

Implementation Report of the 2016 National Action Plan for the Implementation of the Association Agreement between Georgia, of the one part and the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the other part and the Association Agenda between Georgia and the European Union

		Planned Activity	Result/ Output	Indicators	Responsible Institution	Implementa tion Timeframe	Source of Funding ¹	Implementation
53.	81.1	Develop the Trade Web-Portal	Improve accessibility to the information on Georgian companies and their products, Georgia's trade partners along with customs duties and procedures	Functional/launched Web Portal www.tradewithgeorgia.com	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	Since January 2016, the website www.tradewithgeorgia.com is fully functioning. Currently more than 220 Georgian companies had registered their products and services designed for export.
	81.2	Create web-portal in accordance with the EEN guidelines as well as implement other activities in frames of existing cooperation	Establishment of new business ties between the representatives of Georgian SMEs and EU member countries	Functional/launched Web Portal	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	Since January 2016, EEN-website is fully functioning. At the same time, web-site www.een-georgia.ge and Facebook page "Enterprise Europe Network Georgia" started operation as well. Since operation of these web-sites more than 85 Georgian companies received information about future business partners and business proposals. In December 2016, "Opportunities for SMEs under EEN and H2020" event was held, aimed at promoting EEN and H2020. More than 50 Georgian companies attended the event. Currently, Enterprise Development Agency works to register Georgian business proposals / requests in European Entrepreneurs Network (EEN) Intranet. According to data of 2016, 1 Georgian company is registered on EEN website and several are going through registration process. From June 30, 2016 to July 1, the candidate nominated by the Enterprise

								Development Agency within the framework of EEN project participated in a "mentoring / training" event, which was held in Greece. Also in November 2016, the Enterprise Development Agency employee participated in EEN's Annual Meeting, which was held in Bratislava, Slovakia and was attended with participants from more than 60 different countries. During the meeting parties shared their experience and summarized annual results.
81.3	Promote the Georgian exporter companies' participation at the international trade fairs and missions throughout the EU member countries	Popularization of Georgian products as well as establishment of new business ties to diversify the market	Exporter companies, participating in trade fairs and missions	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	By the support of EDA, Georgian companies participated following events during the 2016: In February and March, two Trade Fairs were held in Dubai. The first exhibition was held on February 21-25, 9 Georgian companies participated (including 6 Nut companies, 2 soft drink companies and a manufacturer of sweets), Second exhibition was held on March 15-17 and 3 Georgian pharmaceutical products manufacturer companies attended. On October 4-6 Barcelona hosted the International Trade Fair CPHI 2016, 3 Georgian pharmaceutical products manufacturer companies participated in the event. On October 16-20, an International Food and Beverage Exhibition CIAL Paris 2016 was held, 11 Georgian companies had participated. From November 28 to December 1 trade mission to Latvia and Poland was organized, 8 Georgian companies participated.	

	81.4	Implement the projects related to access to financial resources in the frames of State Program "Produce in Georgia"	Support to new enterprise establishment along with upgrade/expansion of existing ones, in the scope of "Produce in Georgia" access to finance component	Agreements signed between Enterprise Georgia and its beneficiaries	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	<p>According to December 2016 data, Enterprise Development Agency financially assisted an additional 70 co-ventures within the framework of the state program "Produce in Georgia", which created additional of 2364 new jobs. Total loan of these 70 projects is 72,4 million GEL, while the total investment is 129,6 million GEL. Following sectors were supported: Food production; Agricultural products processing; Paper and cardboard production; Polyethylene production; Pharmaceutical production; Production of electronic devices; Textile production; Steel production.</p> <p>According to December data, Enterprise Development Agency's portfolio consists of 150 projects, total loans - 215,5 million GEL, while the total investment is 328,5 million GEL. Total number of employees is 6,513 people. As for the hotel industry, 15 hotel construction and expansion agreement were signed under this program. Which led to the creation of 452 new jobs and 432 new rooms. The total volume of loans for these 15 projects - 16,2 million GEL, while the total investment is 29,3 million GEL. In addition, Enterprise Development Agency added new, film-making component. Within the framework of this program 6 projects were signed (Joint venture with the USA; Germany; India; Norway). Budget: 8,7 million GEL. Direct employment - 670 people. (National Agency of State Property and Agricultural Projects Management</p>
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54.	82.1	Develop the Business Service Center for raising awareness on DCFTA as well as other different activities implemented by Enterprise Georgia	Business Service Center assists in spreading information among society on requirements, obligations and planned activities envisaged by DCFTA	Beneficiaries who were consulted regarding the DCFTA	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	According to 2016 data, more than 220 beneficiaries consulted regarding DCFTA. Among them are: 33 export manager graduate beneficiaries. 8 companies who took part in a business mission to Poland and Latvia (Gateway Baltic); 14 Companies participating in CPHI 2016 and SIAL Paris, which have also received information about the requirements of the EU market. 11 pharmaceutical companies, who have received information about the GMP standard and DCFTA possibilities; 6 furniture companies, which participated in the furniture exhibition in Cologne, Germany in January 2017. Also, private counselling about EU market demands with 3 honey producers about; 2 Liquorice root exporter companies; 20 private companies, which were interested in obtaining EUR 1 certificate;; Private consultations about DCFTA with 140 beneficiaries, who attended the presentations in Tbilisi and regions: Round table in Kakheti (30 companies), consultations for micro-grant program beneficiaries (30 companies), Annual information meeting of "Produce in Georgia" programme and b2b forum participants (approximately 80 companies).
55.	83.1	Improve the data coverage and quality on External Merchandise Trade	Improvement of the new foreign merchandise trade statistics data	The new foreign merchandise trade statistics data processing software	LEPL - National Statistics Office	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Statistics	After implementation of new software for processing foreign merchandise trade statistics data, improvement of processing techniques and quality of

		Statistics	processing software and publishing of foreign merchandise trade data according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) and by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)				Office's	data was implemented. Due to this changes since 2016 foreign merchandise trade statistics data is published using classifications by Broad Economic Categories (BEC) and Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).
56.	84.1	Approximation with the Directive 94/9/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on equipment and protection systems used in potentially explosive atmosphere	Approximation of Georgian legislation with the EU legislation	Prepared Draft Resolution of Government of Georgian	<p>The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)</p> <p>LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC)</p> <p>LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)</p>	2016	Budget of the relevant body	<p>Directive was translated and first draft of the technical regulation was elaborated.</p> <p>Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology plans to adopt harmonized standards of abovementioned Directive under the 2017 Standard program.</p> <p>According to the AA framework, the abovementioned directive should be approximated before September 2018.</p>
	84.2	Approximation with the Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on radio equipment and telecommunication	Approximation of Georgian legislation with the EU legislation	Prepared Draft Resolution of Government of Georgian	<p>The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and</p>	2016		<p>Directive was translated and first draft of the technical regulation was elaborated.</p> <p>Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology plans to adopt harmonized standards of abovementioned Directive under the 2017 Standard program.</p>

		terminal equipment and mutual recognition of their conformity			Metrology (GEOSTM) LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC) LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)			Taking into consideration that Georgian National Communications Commission will be in charge of surveillance on products mentioned in this Directive, GNCC actively participates in this processes. According to the AA framework, the abovementioned directive should be approximated before September 2018.
84.3	Adopt the International and European Standards as a Georgian Standards	Increased access for the Interested parties to the International and European standards	Number of international and European standards adopted as a Georgian ones	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	Budget of the LEPL - GEOSTM	During the 2016, 2196 standards were adopted, including: 656 international (ISO, IEC) and the 1540 European (EN) standards. For the December 2016, approximately 10 000 International and European standards were adopted as a Georgian Standards.	
84.4	Upgrade the measurement standards base of renovated Metrological Labs with the new and modern equipment	Development of metrological infrastructure	Number metrological labs equipped with new instruments	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	Budget of the LEPL - GEOSTM CIB	In the framework of II phase of the CIB program the process of delivery, installation of equipment is on the final stage. EU side already finalised purchase of all the equipment, which were planned to purchase for 2016. According to 2016 data, equipment for following laboratories is already received - Radiation Metrology, small volumes, power, pressure, acoustic measurements, temperature, electricity, humidity, radio-physical measurements, time and frequency, geometric measurements, optics, mass, especially large masses - masses and	

								scales, as well as the so-called Mobile laboratory, specially equipped vehicle, which allows to calibrate weight masses in the laboratory. Also, under the co-financing of the CIB project the GEOSTM has purchased equipment/measuring instruments for the following reference divisions/laboratories – devices for tape’s and gaging rod’s calibration and devices for theodolites and geodetic level (geodesic measuring instruments) calibration. Also we have received equipment for vibration laboratory, Radiophysics, optics and acoustics divisions and pH-meter standard physical of chemistry reference division - harned cell, thermostat, calibration source of high accuracy. The mentioned process/buying process will last until the end of 2017
84.5	Implement the principles of ISO/IEC 9001:2015 in the Standards Department of the GEOSTM	Further improvement of the quality of the work of Agency	Assessments and recommendations of relevant EU experts	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - GEOSTM CIB	In order to adopt International Standard ISO 9001: 2015 works are ongoing within the framework of CIB program technical assistant project "Standardization and Metrology Infrastructure Development Support for approximation with best EU practices". A working group established by representatives of Standard Department with the invited experts carries out the activities related to the implementation of the standard. Group elaborated relevant documents and procedures for quality management system on the base of	

