute of GEOSTM participate on permanent base in the trainings, seminars internships conducted in the framework of German regional project "Strengthening the Quality Infrastructure in the Countries of the Southern Caucasus" in following fields: quality management, small volume, electrical measurements etc.</p> <p>On 9-11 December 2019, representative of the Standards Department of GEOSTM participated in ISO seminar on “Non-tariff measures in Azerbaijan and North and Central Asia“, which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan.</p> |
| 28 | <p><b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-related Matters:</b> in the Market Surveillance field, strengthening administrative capacities of relevant Georgian state institutions and market surveillance bodies</p> | Capacity building of the TCSA’s staff on the market surveillance | Increased Competence of the f TCSA’s staff on the market surveillance | Number of conducted trainings and trained staff | <p>LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p> | <p>Within the Twinning project, experts conducted trainings regarding the technical regulations approximated to the six new approach directive - lifts, cableway equipment, pressure equipment, simple pressure vessels and construction products.</p> <p>Within the framework of the Twinning project, a training was conducted for the TCSA staff on the requirements of the EU Directive on Safety of Toys and the relevant standard. Furthermore, trainings were conducted on the requirements of the EU</p>   |



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|  |   |   |   |   |  | <p>Directives on Machinery, Equipment for potentially explosive atmospheres, on the regulation on Personal protective equipment, and Explosives for civil uses.</p> <p>Trainings were also conducted on the Internet investigation and e-commerce. Further, the training for trainers was conducted.</p>  |
| 29   |   | Conduct joint trainings with the participation of customs organization and TCSA for effective and better coordination of their activities         | Improved market surveillance process  | Number of conducted trainings and trained staff | LEPL - Technical And Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL -Revenue Service | <p>Joint training on market surveillance with representatives of the customs authorities (including Customs Checkpoint Officers) and the TCSA staff was conducted concerning the market surveillance on toys and cooperation between customs and market surveillance authorities.</p> <p>Further pilot market surveillance was conducted – market surveillance on toys was demonstrated for the participants of the training in the imitated/model setting.</p> |
| 30   | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade-related Matters:</b> Continuation of market surveillance strategy  | Carry out Pilot Study of the market of selected sectors for the purpose of market surveillance  | Market of Selected sectors has been studied and the staff of TCSA has the relevant skills | Carried out Pilot Study                         | LEPL – Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA);<br><br>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia                               | <p>Within the framework of the Twinning project pilot study on low voltage electrical equipment was carried out with assistance of EU experts.</p> <p>The pilot market surveillance was also conducted on the Toys and Machinery.</p>   |
| <b>Sanitary and Phitosanitary Measures (SPS)</b> |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| 31   | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b> The Parties will cooperate in preparing for the approximation of Georgia's sanitary and Phitosanitary legislation for food and feed, plant health as well as animal health and welfare and practice to that of the EU, as | The approximation of Georgian legislation with the relevant legislative acts of the EU in accordance with annex XI-B to the Association Agreement | Updated or newly adopted legislation  | The number of adopted normative acts            | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – National Food Agency  | <p>From EU legal Acts to be Approximated in 2019 in accordance with the annex XI-B of the association agreement 2 acts (2007/843/EC and 2012/756/EU) were declared as irrelevant for Georgia, by the Association Committee in Trade Configuration. In order to approximate with remaining EU acts the following Governmental Decrees were adopted:</p> <p><b>Veterinary:</b></p>  |

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|   | set out in the relevant Annexes of the Association Agreement         |                  |                  |            |                                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Decree N166 of the Government of Georgia of March 13, 2020 on “animal health rules for the importation into and transit of certain live ungulate animals.”</li> <li>2. The Decree N172 of the Government of Georgia of March 13, 2020 on “the control of salmonella and other specified food-borne zoonotic agents.”</li> <li>3. The Decree N112 of the Government of Georgia of February 19, 2019 on “approval of the registration of the veterinary medicines Production authorization and control.”</li> <li>4. The Decree N173 of the Government of Georgia of March 13, 2020 on “Requirements for feed hygiene.”</li> </ol> <p><b>Food Safety:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. “Guideline on multi-annual national control plan.”</li> <li>6. The Decree N167 of the Government of Georgia of March 13, 2020 on „novel food“.</li> <li>7. “Guidelines concerning the scientific aspects and the presentation of information necessary to support applications for the placing on the market of novel foods and novel food ingredients.”</li> <li>8. The Decree N120 of the Government of Georgia of February 20, 2020 on amendments of the Decree N317 of the Government of Georgia of June 5, 2018 on “requirements on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.”</li> <li>9. The Decree N90 of the Government of Georgia of February 10, 2020 on amendments of the Decree N549 of the Government of Georgia of November</li> </ol> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>16, 2018 on “Requirements of genetically modified food and feed.”</p> <p>10. “Guideline on the presence of T-2 and HT-2 toxin in cereals and cereal products.”</p> <p>11. The Decree N379 of the Government of Georgia of August 7, 2019 on “Technical regulation on specification for food additives.”</p> <p><b>Plant Protection:</b></p> <p>12. The Decree N199 of the Government of Georgia of April 22, 2019 on “the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants.”</p> <p>13. The Decree N40 of the Government of Georgia of January 17, 2020 on “the marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production.”</p> <p>14. The Decree N46 of the Government of Georgia of January 20, 2020 on “the marketing of fodder plant seed.”</p> <p>15. The Decree N45 of the Government of Georgia of January 20, 2020 on “the marketing of cereal seed.”</p> <p>16. The Decree N37 of the Government of Georgia of January 17, 2020 on “the marketing of beet seed.”</p> <p>17. The Decree N44 of the Government of Georgia of January 20, 2020 on “the marketing of vegetable seed.”</p> <p>18. The decree №22 of the Government of Georgia of January 13, 2020“ on approval of registration exams, expertise and registration regulations of pesticides and agrochemicals in Georgia amending the decree N443 of the Government of Georgia of December 31, 2013.”</p> |

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| 32 | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b><br>organizing information campaigns with relevant agencies, businesses and NGOs on the requirements for accessing the EU market, as well as with civil society on the relevant consumer aspects of food and feed safety | Organizing information campaigns with the representatives of civil society and businesses sectors on the requirements for accessing the EU market | Increased awareness | The number of meetings | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL – National Food Agency | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On January 18, 2019, the representative of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia participated in a round table meeting, organized within the EU project “Facility for the Implementation of DCFTA in Georgia,” in Rustavi. The meeting was attended by the business entities registered in the Kvemo Kartli region. Participants were informed about the ongoing and planned activities implemented within the Association Agreement and about requirements, which should be met in order to export agricultural products to the EU market.</li> <li>2. On May 6, 2019 in Tbilisi and on 17 May of 2019 in Kutaisi the representative of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia participated in the event held within the framework of the “European days 2019,” where representatives from public relations and media departments have given the information regarding the fulfilment of EU-Georgia Association Agreement.</li> <li>3. On 13-14 of May, a training was held in Zugdidi regarding the fulfilment of EU-Georgia Association Agreement. The participants shared the information about ongoing and planned activities carried out within the AA.</li> <li>4. In March 2019, Public Relations Service of the National Food Agency held an informational campaign regarding the new regulation on labelling (Technical Regulation on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers – rule on labelling). Meetings were held in Tbilisi, as well as in other</li> </ol> |

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|    |   |  |   |   |  | <p>regions. Photos and video materials were spread through electronic and printed media. Regarding the abovementioned issue, competent speakers participated in TV programs both on central and regional TV channels.</p> <p>5. From July to September meetings have been organized to raise awareness, during which the NFA employees informed entrepreneurs on following normative acts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decree № 22 of the Government of Georgia, of January, 18th, 2016, on the Approval of Rules on Monitoring of Certain Substances and Their Residues in Live Animals and Food of Animal Origin;</li> <li>• Decree № 345 of the Government of Georgia, of June 28th, 2018, on the Approval of Requirements for Veterinary Business Operator Activities;</li> <li>• Decree № 605 of the Government of Georgia, of December 29th, 2017, on the Approval of Technical Regulation on Rules Regarding Health of Animal By-products and Derived Products Not Intended for Human Consumption and on Approval of Business Operators Associated with Aforementioned Products”;</li> <li>• Decree № 338 of the Government of Georgia, of June 26th, 2018, on the Approval of Rules of Official Veterinary Controls on Veterinary Business Operators and Agricultural Markets Selling Live Animals;</li> <li>• Ordinance № 29 of the Government of Georgia, of January 11th, 2017, on the Approval of 2017-2020 National Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy.</li> </ul> |
| 33 | <p><b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b><br/>Enhance the capacity of Georgian businesses to adapt</p> | Facilitating the adaptation of Georgian businesses for the implementation of | Georgian businesses are adapted to the new requirements with the help of provided consultations, trainings, | The number of conducted activities or beneficiaries | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia; | 1. Within the approximation process, a short-term agreement was reached with an expert with relevant experience regarding matters related to detecting and confirming Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) and  |

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|   | in order to implement the approximated legislation                   | approximated legislation | and other supporting projects |            | LEPL – National Food Agency          | <p>Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis (IHN), creating flyers and booklets, and arranging meeting with farmers to raise their awareness regarding upcoming legislative requirements.</p> <p>2. During summer campaigns, 100,000 information booklets on animal identification and registration have been prepared on Georgian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani languages. The mentioned booklets were given to NFA Regional Divisions to be distributed among animal holders;</p> <p>3. A training was conducted for interested business operators to introduce them to the requirements of the Decree № 345 of the Government of Georgia of June 28, 2018, on the Approval of Requirements for Veterinary Business Operator Activities.</p> <p><i>In terms of food safety:</i></p> <p>4. In June 2019, the Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia (CSRDG) organized informational meetings with local customers and food business operators regarding the Agency’s activities, state control mechanisms of food safety and legislative acts in force. Meetings focused primarily on the Decree № 301 of the Government of Georgia, of July 1, 2016, “On the Approval of Technical Regulation on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers (rule on labelling).” Meetings were held in Telavi, Sagarejo, Rustavi, and Marneuli by the staff of the Food Safety Department of the National Food Agency.</p> |