							functions and structure of Standards department. During the first part of 2017, trainings about ISO 9001:2015 and audit issues is planned to conduct.
84.6	Full operation of “Accreditation Council” in Accreditation Center	Recommendations elaborated by “Accreditation Council” in the field of accreditation and conformity assessment	During 2016, “Accreditation Council” conducted at least two sessions; Recommendations elaborated by “Accreditation Council” with the participation of interested parties.	<p>The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC)</p>	2016	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Non-budget revenues of the LEPL - GAC</p>	<p>On 26 February 2016, the second meeting of Accreditation Council was held, which was attended by 10 representatives of private and public sector. The Council discussed following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of National Accreditation Council Session # 1 (28.11.2015) minutes; • Preliminary results of the Accreditation Center assessment from EA • CIB project in Accreditation Center <p>On November 4, 2016 3rd meeting of the Accreditation Council was held. The session was attended by 12 representatives of private and public sector. The Council discussed following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation Council's collegial assessment from EA • CIB project in Accreditation Center • New ISO / IEC 17043 standards scheme implementation
84.7	Implement the international standards in accreditation practice	For the accreditation purposes of CABs, GAC uses international standards in accordance with EA requirements	<p>Actual versions of standards used by GAC:</p> <p>-ISO/IEC 17020</p> <p>-ISO/IEC 17021</p> <p>-ISO/IEC 17024</p> <p>-ISO/IEC 17025</p>	<p>The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>LEPL - The Unified National Body of</p>	2016	Non-budget revenues of the LEPL - GAC	<p>In accordance with EA requirements GAC conducts assessment according to international standards. In accordance with the requirements of EA, ILAC and IAF where changed accreditation scheme.</p>

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57.	85.1	Conduct the seminars and trainings in the relevant field by GEOSTM	Support in preparation and adaption of stakeholders including economic operators for the implementation of approximated legislation	Number of seminars and trainings conducted	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	State Budget Budget of the relevant body CIB	Within the framework of EU funded project ("Standardization and Metrology Infrastructure Development Support for approximation with best EU practices") in various regions of Georgia awareness raising seminars for entrepreneurs and representatives of local laboratories and government were held. March 10 - Telavi, June 10 - Poti, September 22 - Akhaltsikhe, November 11 - Kutaisi and December 15 - Bolnisi. The seminars were covered by the local press and media, as well as the Agency's Web site. In total 210 producers participated in this events.
	85.2	Conduct the trainings and seminars by accreditation centre	Support the preparation and adaptation of interested parties, including economical operators to ensure the implementation of approximated legislation	Conducted seminars for representatives of small and medium enterprises	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC)	2016	Budget of the relevant body CIB	During 2016 trainings were organised in the following international standards: -ISO / IEC 17020 - (three trainings) -ISO / IEC 15189 -ISO / IEC 17065 -ISO / IEC 17043 Training also were carried out for: - Reference Laboratory issues; - Food product sampling field Every training was attended with approximately 20 participants. In total 12 trainings were held during 2016 and attended by more than 240 participants from laboratories, certification and inspection bodies.
58.	86.1	Adopt the Action Plan according to the Strategy on	Development of Industrial Products Market Surveillance	Action Plan approved by the relevant normative	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Technical and	Based on recommendations made by European experts within the framework of technical assistance

		Market Surveillance of Industrial Products	system approximated to the EU best practice	act	Development LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)		Construction Supervision Agency	project conducted in the agency, were elaborated multiannual action plan for market surveillance on industrial and consumer products. Plans were adopted by governmental decree (N641, 30.12.2016). Abovementioned plan includes actions for 2017-2022 years.
	86.2	Elaborate the rules and procedures in the field of market surveillance according to Action Plan	Implemented new approaches and principles of product safety examination according to the EU recommendations stipulated in normative acts	Drafts of relevant normative acts	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)	2016	EU Technical Assistance Programme	For the establishment of the effective procedure for enforcement of market surveillance activities were prepared drafts amendments in the law on Code on Safety and free movement of Products. According to abovementioned amendment, secondary legislation will be drafted for the further clarification of the proposed changes and to ensure proper enforcement.
59.	87.1	Trainings, study visits and pilot studies for TCSA staff in the field of market surveillance related to new and global approach EU directives	Increase the capacity of staff of Technical and Construction Supervision agency	Trained staff	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)	2016	EU Technical Assistance Programme	In March 2016, within the framework of EU financed program, British experts organised training about European model of market surveillance. In April and May, two study visits were carried out in Lithuania and in the UK, where four employees of the agency studied the market surveillance system. In particular, structure of market supervision bodies, functions, inspection methods, risk control (risk assessment and management), basic requirements of the relevant legislation (including sanctioning issues), functions of customs bodies included in market surveillance system and communication with them, product information prompt exchange systems (RAPEX, TARIC and ICSMS),

								<p>consumer products inspection, testing laboratories, laboratory research methods, their technical equipment, testing equipment.</p> <p>British and Lithuanian experts have conducted training sessions for the staff of the Agency on the following topics: The European model of market supervision; Practical implementation of approximated Georgian legislation to the 5 new approach Directives (lifts, rope-way equipment, pressure equipment, simple pressure vessels, hot water boilers). Construction products; As well as consumer products such as toys and electrical equipment.</p> <p>British experts also conducted training on the construction products with regards to the Euro directive.</p> <p>Within the framework of the indicated project, the final steering committee was held and were discussed: the implemented activities under the project, recommendations and the future planes for development of agency.</p>
60.	88.1	Train the staff of GEOSTM in English Language, under the framework of the CIB programme	Development of qualification and skills of GEOSTM staff in standardization and metrology issues, as well as improvement of language skills.	Number of trainings conducted and Certificates issued	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	Budget of the II phase (Twinning) of the CIB	In order to improve English language skills of staff of the GEOSTM, English language courses were conducted. Courses were conducted in two stages and lasted for 4 months. 30 employees successfully completed the course and were awarded with certificates.
	88.2	Train the staff of GAC in the field of	Trained personnel in the field of	Trained Staff	The Ministry of Economy and	2016	Budget of the LEPL - GAC	Study visits planned within the framework of CIB program in AENOR

		assessment technique in accordance with the legislation approximated with the EU norms	assessment technique		Sustainable Development LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC)		CIB	and ENAC- (Spain) and UKAS (Great Britain) in 2016, was re-scheduled for first half of 2017. Study visit was re-scheduled because of inviting party.
61.	89.1	Draft and adapt of secondary legislation according to the legislative Approximation Programme	Approximation of Georgian legislation: to 13 EU legal documents in food safety field to 9 EU legal documents in the veterinary field to 3 EU legal documents in the field of phytosanitary	Adopted legal acts	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - National Food Agency LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget CIB	<p>Within the framework of legislative approximation program, Georgian`s relevant legislation were approximated with the 25 EU legal acts in 2016:</p> <p>Resolution N639 of Government of Georgia 2015 December 18 Technical regulation on "Pharmacologically active substances, their classification and maximum residue level in food of animal origin.</p> <p>Resolution N301 of the Government of Georgia of July 1 2016, technical regulation on the "provision of food information to consumers."</p> <p>Resolution N302 of the Government of Georgia of July 1 2016 on the "approval of the rule on potato cyst nematodes."</p> <p>Resolution N499 of the Government of Georgia of November 8, 2016, technical regulation on the "approval of the rule concerning the performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of results for the analysing certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and in food of animal origin."</p>

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62.	90.1	Develop a training programme and provide relevant trainings for staff involved in legislative approximation process	Increasing qualification of staff involved in legislative approximation process	trained staff	<p>Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>LEPL - National Food Agency</p> <p>LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture</p>	2016	<p>State Budget</p> <p>CIB</p>	<p>With the support of CIB project 20 employees of National Food Agency of Georgia are participating in English language courses from 25th of January 2016.</p> <p>In May 2016 CIB project organized a training at National Food Agency in drafting legal act in accordance with EU requirements with the example of regulation 999/2001 of the European Parliament and the Council.</p> <p>Veterinarians of National Food Agency periodically take part in Epidemiology and Laboratory field trainings (FELTP) (1-2 specialist a year).</p> <p>On September 9, 2016 with the support of EU aid CIB programme working meeting was organized at National Food Agency, participants discussed table of correspondence of</p>

								<p>"Resolution N11 of the Government of Georgia of January 11, 2016 - Fight against corn western Beatle"</p> <p>On 12-16 December 2016, representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Food Agency took part in a study visit to share the experience of the Estonian success with regards to Georgia-EU Association Agreement (including DCFTA) implementation</p> <p>On 20-26 November, 2016 representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Food Agency visited Warsaw, Poland, where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National School of Public Administration organized a training on the Deep and Comprehensive Free Area Agreement (DCFTA) implementation regarding Polish experience in agriculture and trade in agricultural products.</p>
63.	91.1	Carry out meetings, discussions, media campaigns on requirements for accessing EU market, on the relevant consumers aspects of food and feed safety, and regarding efficient implementation of newly adopted or revised legislation	improvement of awareness of stakeholders	Conducted meetings	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - National Food Agency Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget CIB	<p>2 Training courses were organised for cooperatives by Agricultural Project Management Agency (APMA):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Zugdidi Municipality for 50-60 participants; 2. In Akhaltsikhe Municipality for 50-60 participants. <p>During the trainings food safety requirements were discussed, related to the official control, as well as possibilities to export Georgian honey to the EU; APMA informed</p>

								<p>shareholders of the cooperatives about a new program; representatives were informed about the hygiene conditions of apiculture, about the residue control, management of bee diseases. APMA provided information on assistance and financial access for cooperatives. The general trainings have been attended by the members of the cooperatives and other stakeholders involved in apiculture development.</p> <p>On April 26th, 2016, a planned session of “Civil Hall” was held at LEPL National Food Agency. At the meeting, the significance of communication with the non-governmental sector and media was discussed as well as other issues and challenges that can be solved through civil engagement.</p> <p>On May 18th, 2016, First Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the Head of LEPL National Food Agency met with the students of veterinary faculty of the Agricultural University. Thanks to the initiative of the LEPL National Food Agency, the last course students of the veterinary department shall work as trainees at various slaughterhouses in the regions of Georgia. Future veterinarians were also informed about the state vision regarding the agricultural sector and the importance of food safety, EU legal approximation and implementation of modern standards.</p>
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64.	92.1	Accreditation of the methods of diagnostics of plant diseases	Providing the laboratory dimension of the government	Addition of diagnostic methods of plant diseases in the sphere of	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - Laboratory of	2016	State Budget CIB	LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture gained international accreditation in the following areas: Diagnostics of the plant pests:

			phytosanitary program	accreditation	the Ministry of Agriculture		Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	<p>I. Microbiology: potato bacterial rot(<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i>), potato ring rot (<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>Sepedonicus</i>);</p> <p>II. Mycology: potato wart disease.</p> <p>III. Entomology: Colorado potato beetle (<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i>), potato moth (<i>Phthorimaea operculella</i>), South American tomato moth (<i>Tuta absoluta</i>);</p> <p>IV. Helminthology: potato cyst nematode (<i>Globodera rostochiensis</i> and <i>G. pallida</i>).</p> <p>V. Virus ology: Plum pox virus, citrus viral disease (tristeza) (CTV);</p> <p>VI. Determination of GMO: GMO screening Roundup Ready™ soya and GMO corn PCR quantification in real time, DNA food and feed samples;</p> <p>VII. Herbology: identification of invasive plants - annual ragweed (<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>), : identification of invasive plants - Russian knapweed (<i>Acroptilon repens</i>), identification of invasive plants - <i>Cenchrus spinifex</i> Cav (<i>Cenchrus</i></p>
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92.2	Introduce the new methods of analytical chemistry for food analysis	Food testing according to the EU’s requirements	Addition of the methods of analytical chemistry in the sphere of accreditation	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture	2016	State Budget Own funds CIB Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	In 2016 the following testing methods were added to the laboratory accreditation sphere: Food and Feed microbiology: Listeria monocytogenes enumeration, detection of Enterobacter sakazaki (Enterobacter sakazaki ISO 22964:2006), detection of Enterobacter sakazaki (Enterobacter sakazaki Internal SOP (internal standard operating procedure) vibrio parahaemolotycus detection (Vibrio parahaemolotycus ISO 21872-1:2007), vibrio parahaemolotycus detection (Vibrio parahaemolotycus -internal standard operating procedure), estimated B. Cereus enumeration, enumeration of coliforms, salmonella sp. Detection, enumeration of microorganisms – technique of counting of colonies , detection and enumeration of S.aureus. Food and water chemistry: 1. Water: the determination of acting chlorine residue, determination of overall density. 2. Honey: determination of acidity, electrical Bandwidth, determination of mechanical pollution. 3. Vegetable oil: determination	

								<p>of acidity.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Milk and milk products: Quantitative determination of sodium chloride, determination of acidity, determination of density. 5. Meat products: Quantitative determination of sodium chloride. 6. Flour and cereals: Qualitative and quantitative determination of gluten. 7. Feed: identification of sand, ash content. 8. Food/feed/water: determination activity of radionuclides Cs-137, determination activity of radionuclides Sr-90, lead, cadmium. 9. Determination of organochlorine pesticides, chloramphenicol and tetracycline in honey.
	92.3	Introduce of the laboratory dimension in food safety, according to the regulations of the approximation programme	Conducting Food Micro-biological and physical and chemical analysis according to the EU's norms	Conducting analysis/tests with appropriate accredited methods in the head and regional laboratories	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture	2016	State Budget Own funds CIB Food and Agriculture organization (FAO)	In 2016, microbiological tests at the head office and regional laboratories are fully implemented. As for the physical chemical tests determination of trans isomeric fats in vegetable fats were introduced.
65.	93.1	Provide trainings, workshops and study visits related to veterinary, phytosanitary and	Skill development for veterinary and phytosanitary officers from the Revenue Service	Trained staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue	<p>Within the framework of CIB program 2 study visits were provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practical Workshop on inspection of Plant and plant materials (Phytosanitary

		food safety checks for the staff of BIPs					<p>Service</p> <p>CIB</p> <p>EC Eastern Partnership IBM pilot project on “Support to the development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Georgia and Azerbaijan”</p> <p>Additional funding required</p>	<p>products) at the BIP's (Land BIP, Railway BIP)” in Latvia, participated 6 representatives from Georgia Revenue Service</p> <p>2. Practical Workshop on inspection of product of animal origin at the BIP's (Railway, Land BIP) in Estonia, participated 6 representatives from Georgia Revenue Service</p> <p>In frame of EC Eastern Partnership IBM pilot project on “Support to the development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Georgia and Azerbaijan” the program for trainings and study visits was elaborated.</p> <p>In frame of EC Eastern Partnership IBM pilot project on “Support to the development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Georgia and Azerbaijan” following workshops and training were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-8 July, EU experts provided assessment mission, the scope of the assessment mission was carried out the assessment of Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Veterinary Border Control System in Georgia in comparison with EU system. Proper recommendations were delivered. • 11-14 July, first workshop regarding regulation for border control of food/feed of non-animal origin was held in Georgia. First draft of Project
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								<p>was elaborated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-8 September, bilateral training regarding international phytosanitary standards was held in Customs Clearance Zone “Adlia” • 27-30 September, first workshop on "control procedures of products of animal origin" was held. First draft of Project was elaborated. • 10-14 October, study visit regarding border control procedures for food of animal and non-animal origin was provided in Poland, 7 representatives from Georgia Revenue Service participated in study visit • 1-3 November, second workshop regarding regulation for border control of food/feed of non-animal origin was held. Final draft of regulation was elaborated. On 23 December 2016 Governmental Resolution N 567 – regarding border control of food/feed of non-animal origin was adopted. • 8-11 November, workshop on “control procedures of products subject to phytosanitary control” was held. First draft of manual was elaborated. • 21-23 November, bilateral training – “Risk management
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								<p>and risk analyses of SPS control at BCPs” was held in Baku, Azerbaijan. 6 representatives from Georgia Revenue Service participated in Training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 November – 2 December , second workshop on "control procedures of products of animal origin" was held. To the first version of manual was added chapter about control of live animals and job descriptions for veterinary inspectors. Draft was elaborated.
66.	94.1	Cooperate and assist the private sector regarding fulfilment of new legal requirements	Prepared private sector regarding fulfilment of new legal requirements	Conducted actions (seminars, meetings)	<p>Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>LEPL - National Food Agency</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p>	2016	CIB	<p>The memorandum on cooperation has been concluded between the National Food Agency and “Restoring efficiency to agriculture production” (REAP) of the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The Memorandum includes assistant for establishing HACCP system and providing consultation and training in animal slaughterhouses.</p> <p>The purpose of the memorandum is to provide management and consultancy services in order to establish food safety standards in animal slaughterhouses in order to ensure implementation of European standards and enhance their capacities.</p> <p>A MOU has been also concluded between the APMA and USAID REAP Project that aims to provide trainings for newly created processing companies, under the financial support project, for the establishment of</p>