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| 34 | <p><b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b><br/>Provide further EU technical advice and support to Georgia in drafting and implementing the legislation, including training the relevant staff, providing capacity building to the competent authority and supporting the improvement of the laboratory capacity, in line with the EU requirements.</p> | <p>Training staff of relevant competent authorities in drafting and implementing the legislation, providing capacity-building program and improving the laboratory capacity</p> | <p>Strengthen public authorities involved in the implementation of the SPS legislation</p> | <p>The number of conducted trainings and other activities</p> | <p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;</p> <p>LEPL – National Food Agency;</p> <p>LEPL – Revenue Service;</p> <p>LEPL- Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia</p> | <p>EU-funded Comprehensive Institution Building Programme (CIB) Phase 3 supported NFA Food Safety Department in organizing the following events:</p> <p>Awareness raising activities for FBOs (producers, processors, distributors, wholesalers, retailers), food inspectors and specialists pertaining to the Decree № 301 of the Government of Georgia, on the Approval of Technical Regulation on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers. In total, information and capacity strengthening was delivered to 315 FBO representatives and 151 food inspectors and specialists. The abovementioned activities were held in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Borjomi, Telavi and Rustavi.</p> <p>Awareness raising meetings / trainings for slaughterhouses and food inspectors with regard to the Decree № 581 of the Government of Georgia, on the Approval of Technical Regulation on Microbiological Indicators in Food were held in January and February, 2019. Trainings addressed sampling methods, identification of equipment needed for sampling and its use and interpretation of analysis results. In total, 129 representatives of slaughterhouses and 41 food inspectors were provided with information and capacity strengthening. The abovementioned meetings/trainings were held in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Zugdidi, Telavi and Borjomi;</p> <p>The second round of training for state veterinarians and food inspectors on HACCP principles was organized. The number of participants was 21 persons;</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>The proposal on the requirements and standards for continuing professional development and certification of veterinarians and veterinary technicians was finalized for the NFA Veterinary Department and the MEPA;</p> <p>Crises management planning documents have been prepared for the NFA Veterinary Department;</p> <p>With the aid of the FAO project, “Technical Assistance to Support the Establishment of a National Animal Identification and Traceability System (NAITS) in Georgia,” work meetings were held in all regions and municipalities of Georgia to prepare relevant personnel for the implementation of the project. Up to 700 specialists (official and private veterinaries) took part. As a part of the pilot project, theoretical and practical studies, simulation exercises and trainings have been held and are currently being carried out in certain municipalities;</p> <p>A working Group meeting was organized regarding the approximation of legislation governing the placement of propagating material of ornamental plants on the market. In total, 12 representatives from the MEPA, NFA, and SRCA participated in this meeting;</p> <p>Awareness raising and information campaigns were held with regard to the legislation governing FBO recognition rules related to the placement of plant protection products on the market. Events were held in Tbilisi, Kakheti, Kutaisi, Batumi, and</p> |



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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>Borjomi. In total, 75 plant protection specialists attended the meeting;</p> <p>Provide support to regional services by sharing theoretical knowledge to undertake official controls with the aim of subsequently approving pet food processing establishments, both as per Decree №605 of the Government of Georgia, of December 29th, 2017, on the Approval of Technical Regulation on Rules Regarding Health of Animal By-products and Derived Products not Intended for Human Consumption and on Approval of Business Operators Associated with Aforementioned Operations;</p> <p>Share knowledge to regional services on the Amendment to the Order № 174-9 of the Head of the National Food Agency, of August 31, 2018 (Amendment: Order № 65-9; 05.03.2019) issued in accordance with the Decree № 338 of the Government of Georgia, of June 26, 2018, on the Approval of Rules of Official Veterinary Controls for Veterinary Business Operators and Agricultural Markets/Bazaars, Selling Live Animals;</p> <p>Trainings were held to raise awareness among veterinaries and farmers on the antimicrobial resistance and for the importance of rational use of antibiotics in the veterinary field in accordance with the strategy recommended to the veterinary services in line with requirements of the Decree № 29 of the Government of Georgia, of January 11, 2017 on the National Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy for 2017-2020 and in accordance with the internal strategy of the Veterinary Department for 2019-2022.</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p><b>Food Safety:</b><br/> With the financial support provided by the World Bank, an international expert conducted trainings in instrumental chemistry measurements of sulphamide and diaphragm carbamate.<br/> In December 2019, within the scope of the project „Capacity Building in the Phytosanitary Area in Georgia“, a workshop on the sustainable use of pesticides in vineyards (on the example of Czech Republic) was organized for the employees of the Agency in Kakheti by the experts of the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture of the Czech Republic.</p> <p><b>Veterinary:</b><br/> Two representatives of the Department of Animal Diseases Diagnostic of the National Food Agency have undergone trainings on issues related to isolation of the viral hemorrhagic septicemia and infectious necrosis of the blood tissue in the National Referral Laboratory in Latvia.</p> <p>The staff of Veterinary Department of the National Food Agency participated in a training program on the support of establishment of sustainable basis and procedures for state registration and official control of Veterinary Medicine Products in Latvia.</p> <p>On April 1-7, 2019, Latvian colleagues conducted a training in Tbilisi on the following topics: “Registration of poultry farms, introduction of legislative requirements and control system”; “Bovine</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>animal farm – legislative requirements and control system of primary products.” 20 representatives of the Veterinary Department of the National Food Agency participated in the training.</p> <p>Eleven employees of the Veterinary Control, Veterinary and Sanitary Supervision and Animal Identification and Registration Divisions of the Veterinary Department of National Food Agency have participated in trainings in April, organized by the Food And Veterinary Service of Latvia in Georgia on topics such as registration of poultry farms, legislative requirements and control system, legislative requirements and control system for the primary production at cattle farms</p> <p><b>Plant Protection:</b><br/> Within the framework of the project carried out by the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture of the Czech Republic, which aims at strengthening the capacity of the Department of Plant Protection, the staff of the Plant Protection Department of the National Food Agency participated in a training held on 13-15 May In Tbilisi on the following topics: Fertilizers and ecotoxicological assessment of pesticides.</p> <p>Within the framework of the abovementioned project, seven employees of National Food Agency participated in a study visit in Czech Republic, in September, on the following topics:<br/> The new EU phytosanitary regime; Phytosanitary Portal; Phytosanitary control; Control in Fruit nursery, sampling, recording system; Aims of phytosanitary control.</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>Within the context of approximation of Georgian legislation with that of EU, a methodological and practical study was set up for inspectors of Tbilisi City Service and Regional Divisions of National Food Agency, in August and September on the Technical Regulation on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers.</p> <p>One employee of the Veterinary Department of National Food Agency has taken part in the training in June, on the Prevention and control on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in the context of an overall "one health" approach involving both veterinary and human fields, organized in Kiyv, Ukraine.</p> <p><b>LEPL- Laboratory of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia by the support of various Donor Organizations organized following trainings and events:</b></p> <p>With the financial support of the World Bank, an international expert conducted trainings in instrumental chemistry measurements of antibiotics in honey.</p> <p>A training organized by the CIB project: "Using the CAPRA Program for Phytosanitary Risk Analysis and Risk Assessment"</p> <p>Employees of the Batumi Regional Laboratory have been trained on the following topics: detection and identification of quarantine harmful fungi - <i>Tilletia indica</i> (distinctive features from <i>Tilletia</i>'s other species); detection and identification of quarantine weed plants; short, theoretical and practical course on the enzyme-linked</p> |

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|    |  |   |  |  |   | <p>immunosorbent assay; identification of Monochomus sp; identification of Potato Cyst Nematodes; general Overview of Bursaphelenchus and Ditylenchus's morphology.</p> <p>During 2019, Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (ÚKZÚZ, Czech Republic), organized trainings in Tbilisi and Olomouc in the framework of the project „Capacity building in the phytosanitary area in Georgia.“</p> <p>Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) organised a training at Plant Protection Central Institute in Ankara, for the specialists of Plant Pest Diagnostic Department on various issues.</p>   |
| 35 |  | Introduction of new diagnostic methods in food safety, veterinary and plant protection field and/or the expansion of the accreditation sphere | New diagnostic methods are added and/or the accreditation sphere is expanded | The number of introduced methods and/or issued relevant accreditation certificates | <p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;</p> <p>LEPL- Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia</p> | <p><b>Food Safety:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Detection of nitrofural and polychlorinated Biphenyls PCB in honey;</li> <li>2. Quantitative detection of Polichloral biphenyl's in animal originated food products: Parameters : PCB 28; PCB 52;PCB 101;PCB 138;PCB 153;PCB180.</li> <li>3. Detection of dithiocarbamativ pesticides, Parameters: Manabí, Mancotcebi, Methiram, Propines, Tirami, Zirami.</li> <li>4. Detection of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids in animal and plant originated fatties.</li> <li>5. Detection of total acidity in animal and poultry feed.</li> <li>6. Microbiology tests of animal and poultry feed, Detection of Shigella spp. ISO 21567:2004</li> <li>7. Detection of E. coli and coliform bacteria's ISO 9308-2:2012/2013</li> </ol> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>8. Detection of shigella in water - The Microbiology of Drinking Water (2006) - Part 9 - Methods for the isolation and enumeration of Salmonella and Shigella by selective enrichment, membrane filtration.</p> <p>19. Determination of Dithiocarbamate pesticides (dithiocarbamates presented as CS<sub>2</sub>: maneb, mancozeb, methiram, propineb, thiram and ziram) by gas chromatography - triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (GC/MS/MS) in plant origin products and in honey.</p> <p>20. Determination of unsaturated and saturated fatty acids by gas chromatography with Flame Ionization Detector (FID). in food which contains animal and vegetable fats and oils:</p> <p><b>Veterinary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Detection of bluetongue disease, ELISA and PCR method.</li> <li>2. Detection of CDV, Canine Distemper Virus, ELISA method.</li> <li>3. Detection of Leptospirosis, ELISA method</li> <li>4. Sponge-form encephalitis, ELISA method</li> </ol> <p><b>Plant Protection:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Morphological-morphometric characterization and identification of Aleurocanthus woglumi of citrus.</li> <li>2. Morphological and Biological identification of buttonweed (Diodia teres Walt.);</li> <li>3. Morphological identification of the palm moth (Paysandisia archon);</li> <li>4. Detection and morphological identification of bark beetles (Scoliotidae);</li> <li>5. Preparation of temporary and permanent mounts of nematodes.</li> </ol> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Detection of <i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i>-ob and <i>P. atroseptikum</i></li> <li>7. Morphological and biological description of <i>Iva axillaris</i> Pursh.</li> <li>8. PCR detection of <i>Pseudomonas avellanae</i>;</li> <li>9. PCR detection of <i>Meloidogyne chitwoodi</i>;</li> <li>10. PCR detection of PSTVd in Potato;</li> <li>11. ELISA detection of Barley stripe mosaic virus (BSMV)</li> <li>12. Detection of Grapevine fleck virus (GFkV) by immunofluorescence method (ELISA);</li> <li>13. Detection of Arabis mosaic virus (ArMV) by immunofluorescence method (ELISA);</li> <li>14. Detection and identification of <i>Melapsora medusae</i>;</li> <li>15. Morphological and biological testing of <i>Croton capitatus</i> Michx.</li> <li>16. Morphological and biological testing of <i>Raimania laciniata</i> L.</li> <li>17. Morphological and morphometric identification of The palm weevil <i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i>;</li> <li>18. Morphological identification of harmful <i>Lepidóptera</i> of stored products;</li> <li>19. Morphological-morphometric identification of Grape bud мъртъе <i>Eriophyes vitigineusgemma</i>;</li> <li>20. Morphological-morphometric identification of <i>Radopholus similis</i>;</li> <li>21. Morphological-morphometric identification of <i>Aphelenchoides besseyi</i>;</li> <li>22. Morphological-morphometric characterization and identification of <i>Longidorus elongatus</i>;</li> </ol> |