								<p>international food safety standards and systems (HACCP and ISO 22000:2005). Due 2016, in the frame of the project 2 types of trainings have been provided for 60 representatives of 29 companies on following issues: Implementation of International food safety standards and systems, as well in the field of financial management.</p> <p>10 beneficiaries have signed agreement on adopting ISO 22000 standard. 5 enterprises have been successfully passed the audit, including a 3 enterprises received ISO 22000 certificate.</p> <p>2 agreements has been signed with enterprises to help them to implement Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points Analysis HACCP, agreements will support companies to increase level of safety which is an important aspect for export products to the EU.</p> <p>Technical assistance memorandum was signed between Agricultural Projects Management Agency and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) project to restore the efficiency of agricultural production (REAP) of the programs - "Plant the Future" and "Georgian Tea".</p> <p>Beneficiaries of the "Plant the Future" and "Georgian Tea" program had seminars on primary production standard (GLOBAL GAP). In total 6 seminars were held (4 in Gori, 1 in</p>
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								safety standards and efficiently managing their businesses.
	94.2	Infrastructure and proper equipment provision for BIPs	Border Inspection Posts in Kartsakhi, Adlia and Poti are fully equipped according to EU standards.	Assessment of the experts in regards with the compliance of the BIP equipment with the EU standards	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service CIB Ongoing negotiations with donors regarding additional financing of infrastructure and equipment for other Border Inspection Posts according to EU standards	Within the framework of CIB program equipment for Border Inspection in Kartsakhi, Adlia and Poti for Posts has been purchased. In frame of CIB program international expert visited BIP in Adlia and provided proper recommendations. According to this recommendations Revenue Service announced tender and selected winner for construction works.
	94.3	Conduct the needs assessment of the required infrastructure	Existing BIP infrastructure (Buildings) on the "Red Bridge" with relevant equipment in accordance with EU standards	To starting construction of the buildings	LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service EC Eastern Partnership IBM pilot project on "Support to the	EU expert visited Red Bridge Customs Point to identify the place for SPS Buildings in accordance with EU standards. The proper recommendations were provided. The Financial Department of the Revenue Service delivered adapted project design to representatives of EU project on "Support to the development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Georgia and Azerbaijan". Tender was announced,

							development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Georgia and Azerbaijan”	winner was selected and construction work started.
67.	95.1	Elaborate the Customs legislation aimed at the approximation with the relevant EU legislation	Approximation of Georgia’s customs legislation with appropriate EU legislation	Draft of new customs legislation	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service GIZ USAID G4G	Working version of the draft code has been elaborated. The draft has been provided to the European commission for review and the project was further developed based on the feedback provided. Updated project was reviewed during the Customs Project Working Group Meeting of the Customs Sub-Committee as provided by the Association Agreement between Georgia and the EU, which took place on November 29. Draft code is being distributed between various units of the Ministry of Finance for their comments, after which the plans are in place to forward it to other government agencies. The agreed draft will be published for the comments by non-government organizations and private stakeholders.
	95.2	Capacity Building of the Revenue Service’s staff	Increased awareness of Customs staff of the Revenue Service concerning the implementation of the provisions of new customs legislation	Trained customs staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service USAID G4G Additional funding required	During 2016 GRS staff was able to participate in 50 different trainings; as well as in 10 different seminars and various conferences targeted at the capacity building in the field of enforcement of customs legislation (including better understanding of the European regulations and directives).

68.	96.1	Draft the legislation regulating the Authorized Economic Operator programme	Legislation regulating Authorized Economic Operator programme has been drafted	Appropriate legislative acts - drafted	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service USAID G4G Additional funding required	elaboration of relevant legislation is ongoing with the assistance from USAID G4G project and taking into consideration the best practices of EU and the WCO. Draft project of amendments to the Order 290 of the Minister of Finance (July 26, 2012) has been elaborated and is undergoing review after it will be forwarded to the European Commission for feedback For additional information concerning the activities please see 96.2
	96.2	Capacity Building of the Revenue Service's staff through means of organize the trainings/seminars	Increased awareness of Customs staff of the Revenue Service concerning the implementation of the provisions of Authorized Economic Operator programme	Trained customs staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service USAID G4G Additional funding required	<p>Through 18-22 of April, with the assistance of Lithuanian Customs Administration, Customs officers of the Revenue Service participated in a study visit to the Lithuanian Customs Administration.</p> <p>Through 11-15 of July Customs officers were able to participate in a study seminar was held on AEO Matters.</p> <p>Through 24-27 of May with the Assistance from EUBAM a workshop was held on AEO implementation matters for EU-Moldova, EU-Ukraine and EU-Georgia customs project group members.</p> <p>Representative from GRS participated in the EU Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Workshop in Senec (Slovakia) through 29/11-1/12/2016.</p>
97.	97.1	Draw up a roadmap for accession to the Common Transit Convention	Preparation for the accession to the Common Transit Convention	Developed Roadmap	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL -	Roadmap for preparation for the accession to the common transit convention and convention on the simplification of formalities in trade in

							Revenue Service	goods has been elaborated. It covers main issues to be implemented for years 2015 - 2018. Roadmap was positively assessed by EU DG TAXUD transit division experts and on the basis of their comments and recommendations the final version of the roadmap was adopted.
	97.2	Train the customs employees in order to implement provisions of Common Transit Convention	Acquiring of required knowledge and information for implementation of provisions of Common Transit Convention	Trained Staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	2nd regional workshop was held in Chisinau (Moldova) on CTC and NCTS on September 14 – 15 under EaP IBM Capacity Building Project implemented by FRONTEx. During the workshop, representatives of Georgia, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Moldova and Azerbaijan shared their experience and progress for project implementation process. DG TAXUD transit unit representatives and respective experts of CTC shared their expertise and gave their recommendations for further development.
	97.3	Introduce and implement the common transit procedures via electronic system	Simplified transit procedures with member countries.	New Computerised Transit System (NCTS)	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	An internal working group set-up within the Revenue Service is working to identify necessary amendments required for the implementation of the system as well as researching the technical requirements of the system. At the same time, preparation process of twining project dedicated to the accession to the Common Transit Convention with a view to joining NCTS is ongoing. Project was already submitted and agreed during the Project Group meeting within the scope of EU-Georgia Customs

								<p>Cooperation Framework, which was held on November 29, 2016 in Brussels.</p> <p>Also, a short-term EU expert assistance mission to be launched under the TAIEX Programme, the application for a short term assistance project in form of EU legal and IT experts' visits in Georgia is in process of preparation.</p> <p>It should be noted that, members of working group participates regularly in EU-EFTA Joint Committee and working group meetings on Common Transit Convention as an observer Country and shares its preparatory working process about the progress that was made for the accession to Common Transit Convention</p>
98.	98.1	Draft Advanced Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record API/PNR regulations	Capacity building and further development of customs risk management systems	Appropriate legislative acts - drafted	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	<p>Through 10-12 of February National Workshop was organized on API/PNR related issues. The workshop was attended by GRS staff as well as members of various border security agencies and air companies operating in Georgia. The workshop was targeted at elaboration of a implementation plan for the API-PNR programmes.</p> <p>A study visit was organized to Turkey through 6-10 of June for representatives of GRS Customs department. During the visit Customs officers had an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the API-PNR system implementation in Turkey.</p> <p>Processes are underway to elaborate</p>

								the appropriate processes and develop the required infrastructure for correct application of API/PNR systems.
	98.2	Implement the advance customs data exchange programs with the partner countries including EU member states	Increased effectiveness of customs control procedure based on the risk assessment	Effective customs control procedure based on the risk assessment	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	Advanced Customs information exchange system has been implemented with the Republic of Turkey and the work is ongoing to implement a similar system with the Republic of Azerbaijan. Negotiations are underway to identify the feasibility of a similar system with EU member states
99.	99.1	Develop the new legislation/legislative amendments in the field of Customs enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights at the border	Protection of Intellectual Property Rights at the Georgian border in accordance with EU standards	Prepared draft of legislative amendments	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service LEPL - National Intellectual property Center "Sakpatenti"	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	An internal working group was set up within Revenue Service (made up of representatives from Customs, Law and International Relations Departments). The working group elaborated a compatibility matrix between current Georgian IPR legislation and the EU regulations in force. Based on the compatibility matrix draft legislative amendments have been developed and are undergoing further review. „
	99.2	Develop the operational procedures on customs enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights at the border	Improved quality of Intellectual Property Rights protection at the border	Elaborated operational procedures	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	Main differences were identified between Georgian law on Border Measures Related To intellectual property rights and corresponding EU regulation (No 608/2013). identified differences will be eradicated in the Scope of the commitments taken under Association Agreement where the following: • addition of customs procedures in the law of Georgia on

								<p>border measures related to intellectual property rights, under which intellectual property will be protected at the Georgian border</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• addition of additional intellectual property rights protected at the border to the law of Georgia• Implementation of the Ex-officio principle in the Georgian law which gives the possibility to the customs authority to detain goods suspected in infringing IP rights which are not registered in the national registry of IP objects for customs protection reasons.• Definition of customs responsibilities, application timeframes and etc. <p>In parallel to the implementation of mentioned changes in the Georgian law, operational procedures on customs enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights at the border will be developed.</p>
99.3	Train the customs employees in the field of Intellectual property rights protection at the border	Improved quality of Intellectual Property Rights protection at the border	Trained staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	Several trainings have been conducted in the field of enforcement of Intellectual property rights on the custom. On January 18-22, 2016, Experts from WCO conducted IPR national seminar “Combating counterfeiting and piracy” for 20 employees of Georgia Revenue Service. Customs officers were informed about the legal mechanisms for combating counterfeiting in the EU, WCO tools for combating counterfeiting and piracy, Development of Customs techniques and etc. Moreover several field operations at Customs Clearance	

								<p>Zone of Tbilisi and group works have were performed in order to share the practical side of the customs enforcement.</p> <p>On September 20-29, 2016, five employees of Georgia Revenue Service attended “ Customs and Trade facilitation workshop for customs managers of the Eastern Partnership countries” organized by European Commission, in the scope of Eastern partnership program. The agenda of the training included sharing the EU experience and best practices in the field of Customs Enforcement of IPR.</p>
100.	100.1	Organize the trainings for the customs officers of the Revenue Service concerning the certification and verification of preferential origin	Customs officers of the revenue service have been trained in certification and verification of preferential origin	Customs officers of the Revenue Service trained	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service</p> <p>Additional funding required</p>	<p>in 21-23 of March with assistance from FRONTEX and participation from WCO experts a working meeting was held on the matters of certification and verification of origin,</p> <p>In May of the 2016 year a seminar was organized on matters of Rules of Origin, with assistance from Lithuanian Customs. Participants discussed the methods of verification of certificates of origin.</p> <p>On December 6 in Batumi a training on Rules of Origin was organized which was attended by 10 Customs Officers.</p>
101.	101.1	Commence the gradual legislative approximation to the basic standards on contract awards set out in Article 144 of	Approximation of the Georgian state procurement legislation with EU standards	The elaborated and adopted relevant legislative amendments to the identification of the winner	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016	<p>Budget of the LEPL – the State Procurement Agency</p>	<p>On December 9, 2016 SPA submitted draft amendments in the law on “State procurement” to the Administration of Government of Georgia. The goal for the adoption of above-mentioned</p>

		the Association Agreement						<p>amendments is approximation with the public procurement contract awarding basic standards envisaged by the Article 144 of the Association Agreement. Mentioned amendments imply that principles of proportionality and equal treatment must be directly reflected in the Law on State Procurement; procuring entities have to be enabled to form requirements not only due to technical, but also by performance and functional means of specifications. Moreover, the minimum date of procurement has to be increased, which enables a person willing to participate in tender make comprehensive evaluation of tender requirements and possibility to elaborate tender related proposal properly.</p> <p>The goal for adopting draft legislation is also state procurement related acting rule re-appealing decision. Mentioned amendments will result in forming of institute of interested party within Dispute Resolution Board and paying fee for submitting appeal.</p> <p>The Draft Law were approved by the Government and initiated to the Parliament of Georgia as a Governmental proposal.</p>
101.2	Launch the	Approximation of	The elaborated draft	LEPL – the State	2016	Budget of the	By the Decree №536 of the	

		implementation of the comprehensive roadmap for the gradual approximation of the state procurement legislation with the relevant EU legislation	the state procurement regulatory legislation and institutional framework of Georgia to the EU standards	amendments to the legislation	Procurement Agency		LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	<p>Government of Georgia, dated by March 31, 2016 “Roadmap re implantation of obligations undertaken in compliance with the Association Agreement between EU and Georgia, (DCFTA) regarding amendments in scope with public procurement” was approved .</p> <p>For the purpose of complete approximation with EU directives, State Procurement Agency made a decision to elaborate a new Law on State Procurement. To this end - State Procurement Agency actively collaborates with DCFTA Development Project of GIZ. In scope of mentioned project, international consultant of GIZ visited State Procurement Agency on September 2016. The first visit took place in September, in scope of this visit consultant held meetings with the heads of Agency’s structural units. The next visit is scheduled in November. The consultant will meet with the working group of the Agency.</p> <p>On December 9, 2016 SPA submitted to the Administration of Government of Georgia draft amendments in the law on “State procurement”. The goal for the adoption of the mentioned amendments is approximation with the public procurement contract awarding basic standards envisaged by the Article 144 of the Association Agreement. for detail information please see 101.1</p>
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102.	102.1	Conducting training sessions to the employees of the procuring entities involved in state procurement	Capacity building for the relevant employees involved in state procurement	At least 800 trained employees of the procuring entities	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	<p>In 2016, at the training Center of LEPL State Procurement Agency, 15 capacity building training sessions were conducted to the representatives of state authorities and local self-government.</p> <p>The total number of trainees for 15 sessions was 833. 336 of them represented state authorities and 497 were from local self-government organs and it's LEPL (Legal Entities of Public Law)</p> <p>The content of the training in case of all 15 training sessions encompassed public procurement general overview, state procurement regulatory legislation, general overview of procuring methods, modeling of the whole public procurement process, procedures of simplified procurement, consolidated tenders, Black and White Lists, practical aspects of conducting designed contests, as well as, the functioning of the Dispute Resolution Board.</p>
	102.2	Capacity building for the employees of LEPL - State procurement Agency	Capacity building for the employees of LEPL - State Procurement Agency on EU public procurement Directives and on the relevant best practices	Approximately 10 trainings/workshops	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016		<p>Representatives of IT department of the LEPL SPA participated in the following international seminars and trainings:</p> <p>- In January 27-28, 2016 in Tallinn, Estonia was held seminar re “Quality of public service in Georgia and improvement of customer oriented service”. Abovementioned project was implemented by the support of EPRC, LEPL Public Service Development</p>

								<p>Agency, Estonian NGO “PRAXIS Policy Training Center and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia:”</p> <p>- in May 31, 2016 was held seminar re informational security, virtualization and concerning cloud services – seminar was organized by the support of IDC;</p> <p>- On June 6-8, 2016 was held training re – internal audit management system of information security. Mentioned training was held by the support of Ministry of Justice and Agency of Data Protection.</p> <p>- On February 11-12, 2016 representative of SPA participated in workshop in Kiev: “Opportunities of international procurement and about WTO GPA”.</p> <p>- On April 26, 2016 in Vienna a meeting about expediency of including public procurement component in scope of European Energy Community was held. The representative of State Procurement Agency attended mentioned meeting. As a result of successful meeting, Minister of Energy of Georgia signed the minutes about Georgia’s accession to the Establishing Agreement of Energy Community in Sarajevo, Bosnia. After passing corresponding procedures, Georgia will become an official member of Energy Community;</p> <p>- In June 2016 in Cyprus was held training regarding the reforms in scope</p>
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								<p>of public procurement, mentioned training was organized by the support of EBRD. In scope of the visit representatives of State Procurement Agency and Government Administration got acquainted with Cyprus experience in terms of reforms in public procurement;</p> <p>-- In June 22-24, in Chishinau, Republic of Moldova was held regional workshop re cyber security and electronic procurement by the support of CLDP, USA Trade Department, State Procurement Agency of Moldavia, WTO Unit at the Ministry of Economy and embassy of USA. 5 representatives of State Procurement Agency attended the mentioned workshop.</p> <p>- In September 13, 2016 was held event concerning technologies for transparency in Eastern and Central Europe and Asia in scope of (TransparenCEE) web, by the organization of European Fund and partner organizations – TechSoup and fund ePaństwo, by the financial assistance of USA State Department and SIDA. Mentioned meeting was attended by 4 representatives of SPA;</p> <p>- On September 14-17, 2016 in Paris was held 4th round meeting for the evaluation of anticorruption reforms which was organized by OECD. In scope of meeting attendants exchanged with anticorruption experience.</p>
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								<p>attended by the SPA employees.</p> <p>- On November 26-27, 2016 in Kachreti has been held a seminar regarding EU Directives which was attended by the employees of SPA.</p> <p>- On November 29-6, 2016 have been hold consultations re Georgia's accession to GPA Agreement in Brussels and in Geneva at the WTO Secretariat. Two SPA employees attended mentioned meeting.</p> <p>- From November 28 until December 3, 2016 in London was held a seminar organized by OSCE special representative and coordinator office regarding "Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures". SPA employee attended the mentioned seminar.</p> <p>- In December 12-16, 2016 in Berlin has been held an international forum: Moving Forward with e-Procurement 'organized by the World Bank and Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). Two employees of SPA attended mentioned forum.</p>
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	102.3	Organize study tours, seminars, informative meetings for the suppliers, business associations and other parties interested in state procurement	Capacity building in state procurement for the representatives of private sector	At least 150 trained employees from private sector	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	<p>In February 18 2016, the heads of the State Procurement Agency had met with the participants of SME operating in field of public procurement.. The purpose of the meeting was introduction of new rules re formation of registry for qualified suppliers (The White List) involved in public procurement.</p> <p>In March 29, 2016 in scope of elaboration of 2016-2017 3rd round action plan of OGP was held the first meeting in Sagarejo and Kachreti. Event was attended by 100 persons. Representatives of State Procurement Agency informed the attendants from local self-governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, and business sector about SPA activities: planned innovations in scope of Unified Electronic System of Procurement, functions, and public procurement procedures. Particularly, mentioned innovations implicates the implementation of tender aggregated information, procurement facilities and the introduction of electronic catalog, as well as the improvement of the annual procurement plan. The similar meeting was held in in Mtskheta on April 4, attended by 20 people, in Ozurgeti on April 7, attended by 50 persons, in Batumi on April 8 attended by 50 persons and in Rustavi on April 15 40 persons took part in the meeting.</p> <p>-On April 15, 2016 by the support of USAID's program - "Governance for Development" (G4G) Georgian State</p>
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								<p>Procurement Agency was held public discussion concerning public procurement. The meeting was attended by the business community, Non-Governmental Organizations and representatives of the government administrations; In total event was attended by 50 persons.</p> <p>- With the initiative of Chairman of State Procurement Agency, regular meetings are held with representatives of the business community. These meetings began on May 11, 2016 and till December 16 meeting are held. In scope of meetings, parties discussed a number of problematic issues connected with procurement and the possible gaps in connection with the concrete tenders. Events were attended by 150 persons.</p> <p>- On May 23-24, 2016, in Tbilisi, by the initiate of the US Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), the US Embassy in Georgia, EBRD-'s (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), WTO- (World Trade Organization), the European Union, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development and State Procurement Agency was held a seminar on "World Trade Organization, Obligations of State Procurement Agreement, The process of accession and the commercial benefits for Georgia." The meeting was attended by representatives of the business community and government</p>
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								<p>administration. The aim of the meeting was to provide an information to interested parties on basic advantages of the State Procurement Agreement;</p> <p>Event was attended by 40 persons.</p> <p>- In scope of elaboration of 3rd action plan “Open Government Partnership” (OPG) for 2016-2017, in June 6, 2016 a meeting with the representatives of the business sector was organized in the American Chamber of Commerce; Event was attended by 20 persons.</p> <p>- In May 29, 2016 was held SPA business meeting supported by USAID G4G program. The meeting was held with the representatives of business sector, civil society, and procuring entities. In scope of meeting attendants were introduced with the planned reforms of SPA that includes the implementation of two new means of procurement, electronic tender without reverse auctions and two stage tender, which will be launched via electronic system since July 1 and August 1. Event was attended by 50 persons.</p> <p>- In July 12-13, 2016 by the support of USAID G4G program in Batumi was held business meeting with representatives of private sector operating in Adjara region. The aim of the meeting was introduction of new methods of procurement. Event was attended by 100 persons.</p> <p>- In August 5, 2016 was held public</p>
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								<p>discussion on topic: Unified electronic system of procurement – news and changes. SPA introduced to the representatives of procuring entities, SME's, business union and associations news of Unified Electronic System, significant changes, including info re two stage tender. The Deputy Head of the State Procurement Agency Kakha Demetrashvili chaired the meeting.</p> <p>The Head of the State Procurement Agency, Levan Razmadze presented comprehensive review of reforms undergone by SPA in 2015-2016. In scope of meeting was also presented new electronic service, methods and resources of procurement. In a detailed manner was discussed the course of two stage tender procedure, methodical guidelines and info re price and quality multi-criteria evaluation complex approach. Representatives of procuring entities, SME, business unions, and more than 200 representative of associations attended Informative-consultative meeting. The event was held in scope of (EU4Business) ongoing project: SME development and DCFTA in Georgia” which is implemented by GIZ’s program financed by EU.</p> <p>- In December 21, 2016 the head of SPA held summering meeting re: public procurement – undergone reforms, news and changes. The mentioned meeting was attended by representatives from SME, business unions and associations also other</p>
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								interested businessmen. Mentioned meeting was held by the support of USAID Project Governing for Growth (G4G) in Georgia and co-organization of Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In total event was attended by 80 persons.
103.	103.1	<p>Approximate Georgian legislation to the relevant EU legislation in accordance with the commitments made according to the Association Agreement</p> <p>Introduce amendments in the following directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patent Law - Trademark Law - Law on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights - Law on Design - Law on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Activity 	Introduction of effective enforcement mechanisms on intellectual property objects	Adopted legislative amendments	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	<p>Sakpatenti prepared relevant package of draft amendments in the Georgian legislation, aim of this amendments was to approximate Georgian legislation with the EU aquis provided in relevant chapter of AA. Prepared draft amendments was submitted to the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia to initiate the procedure of submitting to the Parliament.</p> <p>Numerous meetings were held with representatives of ministries to discuss the amendments. At the end of 2016 final versions of the drafts were elaborated, law will be submitted to the court in the first quarter of 2017.</p>