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|    |  |   |   |  |  | <p>23. Multiplex PCR identification of <i>Xanthomonas fragariae</i>;</p> <p>24. PCR identification of <i>Agrobacterium tumefaciens</i> and <i>A. vitis</i>;</p> <p>25. PCR identification of <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>aesculi</i>;</p> <p>26. PCR identification of <i>Pantoea stewartii</i> subsp. <i>stewartii</i></p>  |
| 36 |  | Provide training of the staff and support the development of laboratory capacities of relevant competent authorities involved in border control                     | Trained staff provide border control procedures in accordance with international standards                | The number trained staff   | <p>Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;</p> <p>LEPL – National Food Agency;</p> <p>LEPL – Revenue Service;</p> <p>LEPL- Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia</p> | <p>144 employees are retrained by the LMA-Laboratory of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia.</p> <p>Trainings were conducted with support of IOM on SPS border control procedures for the staff of Border Inspection Posts of west Georgia. Trainings were conducted by the Latvian experts.</p> <p>Trainings were conducted in September at the border Inspection Post “ADLIA” and in November at Border Inspection Post “Red Bridge”. Construction of both Border Inspection Posts were finished in 2018 and they are equipped in accordance to the EU standards. Trainings included theoretical and practical issues.</p> <p>In total 42 employees participated in the trainings. 29 employees participated in the ToT, therefore, they will conduct trainings for other employees of the Border Inspection Posts.</p> |
| 37 | <b>Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b><br>Supporting Georgia to strengthen the risk analysis in the SPS field; ensuring veterinary Phitosanitary and food safety checks at border inspection posts | The development of sanitary and phytosanitary border control infrastructure for efficient implementation of the approximated sanitary and phytosanitary legislation | New buildings that are necessary for SPS control are constructed at the Border Inspection Post “Sadakhlo” | The Border Inspection Post “Sadakhlo” complies with the EU standards | LEPL – Revenue Service   | On December 18, 2019, the Border Inspection Post “Sadakhlo” was officially opened.  |



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| <b>Customs and Trade Facilitation</b> |   |  |  |   |   |  |
| 38                                    | <b>Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b> The Parties will cooperate in preparing for the approximation of Georgia's legislation to EU acquis and international standards listed in the relevant Annex to the Association Agreement. Approximation should be based on the Union Customs Code, which is implemented as of May 1st 2016. The relevant AA Annex shall reflect the substitution of the Community Customs Code with the Union Customs Code. | Elaboration of secondary legislation in accordance with the new customs code   | Secondary legislation is in compliance with the new customs code   | Elaborated and adopted legislation                              | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL-Revenue Service   | From September 1, 2019 new Customs Code of Georgia entered into force, which is in full compliance with the EU standards.<br><br>Secondary customs legislation has been elaborated and adopted, (51 secondary normative acts) work is currently underway aimed at its further improvement and refinement.<br><br>Through 8-10 of July, a workshop was organized with assistance from GIZ aimed at continued work on secondary legislation necessary for the implementation of the Customs Code. Workshop was headed by German experts and was attended by representatives of both the GRS and the Ministry of Finance as well. |
| 39                                    |   | Capacity building of employees of LEPL – Revenue Service in order to effectively implement provisions of the new customs legislation | Increased knowledge of the Revenue Service employees regarding matters related to the new customs legislation      | The number of trainings and trained employees                   | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL - Revenue Service | During 21-25 October of 2019 a workshop was organized with assistance from the International Financial Corporation of the World Bank, during which some specificities of the new Customs regulations were discussed along with matters related to implementation thereof.  |
| 40                                    |   | Raising the awareness of the private sector in order to facilitate the implementation of the new customs legislation                 | Increased awareness of the private sector in regards to procedures and requirements of the new customs legislation | The number of meetings and participants from the private sector | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL - Revenue Service | On 15 August, the meeting of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation was held, where representatives of various private sector associations were informed about the new Customs regulations.<br><br>On November 15, a meeting of the Trade Facilitation Working Group was organized and new customs regulations were discussed with various associations representing private sector.   |
| 41                                    | <b>Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b>  | Capacity building for the staff of the   | Increased knowledge of the Revenue Service   | The number of trainings and trained staff                       | Ministry of Finance of Georgia                                | Within the framework of the USAID G4G assistance, a training was organized on 5-7  |

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|    | Approximating Georgia's Authorized Economic Operator system to that of the EU   | Revenue Service to ensure proper implementation of the AEO program   | employees regarding ne legislation related to the Authorized Economic Operator Program   |   | LEPL - Revenue Service  | March for employees of the customs department on matters related to IT security.<br><br>With the assistance from the USAID G4G, a training was carried out on International Financial Reporting Standards.   |
| 42 |   | Raising the awareness of the private sector regarding the Authorized Economic Operator Program   | Increased awareness of the private sector in regards to the Authorized Economic Operator Program   | The number of meetings and participants from the private sector   | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL - Revenue Service | On 15 August, the meeting of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation was held where various private sector associations were informed regarding Authorized Economic Operator program.<br><br>On November 15, a meeting of the Trade Facilitation Working Group was organized with participation from various private sector representative associations. Discussions where held regarding regulations governing the Authorized Economic Operator program. |
| 43 | <b>Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade Related Matters:</b><br>Cooperating on risk-based customs control and sharing relevant information that contributes to improved risk management and security of the supply chain. Facilitating legitimate trade and safety and security of goods imported, exported or in transit | The enactment of rules regulating the Advanced Passenger Information/Passenger Name Record (API/PNR) and the implementation of the respective software | The advanced Passenger Information /Passenger Name Record (API/PNR) System is gradually made operational   | Initiation of electronic information exchange and the implementation of a functional software after the gradual entry into force of the Advanced Passenger Information/Passenger Name Record (API/PNR) Regulation | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL - Revenue Service | Company responsible for providing of the necessary system has been selected. Project presentations took place on 2-3 April, 2019.<br><br>According to the Order N213 of the Minister of Finance dated June 1, 2018 changes were introduced into the Order N290 of the Minister of Finance detailing the legal bases for API/PNR system.  |
| 44 |   | Training of Customs officers in protecting the Intellectual property at the borders  | Efficient protection of intellectual property rights at the border in accordance with the Georgian legislation amended based on the EU standards | The number of trainings and trained officers  | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL - Revenue Service | The Revenue service continues trainings of relevant customs officers regarding protection of intellectual property rights on borders. It should be noted that in 2019 the Customs Department Ex officio issued 3 orders suspending suspicious goods. The total value of the goods suspended at the border is 39 389 GEL.   |
| 45 | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and trade related matters:</b><br>Assistance to Georgia in the   | Preparation for the approximation/accession to the Common  | As required by the convention, prepare for transit procedures with   | Development and testing of NCTS, adoption of relevant normative acts  | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;                               | The gap analysis of the primary legislation has been completed. Accordingly, the document on relevant changes was drafted.   |

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|    | process of accession to the Common Transit Convention                | Transit Convention and facilitation of the implementation of common transit procedures through the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS) | the member states of the convention   | for corresponding transit procedures                               | LEPL - Revenue Service                                    | The gap analysis of the secondary legislation is ongoing.  |
| 46 |  | Training of Customs employees in order to effectively implement provisions of the Common Transit Convention                               | Customs employees have an in-depth knowledge and information regarding the implementation process of Common Transit Convention provisions | The number of trainings and trained customs employees              | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br>LEPL - Revenue Service | From May 27 until June 7, a study visit was held in Poland and Finland under the twinning project, "Supporting the Accession of Georgia to the Conventions on Transit Area and Launching of the New Computerised Transit System." The Georgian delegation consisted of the representatives from the Customs Department, the IT Center and the Department for International Relations. During the visit, the delegation of the GRS got acquainted with the mechanisms of functioning of new computerized transit systems in different customs checkpoints and customs administrative offices of Poland and Finland.                                       |
| 47 |  | Raising the awareness of the private sector in order to facilitate the implementation of Common Transit Convention requirements           | Sharing appropriate information regarding the implementation process of the Common Transit Convention                                     | The number of meetings and other activities for the private sector | Ministry of Finance of Georgia;<br>LEPL - Revenue Service | The Contact Group was created according to the order N6570 of the Director General of the Revenue Service. Members of the group are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Georgia Revenue Service;</li> <li>- Georgian International Road Carriers Association;</li> <li>- Georgian Railway;</li> <li>- Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia;</li> <li>- Business Ombudsman of Georgia;</li> <li>- Association of Freight Forwarders of Georgia;</li> <li>- Business Association of Georgia;</li> <li>- Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry;</li> <li>- Georgian Insurance Association;</li> <li>- Association of Banks of Georgia;</li> </ul> |