		- Law on Pesticides and Agrochemicals						
	103.2	In accordance with the recommendations of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ Article 34), ensure popularization and provision of the service of statements of facts through spread printed materials and/or organize informational meetings with various potential stakeholders	Public is informed about this specific service, wide application of which will support lessening the case burden on court system, strengthening the rule of law and enhancement of civil relationships. For Georgian citizens, easing the process of collecting evidences for the purposes of improved protection of copyrights and in other common circumstances to better support their legal interests	1000 brochures printed about the service of the statements of facts for the purpose to be deployed in Public Service Halls. Informational meetings conducted (2 media seminars for journalists (each for the 30 representatives from various media))	LEPL - National Bureau of Enforcement (Ministry of Justice)	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Bureau of Enforcement	2 day Media seminar was planned and organized, attended by 50 journalists from whole Georgia. Besides, 4 seminars were held for law students, each seminar was attended by 25 persons. Attendants were awarded with certificates. Target audience was 150 persons. 5 information news stories were carried out about fact statement services. TV stories also included interviews with authorities and service representatives. 1000 triplets were printed and distributed about this service.
104.	104.1	Provide trainings for judges and attorneys on issues related to Intellectual Property Rights	Capacity building of judges and lawyers in the field of intellectual property and improved functioning of judicial system	Trainings organized for judges and lawyers High School of Justice	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti Commercial Law Development Program	On March 1, 2016, a round table meeting was organized by the Bar Association of Georgia and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti for lawyers and patent attorneys on new approaches of Sakpatenti concerning trademark examination issues. On July 14-16, 2016, the Workshop on Adjudication of Civil Intellectual Property Infringement Cases was held for Georgian judges. The workshop was organized by the Commercial Law

							(CLDP)	Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the United States Embassy in Georgia and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. During the meeting, American judges introduced to their Georgian colleagues the US judicial practice on disputes related to intellectual property subject-matters. The current issues in the Georgian practice were also discussed.
105.	105.1	Held seminars and workshops to raise public awareness	Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property	Up to 50 meetings held for up to 500 participants	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti International Organisations	In order to raise awareness about IPR 27 working meetings, seminars and international conferences were held and attended by approximately 500 persons in 2016. Meetings were held with representatives of universities and research institutions, as well as business sectors and other target groups. Sakpatenti hosted and delivered presentations to participants various competitions, students and pupils. On January 12, 2016, a Workshop on Intellectual Property Commercialization and Technology Transfer was held. During the meeting, intellectual property rights protection mechanisms, technology transfer system and intellectual property commercialization at universities were discussed. The meeting was attended by Director of the Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Centre of Estonia, who delivered a presentation on the successful Estonian

								<p>project Innovation Voucher System. The meeting was also attended by the heads of Shota Rustaveli Scientific Foundation and the Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency, Deputy Chairman of Committee of the Sectoral Economy and Economic Policy, representatives of higher educational institutions, government agencies and private companies.</p> <p>On January 15, 2016, on the invitation of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, US patent attorney offered a lecture on “US Patent Disputes in the Pharmaceutical Field from the Viewpoint of Intellectual Property” at the Office of Sakpatenti for patent attorneys of Georgia, the association of representatives of pharmaceutical companies, Sakpatenti lawyers and examiners.</p> <p>On January 27, 2016, within the campaign related to the theme of the World Intellectual Property Day, which is aimed at raising public awareness and combatting piracy and copyright infringement in the cyberspace, Sakpatenti, in cooperation with “Microsoft Georgia”, held a workshop on intellectual property protection issues related to licensed software. The workshop was attended by representatives of audit companies, who were familiarized with advantages of licensed software, international and local experience in cyber security and measures taken to protect intellectual property, as well as legal mechanisms</p>
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								<p>for protection of computer programs in Georgia.</p> <p>On February 12, Sakpatenti awarded the winners of the Millennium Innovation Competition project, implemented with the support of the US State Department.</p> <p>On February 13, a meeting held at the Techno-Park, organized by Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA) of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and Sakpatenti. During the meeting Sakpatenti Chairman Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze held a public lecture at the Techno-Park on the topic "From an Idea to Intellectual Property". Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze provided to young innovators and other interested persons basic information on intellectual property law, on the basis of practical examples offered an overview of stages to be passed from an idea to intellectual property, explained peculiarities of intellectual property subject-matters and discussed their protection mechanisms and means.</p> <p>On February 24, a seminar was held at Sakpatenti office for I-HUB Tbilisi representatives on the topic: "Intellectual Property and its Protection Mechanisms". During the seminar, the Chairman of Sakpatenti discussed the significance of intellectual property and mechanisms of its protection, as well as types of trademarks.</p> <p>On April 11, 2016, at National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia</p>
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								<p>Sakpatenti, a four-day workshop was initiated by the representatives of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) International Relations Office, for patent attorneys and Sakpatenti employees. During the meeting, USPTO experience on various urgent issues related to trademarks was introduced to the participants. On April 22, Sakpatenti hosted participants of the 10th International Olympiad of Young Scientists and Inventors. Sakpatenti Chairman, Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze and representatives of Sakpatenti delivered presentations on the intellectual property and patent system. The meeting was attended by contestants from 25 countries. They familiarized with the specificity of Sakpatenti activities and ongoing processes in the intellectual property field.</p> <p>On April 24, a conference was organized by the Georgian Copyright Association, Training Centre of Justice of Georgia, National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti and Crime Prevention Centre with the participation of students of Telavi State University and pupils of Qvareli and Gurjaani public schools. The aim of the conference was to raise public awareness on copyright and increase youth involvement in this field. On the initiative of Mr. Nikoloz Gogilidze, Chairman of National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti, students participating in the</p>
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								<p>conference will have an opportunity of three-month internships at Sakpatenti.</p> <p>On April 26, 2016, within the campaign on occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day, special lessons were delivered for pupils of elementary grades of up to 100 public schools. The lessons are aimed at raising awareness on the essence and significance of intellectual property and copyright. A special lesson plan was drafted for the 4th-6th grades, in cooperation with USAID Georgia Primary Education Project (USAID/G-PriEd) and with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia. The recommendation on delivering the above-mentioned lessons was sent to public schools. The teaching material included special literature, created by cooperation of G-PriEd and Sakpatenti</p> <p>On April 25-27, 2016, the lessons, delivered at the public school of village of Gavazi, Kakheti region, Tbilisi public school No. 64 and Rustavi public school No. 21, as well as Tetrtsqaro Municipality Koda public school, were attended by officials of National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti. Pupils familiarized with subject-matters protected by copyright and were informed about the World Intellectual Property Day – April 26. They received readers on copyright, inventions and other IP subject-</p>
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								<p>matters, published within Sakpatenti-G-PriEd cooperation, which are also available electronically.</p> <p>On June 2, 2016, a sub-regional seminar “Intellectual Property Policies in Universities and Research Institutions” was organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. The seminar was attended by representatives of universities and research institutions of Georgia and foreign countries as well as patent offices. During the seminar the current situation regarding IP policies at universities in Georgia was discussed, experience of Israel on the use of IP policies at universities and research institutions as well as WIPO guidance were introduced to the participants.</p> <p>On June 10, 2016, the first employment and internship forum of San Diego State University took place, organized by Millennium Challenge Foundation-Georgia (MCA-Georgia) and San Diego State University (SDSU-Georgia). Along with other organizations, representatives of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, participated in the forum. Sakpatenti representatives offered to interested persons information on the activity of the Center and its policy. Sakpatenti intends to give an opportunity to excellent students of San Diego State University to pass internship at the National Intellectual Property Center.</p>
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								<p>Service Providers Liability, and discussed drafting a package of legislative amendments in this direction.</p> <p>On July 13 2016, the “Workshop on Adjudication of Civil Intellectual Property Infringement Cases” opened in Kobuleti for Georgian journalists. The workshop was organized by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the United States Embassy in Georgia and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti.</p> <p>On July 25, 2016, summer school of “Intellectual Property Law” was opened by the initiative of the European Law Students Association in Georgia (ELSA). Georgia hosted 35 students from 15 European countries, for whom during a week lectures were delivered on various intellectual property subject-matters. The lectures during the summer school were delivered by representatives of the National intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, Georgian Copyright Association, Association of Patent attorneys and Georgia’s Innovations and Technology Agency (GITA), as well as a speaker invited from the World Intellectual Property Organization. The aim of the event was to raise the students’ legal awareness in the IP field, as well as to promote bringing together Georgian and European youth in order to share</p>
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								<p>experience and knowledge. This year, on the initiative of ELSA, the Summer School was held for the first time in Georgia with the support of the National intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti.</p> <p>On July 26, 2016, within the framework of the TAIEX program, a meeting was held on “Internet Service Providers (ISP) Liability”, which was organized by EU Delegation to Georgia and the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the public services and private sector who got familiar with the EU legislation, approaches and experience on “Internet Service Providers (ISP) Liability”. During the meeting the current infringements in the IPR field and legal tools for copyright enforcement were discussed. Based on the practical cases, mechanisms for combatting internet piracy and Internet Service Provider (ISP) Liability were discussed.</p> <p>On August 1, 2016, an International Conference “Georgia Against Counterfeiting in the Context of DCFTA” was opened in Batumi. During the conference, European and international standards and experience in enforcement of intellectual property rights were shared. Particular attention was devoted to promoting active engagement of representatives of Georgian small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in protection of intellectual property rights. Within the</p>
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								<p>organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti. During the Conference, the national IP strategy draft, developed for Georgia with the support of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was considered. The significance of the efficient implementation of the drafted strategy for the development of the country was discussed. At the Conference the attention was also focused on the significance of the effective management and exploitation of intellectual property by universities and public research organizations and the role of the government in encouraging the commercialization of university research. In addition, the creation of competitive and innovative market positions was discussed. The Conference was attended by the heads of intellectual property offices of various countries, international and local experts engaged in drafting the strategy, representatives of state agencies, private sector and higher educational institutions.</p> <p>On September 28, 2016, the Conference “Women’s Role in Country Development” was held, during which up to 100 entrepreneur women familiarized with programs, specially designed to support entrepreneur women as well as with new opportunities of financial and technical assistance. The Deputy Chairperson of</p>
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								<p>National Intellectual Property Centre of Georgia Sakpatenti delivered a presentation on tools of intellectual property rights protection. Taking into account the great interest displayed by the audience with respect to the issue, it was planned to organize for entrepreneur women meetings on various topics, during which different subject-matters of intellectual property will be discussed. The meeting was organized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Project “Governing for Growth” (G4G), Tbilisi City Hall Culture Municipal Service, Ministry of Economy of Sustainable Development of Georgia and Women’s Business Council of Georgia.</p> <p>On October 25-27, 2016, training was held at the Training Centre of Sakpatenti within the TWINNING project – the European Union funded instrument for institutional cooperation between public administrations – “Capacity Building of the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia”. The participants familiarized with the Finnish model of investigation of intellectual property rights crimes and ways of collection of relevant evidence. The event was attended by the representatives of the Investigation Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia, the General Prosecutor’s Office of Georgia, the Customs Department of the Revenue Service, Sakpatenti and the private sector.</p>
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	105.2	Establish the IP	Sakpatenti staff	200 persons trained	LEPL - National	2016	Budget of the	Sakpatenti staff, as well as public and

		Training Center at the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti	members, students and other target groups, including SMEs will be trained and built capacity		Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti		<p>LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti</p> <p>International Organisations</p>	<p>private sector leaders were trained about IPR by SAKPATENTI. 110 persons took trainings.</p> <p>On March 18 this year, the first, three-month course on intellectual property law was held at the Intellectual Property Training Centre set up under the umbrella of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti for the lawyers of the Municipal Centre for Legal Assistance and Public Engagement of Tbilisi City Hall and LEPL Legal Aid Service. The course of lectures was delivered by Sakpatenti top officials.</p> <p>On September 13-14, 2016, Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Intellectual Property Academy, paid an official visit to Georgia. During the meeting the progress of the WIPO/Sakpatenti joint project related to the Intellectual Property Academy was considered and future cooperation plans were outlined, such as drafting a regional professional course on the protection of geographical indications, participation of schoolchildren in educational projects in the intellectual property field, participation of Georgia in training programs, drafted for judges, translation of the WIPO Academy courses into the Georgian language and their adaptation.</p> <p>On December 19-23, 2016, the second module of the training “Basic Teaching</p>
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								Methodologies” was organized by Sakpatenti and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at the Training Centre of Sakpatenti for candidates selected by Sakpatenti. The training is aimed at sharing experience with experts of the IP Training Centre, with a view to offering future training for relevant target groups.
	105.3	Organize a regional conference on “Geographical indications”	In the process of establishment of control system on geographical indications and appellations of origin, sharing experience of the European Union and raising awareness of relevant target groups	Conference held	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	On October 27, 2016, the Conference “Branding Strategies” was held, organized by the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The conference was aimed at introducing to Georgian producers and farmers the advantages of products protected by geographical indications on the market in Georgia as well as worldwide. The topics of discussion included: geographical indications as a marketing instrument for Georgian exports, use of designs and packaging in branding strategies for geographic origin, reputation and image of brands in the marketplace, as well as the role of producers associations in developing and implementing effective branding strategies. Within the conference, exhibition and tasting of potential geographical indications and appellations of origin took place, which was organized by “Origin Georgia” - non-profit (non-commercial) legal entity, founded by Sakpatenti.