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|                          |  |  |  |  |  | <p>- Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association.</p> <p>The main function of the group is to monitor the implementation process of the NCTS project.</p>   |
| <b>Trade in Services</b> |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| 48                       | <b>Association Agreement Chapter 6, Section 6 Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters;</b> Establishment, Trade in Services and Electronic Commerce                            | Adoption of Law on E-Commerce  | Elaborated E-Commerce Legal framework of Georgia relevant to European best practice  | Adopted Law of Georgia on 'E-Commerce'             | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia   | A draft law on Electronic Commerce has been finalized. The draft law will be presented to the Parliament of Georgia in 2020.  |
| 49                       | <b>Association Agreement Chapter 6, Section 5 Sub-section 4 Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters;</b> Establishment, Trade in Services and Electronic Commerce              | Adoption of Postal Law   | Georgia's legal framework of the Postal Sector complies with the EU best practice. Foster the development of the postal market | Adopted law on Postal Services                     | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia   | <p>The draft law on Postal Services was sent to the private sector for comments. Comments received from relevant governmental institutions and the private sector was reflected in the draft law.</p> <p>In 2019 the internal procedures started for presenting the draft law to the Parliament for legal procedures.</p> |
| 50                       | <b>Association Agreement; Annex XV-B, Rules Applicable to Telecommunication Services:</b> Approximation of Georgia's legislation to the EU legislation indicated in the Association Agreement. | Approximation of Georgia's legislation to the Directive on Universal Service (2002/20/EC) and certain parts from the frequency Articles of the Directive on Authorization (2002/20/EC) | Georgia's legislation is approximated to the relevant EU legislation   | Adopted the second package of amendment to the law | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;<br><br>Georgian National Communications Commission | For approximating with this directive the draft amendments in the Law of Georgia on Electronic Communications are prepared.   |
| 51                       | <b>Association Agreement, Chapter XV-B; Rules Applicable to Telecommunication Services:</b> Approximation of Georgian  | Approximation of Georgia's legislation to the Directive on privacy and electronic communications (2002/58/EC);   | Georgia's legislation is approximated to the relevant EU legislation   | Adopted amendments to the relevant Georgian Law    | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;  | Relevant draft amendments to the Georgian law on Electronic Communications were prepared. Remarks and references from the private sector were gathered and analysed.  |

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|                           | legislation with the relevant EU acquis as foreseen in AA  | Directive on Authorization (2002/20/EC); Directive on Access (2002/19/EC) and Directive on framework (2009/140/EC)     |  |                                       | Georgian National Communications Commission | In the near future the official procedures will be initiated for presenting the law in Parliament of Georgia for adoption.   |
| <b>Public Procurement</b> |  |  |  |                                       |   |  |
| 52                        | <p><b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and trade related matters:</b><br/>         Providing precise and timely information on planned legislative work affecting procurement policy and its implementation, both for the legal approximation and the set-up of institutions in the field of public procurement. A Comprehensive Roadmap has already been adopted by the Government of Georgia on 31 March 2016, covering five phases of actions to be implemented during the period from 2016 to 2022. The Parties will further discuss implementation of the roadmap, also in view of ensuring the approximation of the Georgian public procurement legislation with the EU public procurement acquis as foreseen in the Association Agreement and pursuant to the Roadmap adopted by the Decree № 536 of March 31, 2016 of the Government of Georgia</p> | Adoption of the new law on Public Procurement in order to approximate with the EU Directives 24/2014/EU and 89/665/EEC | Approximation of the Georgian Public Procurement Legislation with relevant EU acquis | Adopted new law on Public Procurement | LEPL State Procurement Agency               | <p>Within the complex reform in the field of public procurement, the State Procurement Agency of Georgia prepared the draft legislative amendments on the new institutional setup of the Dispute Resolution Board in public procurement that will ensure independency and impartiality of the Board. In this regard, intensive thematic consultations were held with the experts from DG GROW of the EU Commission, OECD SIGMA and the EU Twinning project. The preliminary presentation regarding the new amendments was held in the Parliament of Georgia as well. The legislative amendments have been approved by the Government of Georgia in December 2019.</p> <p>State Procurement Agency of Georgia completed the elaboration of new Draft Law on State procurement and sent it to the Government of Georgia and other interested parties for the remarks. Currently, the remarks are being reflected within the final edition of the draft law. Noteworthy, that the new Draft Law reflects provision of the EU Directive 2009/81/EC regulating the defense field, in compliance of which, the interagency commission established by the intergovernmental commission has completed to work.</p> |

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| 53 | (Annex I, Phase II, Roadmap Chapter 4.3.2.1. and 4.3.2.2.)           | Elaboration and adoption of the relevant bylaws in compliance with the new legislation on public procurement                 | Approximation of Georgian Public Procurement Legislation with relevant EU acquis  | Elaborated and adopted bylaws  | LEPL State Procurement Agency        | There is an ongoing process of determining competences between the primary and secondary legislation of Georgia on public procurement.   |
| 54 |  | Development of new electronic services and procedures in the Unified Electronic System of Public Procurement (e-Procurement) | Modernization of the Unified Electronic System of Public Procurement in order to update it in accordance with the legislation | Additional services and procedures are introduced in the Unified Electronic System of Public Procurement | LEPL State Procurement Agency        | <p>The State Procurement Agency of Georgia is permanently conducting various activities in order to improve the electronic public procurement system (e-Procurement), including in terms of data exchange with different state agencies. In this regard, the updated Simplified Procurement (CMR) module has provided possibility to indicate respective CPV codes and to differentiate between the types of agreements and documents equal to it. It will enable the Treasury Service of the Ministry of Finances of Georgia to receive more accurate information.</p> <p>In compliance with the amendments re “Procuring Entity Reporting Rule” approved by State Procurement Chairman Decree #2, dated by 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2011, procuring entities are obliged to upload: consolidated tender awarded contracts, contract related documentations, also documents reflecting the amendments of this contract (including contract suspension) in appropriate field of Consolidated Tender Module instead of CMR Module. The mentioned amendments entered into force since 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2019.</p> <p>In terms of improvement of electronic services, it is important to mention the service introduced in the fourth quarter of 2019 which enables the Treasury Service of the Ministry of Finances of Georgia to have</p> |

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|    |  |   |   |  |                                      | <p>access to the information related to date when contract was concluded and the year of financing. As a result of further developments in the state procurement system, the user has been enabled to receive information regarding factual payment from the State Treasury as well as in case of payment implemented by own sources.</p> <p>Worth mentioning that, the Agency has ensured the implementation of the mentioned amendments within the Unified electronic System in order that procuring entities could uninterruptedly conduct procurement in compliance with the Law.</p>   |
| 55 |  | <p>Conducting training sessions for the employees of the State Procurement Agency</p> | <p>Capacity building of the employees of the State Procurement Agency in legislative approximation process with the EU acquis</p> | <p>The number of trained employees of the State Procurement Agency</p> | <p>LEPL State Procurement Agency</p> | <p>On 15 – 16 February 2019, the representatives of the State Procurement Agency of Georgia participated in a workshop, organized by the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) and held in the village of Kachreti, regarding the approximation of the Georgian legislation with the EU law.</p> <p>On 25 – 27 February 2019, senior representatives of the State Procurement Agency of Georgia participated in a training “Responsible Business Behavior: the approach of the Tripartite declaration of principles concerning multinational enterprises and social policy (MNE Declaration) and the role of the Government in improving practice of labour relations,” held in Borjomi.</p> <p>On 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2019, representatives of State Procurement Agency participated in Georgian-Belarusian intergovernmental fifth sitting; they discussed trade development perspectives between two states.</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>On 10 – 12 April 2019, in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, the representatives of the State Procurement Agency of Georgia participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Procurement, Integrity Management and Openness (PRIMO) Forum organized by the World Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Investment Bank (EIB), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Islamic Development Bank (ISDB) with the support from the Government of Uzbekistan. On 21 – 23 April 2019, the representatives of the State Procurement Agency of Georgia participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Georgia – Kazakhstan Intergovernmental Economic Commission in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan.</p> <p>On 17 – 18 May 2019, within the framework of the EU Twinning Project, “Strengthening Public Procurement System in Georgia,” a media event was held in the village of Kachreti, which provided comprehensive information to the representatives of the Georgian media regarding the best EU practice in the public procurement field. The aim of the event was to provide relevant information to the Georgian society.</p> <p>On 19 – 24 May 2019, within the EU Twinning project, “Strengthening Public Procurement System in Georgia,” the representatives of the State Procurement Agency of Georgia participated in a study visit in Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia. The meeting was aimed at getting acquainted with the system of Dispute Resolution Board</p> |



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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>institutional model and EU best practice in this regard. .</p> <p>On 15 – 16 June 2019, the State Procurement Agency of Georgia organized a study event for Judges in the Municipality of Borjomi. The workshop aimed at sharing the best EU practice by European colleagues in the public procurement-related dispute resolution procedures.</p> <p>On 23 – 30 June 2019, within the EU Twinning project, “Strengthening Public Procurement System in Georgia,” senior representatives of the State Procurement Agency of Georgia participated in a study visit to Vienna, Republic of Austria, which aimed at getting acquainted with the best EU practice in the field of public procurement.</p> <p>On 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2019, By the initiative of State procurement Agency and Chamber of Commerce was held the meeting with business associations. The goal of the meeting was the introduction of main direction of the new draft law elaborated in compliance with the EU obligations.</p> <p>On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2019, by the cooperation of UN Environment Program and State Procurement Agency was conducted preparatory meeting on “Sustainable Public Procurement in Georgia”. At the meeting, interested parties agreed on scope of cooperation and future plans. The meeting was also attended by the representative of Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>Development and representatives of business sector.</p> <p>On 1 - 2 October 2019, the representatives of the State Procurement Agency participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) Conference of the Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network (APPeN) in Manila, Philippines. Within the conference, the participants were introduced to technological innovations introduced in e-procurement.</p> <p>On 6 – 15 November 2019, the representative of the State Procurement Agency, within the program 'Metra Rule of Law' participated in the international workshop on public procurement in Hague, Netherlands. The workshop was aimed at awareness rising regarding the legislative framework regulating public procurement in the EU.</p> <p>On 24 – 28 November 2019, the senior officials of the State Procurement Agency, within TAIEX , took a study visit to Lisbon (Portugal) in order to get acquainted with the best European practice. During the visit, official meetings were held with the representatives from different public authorities including IMPIC, eSPap and APA.</p> <p>On 9 December 2019, the representative of the State Procurement Agency participated in the workshop organized by the Ministry of Justice and USAID regarding fight against corruption.</p> <p>On 10 – 14 December 2019, the senior officials of the State Procurement Agency</p> |

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|                                     |  |  |   |   |  | participated in two international workshops organized by WTO, EBRD and UNCITRAL 'Regional Workshop on Government Procurement for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asian and the Caucasus Countries' and 'Policy Session: Public Procurement Regulatory Strategies for Social, Environmental and Economic Development of National and Regional Markets'. The participants of the sessions discussed the progress achieved and the outstanding challenges in public procurement field.   |
| 56                                  |  | Conducting training sessions for procuring entities, economic operators and other stakeholders                           | Increased capacity of procuring entities, economic operators and other stakeholders   | The number of trained employees of procuring entities, economic operators and other stakeholders  | LEPL State Procurement Agency;<br><br>Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Georgia                            | As of 2019, 25 trainings attended by 700 participants were conducted in the at the Training Center of the State procurement Agency. 10 training cycles concerned "State procurement course". The target group of training session consisted of 391 specialist acting in procurement field from: state authorities and its owned LEPL-s and LTD-s, bodies of local municipalities, and its owned Legal Entities of Public Law (LEPL, LTD and so forth). The mentioned training sessions lasted for 10 working days; in case of successful completion, attendees were awarded a certificate. 15 cycles of one-day training course, attended by 309 attendees, was re "News on State Procurement". The mentioned course was intended for already certified specialists and comprised all the news implemented within the Unified Electronic System of State Procurement. |
| <b>Intellectual Property Rights</b> |  |  |   |   |  |   |
| 57                                  | <b>EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights:</b> Strengthening the enforcement capacity of relevant governmental bodies | Providing trainings for the representatives from relevant governmental bodies, judges and attorneys on issues related to | Capacity building for the representatives of governmental bodies, judges and lawyers in the field of intellectual property and improved | Trainings organized for the representatives from relevant governmental bodies, judges and lawyers | LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – "Sakpatenti";<br><br>Ministry of Finance of Georgia; | On July 20, 2019, the Workshop on Adjudication of Civil Intellectual Property Infringement Cases took place with the participation of Georgian judges. The workshop was organized by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the   |

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|    | or executive agencies, as well as ensuring proper functioning of the judicial system to guarantee Access to justice for right holders and effective implementation of sanctions.   | Intellectual Property Rights   | functioning of the judicial system. Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property  |   | LEPL High School of Justice   | <p>U.S. Department of Commerce and the United States Embassy in Georgia.</p> <p>At the meeting, American judges shared with their Georgian colleagues the US judicial practice on disputes related to intellectual property subject-matters.</p>  |
| 58 | <p><b>EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights:</b> Ensuring proper functioning of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia “Sakpatenti” in order to ensure protection of industrial property rights and copyright; extending cooperation with third country authorities and industry associations.</p> | <p>Hold trainings and workshops for Sakpatenti staff; Organize bilateral meetings, workshops and seminars with third country authorities and industry associations, in order to share experience and best practice of relevant countries</p> | <p>Strengthen the human and institutional capacity of Sakpatenti to enable it to better perform its core functions (protection of industrial property rights and copyright)</p> | <p>Trainings, workshops and seminars organized for Sakpatenti's staff</p> | <p>LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti“</p> | <p>In January 2019, Sakpatenti joined the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS), a program administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). With this program, the Georgian users filing international applications, are given the opportunity to use the Georgian interface and make a list of goods and/or services in the Georgian language, which will simplify the procedure of extending trademarks to the member states of the “Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks.” It is noteworthy that the abovementioned program also allows users to translate the list of goods and/or services electronically into 19 languages, which already includes the Georgian language. The Madrid System is an international tool for protecting trademarks, which by means of filing an application in a single language, enables an applicant to protect a trademark in 119 member states of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).</p> <p>On April 8-11, 2019, the 41st Session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) took place in Geneva, Switzerland. Within the Session, a meeting took place with the</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>management of OriGIn – the global alliance of geographical indication, where parties discussed forthcoming OriGIn Biannual Meeting 2019 to be held in Tbilisi. Sakpatenti representative also participated in a workshop organized by OriGIn, aimed at raising awareness among WIPO member states on simplifying geographical indications and protecting them in jurisdictions of foreign countries and the Internet. Within the Session, a meeting also took place with the delegation of Ukraine. The parties discussed the ongoing negotiations process concerning signing the “Agreement Between Georgia and Ukraine on Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Indications of Source.”</p> <p>On April 15, 2019, to support the development of the geographical indications and appellations of origin system in Georgia and its harmonization with the European Union GI protection system, a series of meetings were launched. Meetings are held within the framework of implementing the first stage of the EU Funded Twinning Project. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy visited Georgia, who introduced in detail to representatives of Sakpatenti, the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, the National Wine Agency and the Customs Department of the Revenue Service the legislation and control system functioning in the field of geographical indications in the European Union, including Italy. They also discussed the concrete examples related to the enforcement of rights on geographical indications.</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>On May 13, 2019, within the framework of the Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia,” a delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy visited Georgia. During the meeting, a set of draft amendments to the Law of Georgia “On Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods” were discussed. In addition, the issue of compliance of these draft amendments with the European Union legislation was reviewed in detail.</p> <p>On May 15, 2019, a meeting took place between the management of Sakpatenti and the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce, visiting Georgia. During the meeting, the parties discussed the ongoing and future joint projects implemented within the cooperation between the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP).</p> <p>On July 25, 2019, the second meeting of the Steering Committee of the EU funded Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia” (GE/16 ENI EC 0318) took place at the Head Office of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, during which the Action Plan for the next 6 months and the conducted activities were presented. The above-mentioned Plan envisages studying and revising the current legislation in Georgia, including the by-laws, and drafting</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>new regulating acts, if necessary. In addition, according to the Plan, the resources of the beneficiaries and producers unions/association involved in the Project will be evaluated in order to identify their needs. To ensure efficient functioning of the GI system, it is significant to achieve effective coordination between the participating offices. According to the Plan, intensive work will start in this direction as well. During the meeting the Action and Communication Plan was signed for the period from August 1, 2019, to January 31, 2020. The objective of the Project is to support the development of the geographical indications and appellations of origin system in Georgia and its harmonization with the GI protection system functioning in the European Union. The Project also aims to create administrative and institutional mechanisms which will strengthen capacity and deepen knowledge in this field. In addition, the Project envisages increasing the role of producers associations and unions in the development of the geographical indications system.</p> <p>On September 16-20, 2019, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) professional development Training Course on Geographical Indications was held at Sakpatenti. The international, English-language training course was organized by the WIPO Academy and the Training Centre of the National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. It is noteworthy that, owing to the successful experience and knowledge of Georgia in this field, Georgia became the first among the countries in</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>transition where, by the decision of the WIPO Academy, the professional development course is held. The course is intended for officials from intellectual property offices of various countries and relevant ministries and is aimed to enhance the skills of officers of the fields concerned. The course was attended by 16 representatives of 13 countries. The Training Course, together with the international experts, was led by trainers of Sakpatenti Training Centre, accredited by the WIPO.</p> <p>In September, 2019 Sakpatenti joined DesignClass, the tool of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), which allows using the list of terms from the harmonized databases of product indications (HDBPI). Users will be able to search and translate harmonized product indications into 27 languages, including Georgian, from 30 intellectual property offices. The cooperation of EUIPO and Sakpatenti is implemented within the Memorandum signed in 2015. The aim of joining DesignClass is to simplify the procedure of design registration for Georgian as well as foreign users at the offices harmonized with DesignClass. It is noteworthy that this is the first precedent when an IP Office of a non-member state of the European Union (EU) joins DesignClass.</p> <p>In October, 2019, the Agreement between the Government of Georgia and the European Patent Organisation (EPO) on Validation of European Patents (Validation Agreement) was signed. After entry into force of the Validation Agreement, applicants</p> |



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|    |   |  |   |  |   | <p>will be able on the basis of a single European patent application to validate their European patents in Georgia, which will simplify for international applicants the procedure of patenting inventions in Georgia.</p> <p>On November 16, 2019, Sakpatenti hosted a meeting of experts of the geographical indications field and representatives of associations of producers of geographical indications and appellation of origin goods, organized within the EU-funded Twinning Project “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia”. The objective of the meeting was to evaluate the resources and necessities of producers and associations to enable them to define in future their role and authority in the geographical indications protection system. The participants also familiarized with the draft amendments prepared for the Law of Georgia “On Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications”.</p> |
| 59 | <p><b>EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights:</b> Taking measures to increase public awareness in the field of intellectual and industrial property protection and ensuring effective dialogue with right holders.</p> | <p>Launch the project regarding the implementation of trademark and design guidelines with the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)</p> | <p>Strengthen the human and institutional capacity of Sakpatenti to enable it to better perform its core functions (protection of industrial property rights and copyright)</p> | <p>Actions regarding, implementation of Guidelines on trademarks and designs have been started</p> | <p>LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti“</p> | <p>The relevant financial agreement (FA) has already been signed and project implementation will start from the beginning of 2020.</p>   |
| 60 |   | <p>Hold seminars and workshops to raise public awareness</p>   | <p>Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property</p>   | <p>Quantity of retrained persons</p>   | <p>LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti“</p> | <p>On January 23, 2019, senior officials of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti met with representatives of the National Scientific Library. The meeting was aimed at raising awareness of the staff members of the organization on intellectual property subject matters and</p>  |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>providing information on the activities of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. Within the meeting, the representatives of Sakpatenti delivered a presentation “Intellectual Property” and provided information concerning all IP subject matters.</p> <p>On January 21, 2019, students of Ilia State University visited Sakpatenti. The meeting was organized with the initiative of members of Ilia State University Students Club “E Pluribus Unum,” who expressed their interest in the activities of Sakpatenti. The event was attended by 30 students. During the meeting, presentations were delivered and information was offered on the intellectual property system in Georgia and Sakpatenti’s activities. In addition, legal mechanisms of protection of intellectual property subject-matters were also introduced to the students. They also familiarized directly with IP subject-matters examination procedures at Sakpatenti.</p> <p>In January 2019, registration started for the WIPO Academy Distance Learning General Course (DL101GE), which is available for interested persons in the Georgian language. The Georgian-language version of the course was developed by Sakpatenti, with the cooperation with the WIPO Intellectual Property Academy. The objective of the course is to raise public awareness in the field of Intellectual property.</p> <p>In April 2019, registration started for the WIPO Academy Distance Learning General Course (DL101GE), which is available for interested persons in the Georgian language.</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>The Georgian-language version of the course was developed by Sakpatenti, with the cooperation with the WIPO Intellectual Property Academy. The objective of the course is to raise public awareness in the field of Intellectual property.</p> <p>On April 22-25, 2019, a study course “Patent Search” took place at the IP Training Center functioning at Sakpatenti. It covered an overview of the patent system and introduced techniques of patent information search. The course was intended for representatives of universities and scientific-research institutions. The objective of the course was to offer the participants the basic knowledge on the importance of patent information, main search systems, and search techniques.</p> <p>On May 7-8, 2019, a regional conference took place, organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The conference was devoted to the importance of one of the significant intellectual property subject-matters in the modern world – design, as a tool for business success and economic value of goods, as well as promotion of this IP subject-matter, which will facilitate raising public awareness on the importance of design protection and development of this direction.</p> <p>On May 18, 2019, a first conference of winegrowers was organized with the financial support of Sakpatenti, which discussed problems existing in the sector of</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>winegrowers and ways to solve them. During the meeting, the participants considered the system for protection and control of geographical indications and appellations of origin, familiarized with the experience of the leading countries and discussed the necessity of creating powerful administrative and institutional mechanisms. The conference was attended by more than 300 winegrowers, winemakers, representatives of the legislative, executive and local administration, as well as students in the field of agriculture.</p> <p>On May 20, 2019, an information meeting took place at the International Black Sea University (IBSU) Research and Innovation Hub, aimed at raising awareness of the University students and representatives of its faculties on the necessity of protection of intellectual property. The participants also familiarized with the patent system and introduced to them the services offered by Sakpatenti. The Research and Innovation Hub of the International Black Sea University, which aims to assist the Hub members in developing and forming of the relevant professional skills to meet the requirements of the innovation field, plans to hold regular consultations and meetings with Sakpatenti.</p> <p>On May 20-23, 2019, a study course “Patent Search” was delivered for the second time at the Intellectual Property Training Center, functioning at Sakpatenti. The course aimed at supporting interested parties to familiarize with the scientific and technological achievements in the intellectual property</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>field, specifically, patents, to acquire state of the art preliminary assessment procedures prior to preparing a patent application and to better plan drafting and filing a patent application with the patent office. The course was attended by representatives of various universities. The course was developed by Sakpatenti and was offered free of charge.</p> <p>On June 25, 2019, students from schools of the Pankisi Gorge villages visited Sakpatenti. The meeting was organized with the initiative of the “Junior Achievement Georgia (JA Georgia),” which is implementing in Pankisi schools the subproject “Basic Business Concepts in Primary Education” of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) project “Pankisi Community Links.” During the meeting, participants gained extensive information on the functioning of the intellectual property system and activities of Sakpatenti. Special attention was paid to separate IP subject-matters, importance and role of their legal protection in the economic, social, and cultural development of the country.</p> <p>On July 1-5, 2019, the Summer School on Intellectual Property Law was held. The event was organized by the European Law Students Association Georgia (ELSA Georgia), Sakpatenti and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The Summer School was attended by 25 students from 10 countries (Austria, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Sweden, Switzerland Georgia) from European and</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>Georgian universities. They listened to lectures delivered by Sakpatenti top officials and sectoral specialists on mechanisms of legal protection of intellectual property subject-matters and tools of their international registration. For already the fourth time, Georgia successfully joined the 22 countries, where the study course is led by qualified sectoral specialists, who share their experience with students of various countries and facilitate raising their awareness in the field of intellectual property.</p> <p>On September 17, 2019, within the “Science and Innovations Festival 2019”, a scientific picnic took place. The National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti was one of the participants of the event. As in the previous years, Sakpatenti offered for children entertaining lessons about intellectual property. To arouse interest in inventions, various games and interesting activities were held. Through cognitive and entertaining methods, the teenagers received information on the significance of creation of inventions and innovative products for the progress and development of the country. In addition, during the picnic fairy tales on the intellectual property topic were also distributed.</p> <p>On September 24, 2019 the International Conference on Geographical Indications was held, jointly organized by Sakpatenti and OriGIn – the Global Alliance of Geographical Indications. The objective of holding the conference as well as the exhibition and tasting was to facilitate popularization of the geographical indications protection system in</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>Georgia and raising awareness in the given field among Georgian entrepreneurs. The event was also attended by the representatives of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), various countries, including the Intellectual Property Office of Switzerland, Ministry of Agriculture of Italy, as well as various governmental and private agencies of Georgia and other stakeholders.</p> <p>On October 11, 2019, Sakpatenti organized a meeting for small and medium-sized entrepreneurs and enterprises on geographical indications, invention and innovations. The meeting “Value of Intellectual Property for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises” took place within the Project “Value of Intellectual Property for SMES VIP4SME”, which is funded by the European Union Program for Research and Innovations “Horizon 2020”. The Project assists Georgian entrepreneurs in drafting an IP strategy and its management, which in its turn will facilitate increasing the competitiveness and creating economic value of Georgian companies, as well as creating additional economic value for them.</p> <p>On October 12, 2019, the Wine Festival was held, during which in order to raise awareness on appellations of origin of wine among entrepreneurs and the general public, Sakpatenti presented an information stand, exhibiting the goods protected by appellations of origin, produced in the</p> |

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|    |  |  |  |  |  | <p>Kakheti region. Sakpatenti staff members delivered consultations for producers participating in the festival and handed over information booklets and flyers on appellations of origin.</p> <p>On November 15, 2019, the awards ceremony of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition of Young Inventors and Researchers “Leonardo da Vinci” took place. which is aimed to raise interest in innovations and technical progress among teenagers, facilitate improvement of the level of education, reveal pupils distinguished for their inventive talent and stimulate the development of pupils’ creative thinking and practical skills, is held since 2010.</p>   |
| 61 |  | Publishing informational flyers and booklets | Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property | About 15000 items of published informational materials | LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – “Sakpatenti” | <p>The following publications were prepared and issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Georgian Wine Map (18 X 21.5) 650 copies.</li> <li>➤ Georgian Cheese Map (18 X 21.5) 500 copies.</li> <li>➤ Georgian Agricultural Products Map (18 X 21.5) 500 copies.</li> <li>➤ Informational Booklet “Distance Learning - General Course on Intellectual Property.” (A5) – 150 copies.</li> <li>➤ “Report 2018” of the Georgian Copyright Association - 500 copies.</li> <li>➤ “Notebook” of the Georgian Copyright Association - 500 copies.</li> <li>➤ “About Sakpatenti” - 170 copies.</li> <li>➤ “Trademark Registration in Georgia” - 170 copies.</li> <li>➤ “Protection of Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications in Georgia” - 170 copies.</li> </ul> |



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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ “Patent for an Invention” - 120 copies.</li> <li>➤ “Design Registration in Georgia” - 120 copies.</li> <li>➤ “Patent for a Utility Model” - 120 copies.</li> <li>➤ Passports/descriptions: Chacha 50 copies, Churchkhela 50 copies, Guda - 50 copies, Sulguni - 50 copies; Kartuli cheese - 50 copies; Imeruli cheese - 50 copies; Matsoni - 50 copies.</li> <li>➤ Passports/descriptions for appellations of origin: Bolnisi Wine (A4) - 50 copies; Bolnisi Mineral Water (A4) - 50 copies.</li> <li>➤ Fairy tales for children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ “Compass” - 1450 copies;</li> <li>✓ “Umbrella” – 1450 copies;</li> <li>✓ “Star-Candles” - 1450 copies;</li> <li>✓ “Washing Machine” - 1450 copies;</li> <li>✓ “Doremus Solasi” – 1450 copies.</li> <li>✓ The brochure “Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Georgia” 34P, 130 C.</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Wine passports, 14 Appellation of Origin 20 copies of each – 280 copies in total.</li> <li>✓ Materials for Chacha Festival (Telavi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Booklet “Geographical Indications and Appellations of Origin” – 30 copies</li> <li>• Chacha passports – 50 copies</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Annual Report of Sakpatenti for 2018 – 20 copies.</li> </ul> |

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| 62                 | <p><b>EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2.5 Trade and Trade-Related Matters, Intellectual Property Rights:</b> Taking effective measures against counterfeiting and piracy, including production of statistical information on those activities to be shared between the Parties</p> | <p>Hold workshops and seminars for stakeholders and right holders of IPR to raise awareness; Sharing statistical information among parties regarding the measures taken against counterfeiting and piracy activities.</p> | <p>Improve the efficiency to combat against counterfeit and piracy. Raising public awareness.</p> | <p>Meetings, trainings and workshops organized for stakeholders and right holders of IPR</p> | <p>LEPL National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti</p> | <p>On July 18, 2019, the International Conference “Georgia Against Counterfeiting and Piracy” was held, jointly organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), U.S. Department of Commerce. The conference took place for the fifth time and it was aimed to inform the participants on the local and international challenges of combatting counterfeiting and piracy, as well as to facilitate effective implementation of intellectual property enforcement mechanisms. The conference facilitates deepening a dialogue between the private and public sectors, and sharing interoffice and international experience. The conference was attended by more than 130 delegates, including the representatives of the state sector, international and regional organizations, associations and foundations, as well as business sector representatives. Special attention at the conference was paid to the activity of the customs bodies of the region in combatting against counterfeiting. The outcomes of measures carried out against counterfeiting in Georgia and existing challenges were also discussed.</p> |
| <b>Competition</b> |  |   |   |  |   |   |
| 63                 | <p><b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters:</b> The Parties will cooperate on implementation of the Competition Chapter of the Association Agreement and the related reforms. Cooperation will tackle Georgia's institutional</p>                             | <p>Competition policy advocacy, holding trainings for public and private sector representatives on various topics of competition policy</p>   | <p>Increasing the level of awareness of target groups.</p>  | <p>Amount of seminars and informational meetings held.</p>                                   | <p>LEPL – Competition Agency</p>  | <p>During 2019, 22 events were held to raise public awareness about the competition policy. Judges, members of the Georgian Bar Association, representatives of local governments, insurance and pharmaceutical sector, business associations, consulting firms, employees of Public procurement Agency, Investigation Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia and other Law Enforcing</p>  |

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|   | <p>framework and relevant administrative capacity to guarantee effective implementation of relevant legislation, as well as enhanced dialogue on legislative enforcement in the competition area and related legislations</p> |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>Officials, students and other stakeholders were the target audience for the mentioned events. Conducted events focused on important aspects related to the enforcement of competition law in Georgia, as well as on challenges and news in insurance and pharmaceutical sectors, Bid Rigging in Public procurement, Competition Enforcement issues in regulated sectors, activities of Business Associations in the frame of competition Law and etc.</p> <p>It is important to note a training course which was conducted with the support from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), by the employees of the Competition Agency of Georgia for the representatives of local governments from 11 regions of Georgia. Because of big interest towards trainings, they were conducted through two phases and totally up to 800 employees of local governments attended them. The purpose of the mentioned course was to share with stakeholders the main aspects of the competition legislation in Georgia and best practices of the GCA.</p> <p>Trainings conducted by judges and consultants of the CJEU for Georgian Judges, assistants of Judges and lawyers were extremely important. Trainings aimed at raising awareness among stakeholders on important international practices and approaches towards Competition cases.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Chairman of the Competition Agency held a public lecture for students of the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET) and Ilia State University. With the support of EU Project several events were organized to further discuss amendments to the Law on Competition of Georgia with the</p> |

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|    |  |  |   |  |                                      | <p>representatives of public authorities, business sector and various business associations.</p> <p>Trainings organized by Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce are worth to be mentioned. Target groups of CLDP trainings besides employees of GCA, were representatives of various public bodies.</p> <p>With the support of EU Project first Georgian Glossary on Competition Terms was published, which was introduced to different stakeholders.</p>  |
| 64 |  | Organizing trainings and study visits for the Competition Agency staff members on various topics of competition policy | improved qualifications of the Competition Agency staff members | Number of the trainings and other capacity-building activities held and number of retrained staff members. | LEPL – Competition Agency            | <p>During 2019, 34 events were held to raise the capacity of staff members of the Competition Agency. The Chairman of the Agency visited Ukraine, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Switzerland and the United States. Within the frames of the abovementioned visits, issues related to the competition sector, including prospects for strengthening cooperation between the Competition Agency of Georgia and international partners, were discussed with foreign colleagues and experts.</p> <p>Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce organized trainings on abuse of dominant position, merger control and pharmaceutical market for GCA employees and shared their experience on mentioned issues.</p> <p>Within the framework of the EU project, “Support to the Competition Agency of Georgia,” trainings were organized on interview techniques, competition impact assessment, approaches on protecting competition on insurance and fuel markets, using quantitative techniques while</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>conducting market monitoring, filling up questionnaires, consumer protection related issues, peculiarities of pharmaceutical market, relations between Intellectual Property Law and Competition Law, Bid Rigging in Public Procurements, Tax and Customs Law, competition challenges of retail market and etc.</p> <p>Judges and consultants of the CJEU also shared their experience with the employees of GCA regarding important recent developments on competition cases.</p> <p>Within the EU project, two employees of the Agency took part in a two-week internship program at the Hellenic Competition Commission, one employee also took internship at the Croatian Competition Agency with the support of GIZ. Furthermore, a study visit was organized in the Austrian Competition Authority and Polish Competition and Consumer Protection Authority (Uokik). GCA employees had the opportunity to receive information on important recent cases on sight. In addition, the representatives of the Agency took part in international seminars organized by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Regional Centre for Competition in Hungary (OECD-GVH RCC) and by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).</p> <p>Representative of GCA also took part in the Congress organized by PLWH (Ukraine, Kiev) on "Intellectual property and Access to Medicines." The event covered issues regarding the legislation in the pharmaceutical sector and its crossing factors</p> |

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| <b>Trade and Sustainable Development</b> |   |  |  |   |   |   |
| 65                                       | <b>Associated agenda; 2.5 Trade and trade-related matters:</b> The Parties will continue their dialogue on the issues covered by the Chapter on the Trade and Sustainable Development of the Associated Agreement, in particular exchanging information on the development of an appropriate  | Development and of Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) of Georgia   | Fulfillment of obligation related to the NDC under the Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) | NDC is elaborated by the Georgian Government  | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia | The working version of Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) was developed, which includes chapters regarding vulnerable groups, geographical, economic and institutional framework of population. The new preliminary targets have been projected; The chapter of ambition and fairness has drafted. The work on gender, adaptation and mitigation chapters is ongoing.   |
| 66                                       | labour inspection system for all international fundamental labour standards, implementation of the Labour Code, implementation of the multilateral environmental agreements, which either side is party to, and implementation of their commitments related to sustainable development, as well as discuss and exchange best practices on the future implementation of the commitments under the Chapter with regard to Stakeholder involvement and civil society dialogue. | Development of the final draft of Climate Action Plan 2021-2030 (CAP) for transport sector and zero draft of Climate Action Plan 2021-2030 for energy sector | Fulfillment of obligation related to the development of NDC implementation plan under the Paris Agreement of the UNFCCC                      | Developed final draft of CAP for transport sector and zero draft of CAP for energy sector | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia | The draft version of the "Climate Action Plan 2021-2030" (CAP) is being developed within the framework of the GIZ project, "Strengthening Capacity of the Eastern Partnership Countries on Climate Change to ensure their compliance with the EU targets." During the reporting period there has been started work on energy generation and transmission, waste, building and forestry sectors within WG has been prepared sectoral overviews; First consultation meetings were held with stakeholders, where the sectoral targets were discussed by the stakeholders based on what first draft versions of chapters were prepared. Moreover, the final draft for "Climate Action Plan 2021-2030" was prepared for the transport sector, taking into consideration the comments received from relevant departments. |
| 67                                       |   | Development and submission of the second Biennial Updated Report (BUR)   | Fulfillment of obligation related to the BUR under the UNFCCC  | The second BUR is submitted to the UNFCCC   | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia | Within the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) project, "Development of the Second Biannual Update Report to the United Nations   |

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|    |   | of Georgia to the UNFCCC   |   |  |  | Framework Convention on Climate Change," the final English version of BUR was submitted to the UNFCCC. The BUR document was translated into the Georgian language. In parallel, the fifth report of the greenhouse gas inventories was prepared, which was also submitted to and published by the UNFCCC.   |
| 68 |   | Development of framework for adaptation chapter of Georgia's fourth National Communication (FNC) to the UNFCCC | Fulfillment of obligations related to the FNC under the UNFCCC                    | Developed framework for adaptation chapter of FNC                                | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia  | With the support of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Global Environmental Fund (GEF), the "Development of Georgia's Fourth National Communication to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change" was launched. Within the process scheme for adaptation chapter was developed and the work has been started on the following adaptation related components: climate scenarios, impact assessment of the climate change on glaciers, climate change impact on coastal zones, climate change impact on surface runoff, climate change impact on agriculture (breeding, annual crops and perennial plant growing), impact assessment of the climate change on forestry, climate change impact on pastures, and climate change impact on underground water resources. |
| 69 | <b>Association Agreement Article 234, b:</b> Taking into account the importance of ensuring responsible management of fish stocks in a sustainable manner as well as promoting good governance in trade, the Parties commit to taking effective measures to monitor and control fishing activities; | Development of Fishing Electronic Monitoring System  | Development of Fishing Electronic Accounting Modules on internal water reservoirs | Fishing Electronic Accounting Modules On internal water Reservoirs are developed | Department of Environmental Supervision LEPL National Environmental Agency LEPL Financial Analytical Service | The Department of Environmental Supervision continues to increase the number of ships, which will be equipped with a fish electronic monitoring system.<br><br>Approximation of methodologies for stock assessment and calculation of fishing quotas with those recognized by the EU and the GFCM is ongoing.   |

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|    |   |   |  |  |   | Development of electronic monitoring system of fishing requires significant financial and human resources. The final deadline of the activity was postponed until December 2020 year.   |
| 70 | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 State budget Trade and Trade-related Matters:</b> The Parties will continue their dialogue on the issues covered by the Chapter on Trade and Sustainable Development of the Association Agreement, in particular exchanging information on the development of an appropriate labour inspection system for all international fundamental labour standards, implementation of the Labour Code, implementation of | Capacity building of the Revenue Service and Department of Environmental Supervision to Enhance implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), particularly training of trainers for the selected representatives of the named institutions | Trained trainers, who will in future be able to train other employees, concerning the regulations of the Convention. | Number of trained employees  | Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia                                     | The manual regarding the issues of the “Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora” (CITES) is in a drafting process. This document is intended to be used for ToT sessions for the representatives of the customs officers from the Revenue Service of Georgia and the Department of Environmental Supervision. |
| 71 | multilateral environmental agreements, which either side is party to, and implementation of their commitments related to sustainable development, as well as discuss and exchange   | Adoption of Forest Code of Georgia  | Effective regulation of forest protection and forest use in compliance with the EU practice                          | Adopted Forest Code of Georgia   | Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia                                     | In February 2019, The Government of Georgia submitted the draft of the Forest Code to the Parliament and Parliamentary committee hearings were organized. Besides, in October 2019, the Forest Code was adopted by the first hearing at the plenary sessions of parliament.   |
| 72 | best practices on the future implementation of the commitments under the Chapter with regard to stakeholder involvement and civil society dialogue  | Ensure compliance of the draft bylaws on „Rule of Forest Use“, „Rule of Forest Inventory and Monitoring“ and „Rule of Forest Protection, Maintenance, and Restoration” with the draft Forest Code   | Adopted by-laws to ensure sustainable forest management  | Approved by-laws on „Rule of Forest Use“, „Rule of Forest Inventory and Monitoring“ and „Rule of Forest Protection, Maintenance, and Restoration” according to the legal requirements of the draft Forest Code | Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;<br>LEPL - National Forestry Agency | The first draft versions of Government decrees on the “Use of forest,” “Forest inventory and Monitoring” and on “Forest protection, maintenance and restoration” have been elaborated and will be revised according to the draft forest code after it is adopted by the Parliament of Georgia.  |



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| 73 |  | Development of Forest and Land Use Decision Support (FLUIDS) system | Improvement of Forest and Land Use Decision Support (FLUIDS) system; Public access to forest-related data; | System interface that is equipped with web-GIS functions is developed and a decentralized spatial database is created; Capacity building trainings for the employees of the Ministry on FLUIDS, Including trainings on Geographic Information System (GIS) applications; | Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;<br><br>LEPL - National Forestry Agency | <p>In 2019, Forest and Land Use Decision Support (FLUIDS) System has been improved in the following directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The interactive statistics board / country profile (dashboard) has been elaborated;</li> <li>• The data on the mining and license holders have been renewed;</li> <li>• Interactive map of soil degradation (electronic database and atlas of soil) is developed and integrated;</li> <li>• The forest management interactive-thematic maps have been developed and integrated into the menu (the special functional zones; the dominant tree species; the projected management measures; land categories);</li> <li>• The data filtration function has been added;</li> <li>• Existing orthophotos and topographical maps have been integrated from the geographical database of the National Public Registry using "the Web Service";</li> <li>• Information about the Important Bird Area has been integrated;</li> <li>• The metadata for all the data in the system was updated on the central GIS server.</li> </ul> <p>In 2019, 19 employees of MEPA and authorities under MEPA (LEPL National Forest Agency, LEPL Protected Areas Agency, and Environmental Supervision Department) were trained to improve the use geographical informational systems (ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS online/Server, Web-portal).</p> <p>From June 16 to June 22, 2019, the Global Forest Watch User Summit has been organized in the United States. The Georgian delegation, consisting of Government and</p> |

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|    |  |  |  |   |  | <p>NGO representatives, presented a national forest and land use atlas. In addition, participants received information on the latest forest monitoring tools.</p> <p>On 18 July 2019, the online platform of the forest and land use atlas was officially presented to the public.</p>   |
| 74 |  | Cooperation with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), participation of Georgia in its Meetings according to the status of Non-party, Cooperating Country | Experience and information on requirements and standards of the GFCM and EU in fisheries and aquaculture sectors | Number of meetings attended by delegations of Georgia | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia;<br><br>Environmental Supervision Department National Environmental Agency | <p>Employees of Fishery, Aquaculture and Water Biodiversity Department of the LEPL National Environmental Agency participated in the training “Demonstration of pathology of bivalve mollusks (mussels and oysters),” which took place at the Aquaculture Demonstration Center of the National Institute for Marine Research and Development (NIMRD) “Grigore Antipa” on May 6-10, 2019. The training was organized by the GFCM.</p> <p>Representatives of the LEPL National Environmental Agency participated in a seminar, organized by the UN, FAO and GFCM, determining of the age of Black Sea fish, anchovy and Rapana. The seminar was held in Trabzon, the Republic of Turkey from January 28 until February 1, 2019. Protocols on age determination was accepted.</p> <p>NEA took part in a meeting on the development of the methodology and protocol on rapana assessment in the Black Sea within the frames of the BlackSea4Fish project. It is planned to carry out an experimental survey in accordance with the developed protocol in the Black Sea area near Trabzon. Afterwards, it is planned to conduct the surveys in the territorial waters of the Black Sea countries.</p> |

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|   |  |                  |                  |            |                                      | <p>From April 08 to April 10, 2019 in Monastir, Tunisia, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the General Commission for the Mediterranean Fisheries (GFCM) held a workshop to develop guidelines of sustainable aquaculture. The workshop was organized by the CAQ.</p> <p>Employee of the Environmental Supervision Department participated in this workshop. Guidelines and directions for sustainable aquaculture development were prepared at the meeting.</p> <p>From July 16, 2019 to July 19, 2019, a Working group meeting was held in Tirana, Albania. The meeting was organized by the GFCM. The meeting focused on the following issues: control, surveillance and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. Employee of the Environmental Supervision Department participated in this meeting.</p> <p>The 8th meeting of the Black Sea Working Group (WGBS) was held in Trabzon (Turkey) during September 18-20, 2019. At the same time another meeting of the BlackSea4Fish Project Committee was held. The meeting was organized by the GFCM and FAO. Employees of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and Environmental Supervision Department participated in this meeting.</p> <p>During 2019, there was an active cooperation and communication between General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA). The following State Agencies participated in the workshops and official</p> |

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|    |   |  |  |   |  | meetings with GFCM: Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA); LEPL – National Environment Agency (NEA); State Sub-Agency – Department of Environmental Supervision (DES). In total 12 meetings were held regarding following subjects: management of fisheries; development of aquaculture; monitoring and control of fishery; Stock assessment of commercially important fish resources; Cooperation with GFCM helps the country to receive useful experience with existing EU requirements and regulations which are already approved in the fields like fisheries and aquaculture. |
| 75 | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 State budget Trade and Trade-related Matters:</b> exchanging information on the development of an appropriate labour inspection system for all international fundamental labour standards, implementation of the Labour Code, implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, which either side is party to, and implementation of their commitments related to sustainable development, as well as discuss and exchange best practices on the future implementation of the commitments under the Chapter with regard to stakeholder involvement and civil society dialogue | Informing employees and employers about occupational health and safety rules at workplaces | Increased awareness of employers and employees | Number of informational meetings and consultations                  | Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia | In 2019, within the framework of the State program, “Inspection of Labor Conditions,” 138 facilities of 49 companies were inspected. In order to raise awareness, informational brochures on occupational safety and labor rights were disseminated during inspections.<br><br>Within the frames of the Organic Law on Occupational safety, during the reference period, inspection was conducted in 255 facilities of 194 companies’. Within the scope of the Organic Law on OSH, the Joint Monitoring Groups of Inspectors inspected 152 facilities of 148 companies in the construction sector.                |
| 76 |   | Rising Awareness of employees and employers regarding child labour issues                  | Reducing child labour at enterprises           | The number of held awareness rising meetings regarding child labour | Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia | In the reference period, within the frames of the №112 Resolution of the Government of Georgia “On Approval of Rule of State Supervision/Labour Inspection of Prevention of and Responding on Forced Labour and Labour Exploitation” of march 7, 2016, Labor officials visited 100 companies. During the inspection processes, the main focus was   |

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| 77                  |  | Functioning of Tripartite Social Partnership Commission | Strengthened social partnership and social dialogue; | The number of commission meetings.         | Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia;<br><br>Tripartite Social Partnership Commission | made on raising awareness of employees and employers regarding child labor issues.<br><br>On March 15 2019, the first meeting of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara was held. The Commission discussed the action plan 2019-2020 and set up a working group under the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara.<br>During the reference period, 6 meetings of the working group under the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission were held. The working group discussed the revision of the TSPC 2018-2019 action plan, the draft labor and employment policy strategy, and the draft technical regulation on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment. |
| <b>Transparency</b> |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| 78                  | <b>Association Agenda; 2.5 Trade and Trade related Matters</b><br>Preparing for the implementation of commitments on transparency in trade related policy-making and consideration of necessary mechanisms to be put in place in this regard | Further development of the web-portal on DCFTA          | Increased public awareness on DCFTA                  | Constantly updated and functional web-page | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia  | The official website <a href="http://www.dcfta.gov.ge">www.dcfta.gov.ge</a> is constantly being updated. Specifically, the statistics regarding trade was updated, draft legislations in the field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (SPS), Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), and Trade Remedies were published in order to allow interested parties to share their comments. Furthermore, information regarding events related to the implementation process of the DCFTA was published on an integrated calendar of the website.<br><br>During 2019, number of website visitors amounted to 20 079. Except Georgia, frequent visitors of the website were from the United States, Germany, Russia, Turkey and Belgium.   |

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| 79 |  | Organizing DCFTA Advisory Group meetings  | Promoting the participation and raising awareness of NGOs, business community and civil society in DCFTA implementation process | The number of meetings conducted | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia | <p>On July 19, 2019, with the support from the G4G program of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), a joint meeting of the DCFTA Advisory Group (DAG) and the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) was held at the “Hotel Museum”. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of DAG.</p> <p>The members of the group attended the presentation of the draft technical regulation on “Safety of Toys.” Furthermore, members of the advisory group were informed about the regulatory impact assessments (RIAs) of the Low-voltage Directive (LVD) and the electromagnetic compatibility Directive (EMC), which were prepared by the consulting group PMO with the support from the G4G program.</p>   |
| 80 |  | Organizing thematic meetings with representatives of business, NGOs, local government, academics and other stakeholders on DCFTA related issues | Increased public awareness on DCFTA   | The number of meetings conducted | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia | <p>On 18 January 2019, within the framework of the EU-funded project, “Facility for the Implementation of Association Agreement,” the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia held a regional roundtable workshop with representatives of the private sector and media in Rustavi regarding the implementation of the DCFTA commitments. More than 100 representatives of the private sector and the media representatives took part in the roundtable workshop.</p> <p>In February 2019, a representative of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia took part in a regional meeting held in Mtskheta. The aim of the meeting was to improve the dialogue between farmers, entrepreneurs and the representatives of governmental institutions. Participants of the event discussed issues related to the challenges of the DCFTA as</p> |

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| 81                        |  | Issuing printed materials/ informative booklets in order to raise awareness on the DCFTA implementation process | Increased public awareness regarding the implementation process of the DCFTA   | The number of printed materials  | Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia  | <p>well as opportunities for farmers, agricultural cooperatives and small and medium-sized businesses.</p> <p>200 information booklets regarding the implementation of the DCFTA in 2018 were published in Georgian and English languages, with the assistance of the USAID project – Government for Growth (G4G). These booklets are being distributed during the DCFTA information and awareness-raising meetings.</p>   |
| <b>DCFTA Coordination</b> |  |   |  |                                  |   |  |
| 82                        | Coordination of the DCFTA implementation                             | Organize meetings of the DCFTA implementation interagency working group   | Improved coordination between DCFTA implementing government authorities and effective and timely implementation of DCFTA obligations | The number of meetings conducted | <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;</p> <p>Authorities involved in implementation process of DCFTA</p> | <p>On November 28, 2019, the 11th meeting of the DCFTA implementation interagency working group was held. Within the framework of the meeting, members of the group discussed the implementation of the 2019 Action Plan of DCFTA; issues related to the EU-Georgia Association Committee in Trade configuration scheduled for December 5-6, 2019 in Tbilisi; state of formulating DCFTA Implementation National Action Plan for 2020.</p> <p>The 6th meeting of the EU-Georgia Association Committee in Trade configuration took place in Tbilisi on December 5-6, 2019. Representatives from the government institutions and agencies involved in the implementation of the DCFTA and relevant EU Commission directorates participated in the meeting.</p> <p>DCFTA Implementation National Action Plan for 2020 was prepared and adopted by the № 1-1/2 Order of the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia on January 3, 2020.</p> |