	105.4	Publish information bulletins and booklets	Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property	About 15000 items of published information materials	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	<p>In order to raise public awareness, Sakpatenti, prepared and printed booklets. In 2016, 19500 informational booklets were printed and published in total.</p> <p>WIPO publications on IP subject-matters were translated into the Georgian language and prepared for publication.</p> <p>Special literature for children was published, created by cooperation of G-Pried and Sakpatenti:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compass • Washing Machine • Umbrella • Star-Candles • Doremus Solasi <p>The publications also include: brochure: Invention and Utility Model and flyers: About Sakpatenti; Protection of Utility Model.</p> <p>Work was completed on the publication “Intellectual Property: Practice and Analysis - Absolute Grounds for Refusal of Registration of a Trademark - the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) Examination Guidelines and Georgian Practice, Trademarks, the Registration of which is Contrary to Public Order and Morality”</p> <p>Brochure “Geographical Indications and Appellations of Origin” and flyers “Geographical Indications” were also published.</p> <p>Information maps were published: Potential Geographical Indications; Georgian Cheese; Georgian Wine; Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs;</p>
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106.	106.1	Conduct trainings for public and private sector representatives on different competition-related issues	Raising awareness of public and private sector	Conducted trainings	LEPL – Competition Agency	2016		<p>On 29 January 2016, the Competition Agency held a meeting for non-governmental organizations and business-consultancy Companies on the topic: “Legal Aspects of Regulating Competition”.</p> <p>On 25-26 February 2016, a two-day conference was held on the topic: “Co-operation between the Competition Agency and Sectoral Regulators”, organized by the Competition Agency and sponsored by the EU Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Project (TAIEX). The conference was attended by approximately 60 representatives of the following organizations: the European Union, Sectoral Regulators, various Ministries and State Bodies, Parliament of Georgia, Business Sector and NGOs.</p> <p>On 7-8 July 2016, in the framework of the EU Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Project (TAIEX), international seminar “State Aid in the Context of the DCFTA” was co-organized by the Competition Agency. Multiple European experts participated in the seminar. The seminar was also attended by the relevant representatives of the</p>

								<p>Ukrainian and Moldovan authorities. From Georgian side, participants included the representatives of the relevant state bodies, notably, ministries, other state authorities, as well as NGOs. During the seminar, the experts shared international best practices with the attendees, and the challenges of state aid enforcement were also discussed.</p> <p>On 11-12 July 2016, the international conference “Competition Law – New Challenge for Georgia”, organized by Tbilisi State University, was held in Borjomi. The speakers at the conference included the world’s leading competition specialists and partners of international law firms from the United States of America, Germany, Great Britain and Austria. The conference was attended by the judges, attorneys, representatives of the Prime Minister’s Economic Council and apparatus of Business Ombudsmen. The representatives of the Competition Agency held presentations regarding the work of the Agency, as well as the anticompetitive agreements and the economics behind them.</p> <p>On 5 October 2016, the Competition Agency held a meeting with the representatives of the small and medium enterprises and presented the main principles of competition legislation, account of the Agency’s work and its future plans. The meeting</p>
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								<p>was attended by approximately 30 representatives of the SMEs. The importance of fair competition for the development of SMEs was once again emphasized at the meeting.</p> <p>On 20 October 2016, the competition advocacy seminar was held in the framework of the EBRD project “Capacity Building and Advocacy Support for the Georgian Competition Agency”, supported by the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The seminar was attended by approximately 20 judges of Tbilisi City Court, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia.</p> <p>On 18 November 2016, the representatives of the Competition Agency held the meeting with the experts and scholarly community in the field of competition. The discussions concerned the practical realization of competition policy in Georgia. The opportunities of deepening cooperation between the Competition Agency and higher education institutions were also discussed.</p> <p>On 9 December 2016, the second seminar was held with the participation of the representatives of the Competition Agency as well as international and local experts. The seminar was conducted in the framework of the EBRD project</p>
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								“Capacity Building and Advocacy Support for the Georgian Competition Agency”, supported by the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Effective implementation of Competition Economy and Competition legislation was discussed during the seminar.
107.	107.1	Organize trainings and study tours for the staff of the Competition Agency on different competition-related issues and their participation in international conferences	Increase qualification of the staff of the Competition Agency	Number of the trained employees	LEPL – Competition Agency	2016		<p>On February 25-26 2 day conference "Cooperation between Competition Agency and sectoral regulators." was organized by Competition Agency and funded by EU Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX). Invited guests from Germany, Lithuania, Italy and the Netherlands shared best European practice about Cooperation between Competition Agency and sectoral regulators. 12 representatives of Competition Agency raised qualifications about cooperation with sectoral regulators. The seminar was attended by 60 representatives of various private and public bodies.</p> <p>On 8-11 March 2016, a seminar on the topic: “Basic Concepts and Procedures of Competition Law for Staff Members of Newly Established Competition Agencies”, organized and sponsored by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD-GHV RCC) was held in Budapest, Hungary, and was attended by two staff members of the Competition Agency of Georgia.</p> <p>On 5 April 2016, a roundtable organized by the International</p>

								<p>Competition Network (ICN) was held in Washington DC, USA, and was attended by two staff members of the Competition Agency of Georgia. The topics discussed within the framework of the roundtable included: principal achievements of ICN and challenges of awareness-raising, enforcement and using ICN's work in practice; strategic achievements and challenges of ICN (including increase of participants and NGOs), quality enhancement of ICN activities and the role of the latter in international dialogue on competition.</p> <p>On 6-8 April 2016, the 64th Annual Meeting was held by the Antitrust Law Department of the American Bar Association (ABA) in Washington DC, USA, and was attended by two staff members of the Competition Agency.</p> <p>On 26-29 April 2016, the Annual ICN Conference for 2016 was held in Singapore, which counted more than 500 participants. The conference was attended by two staff members of the Competition Agency of Georgia. The representatives of the Competition Agency attended plenary sessions of the Annual ICN Conference, as well as sessions of 5 thematic working groups established within the ICN (Cartels, Unilateral Conduct, Concentrations, Advocacy and Effectiveness-Raising of the Agency). During the sessions, numerous important issues of competition law and policy were discussed, namely: support to the</p>
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								<p>competition advocacy, creating alliances in this respect, overcoming the limitations of public enforcement, competition policy in business world, human resources of competition agencies (challenges and opportunities), leniency program, innovative methods of detecting cartels, investigative powers.</p> <p>On 5-6 May 2016, two staff members of the Competition Agency attended a conference on the topic: “How to Improve Effectiveness of the Newly Established Competition Agencies” held in Istanbul, Turkey. The conference was organized and sponsored by the Turkish Competition Authority (TCA) and Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA). Within the framework of conference sessions, the representatives of the Competition Agency of Georgia delivered a presentation regarding its activities and principal challenges.</p> <p>On 18-20 May 2016, the Global Competition Forum was held in Budapest, organized and financed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and was attended by two staff members of the Competition Agency.</p> <p>On 25-27 May 2016, two representatives of the Competition Agency of Georgia conducted a working visit in the Republic of</p>
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								<p>Lithuania within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation concluded by GCA and Competition Council of the Republic of Lithuania in December 2015. Top managers of the Lithuanian Competition Council shared their experience with the staff of the GCA regarding investigations and concentrations in various fields (including pharmaceuticals, food, construction, etc.). The parties also discussed issues of effective structural arrangement of the Agency and competition advocacy.</p> <p>On 10 June 2016, two staff members of the Competition Agency attended 8th meeting of the Sofia Competition Forum held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Within the framework of the forum, topics for discussion were: “Structural and behavioural remedies used by competition agencies during antitrust activities and concentrations” and “Commitments initiated by the undertakings”. At the forum, staff members of the Competition Agency of Georgia delivered the presentation regarding structural and behavioural remedies envisaged by Georgian competition legislation and discussed several concluded cases, where various remedies were used.</p> <p>25 June – 7 July, 2016 – 4 representatives of the Competition Agency participated in the summer school and the 11th Competition Conference organized by the Athens</p>
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								<p>9th meeting of the Sofia Competition Forum held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Abuse of dominance in regulated markets (energy, telecoms) was discussed at the meeting. The competition agencies of the SCF member states held presentations and discussed the best practices regarding those issues.</p> <p>7-27 November 2016 – three staff members of the Competition Agency conducted a study visit at the Czech Office for Protection of Competition in the framework of the EBRD project “Capacity Building and Advocacy Support for the Georgian Competition Agency”, supported by the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. During the study visit the Czech colleagues introduced the specificities of their work and best practices to the representatives of the Competition Agency of Georgia.</p> <p>On 1-2 December 2016, the 15th Competition Forum was held in Paris, France, by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Forum was attended by one representative of the Competition Agency of Georgia.</p> <p>On 8 December 2016 the final competition economics training was held for 15 representatives of the Competition Agency in the framework of the EBRD project “Capacity Building and Advocacy Support for the</p>
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								Georgian Competition Agency”, supported by the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
108.	108.1	Prepare and adopt the Distribution Network Code	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Distribution Network Code approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC	<p>On 22nd of April, 2016 some amendments were made to the GNERC Resolution N10 (17th of April, 2014) and the Commission has adopted Distribution Network Rules.</p> <p>Distribution Network Rules comprise the following chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution Network Connection Rule; • Distribution Network Planning Rule; • Distribution Network Management Rule; • Distribution Network Metering Rule.
	108.2	Adopt the Uniform System of Accounting (USoA)	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Uniform System of Accounting (USoA) approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC	<p>On 27th of December, 2016 Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission has adopted Resolution N43 on approving Uniform System of Accounting for Electricity Sector”.</p> <p>By this Resolution the following issues have been adopted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instruction to the Chart of Accounts; 2. Chart of Accounts; 3. Instructions to the Revenues, Costs and Expenses; 4. Instructions to the Contributions and Grants; 5. Instructions to the Accounting of Power Plant and Equipment; 6. Instructions to the Reporting Forms; 7. Reporting form for the Electricity Generation Licensee; 8. Reporting form for the Electricity

								Transmission Licensee; 9. Reporting form for the Electricity Dispatch Licensee; 10. Reporting form for the Electricity Distribution (distribution, network) Licensee; 11. Reporting form for the Electricity Distribution (distribution, supply) Licensee; 12. Reporting Forms for Licensees performing more than one regulated activity.
	108.3	Prepare the Outline of Monitoring Rules for Energy Markets	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Prepared Outline of Monitoring Rules for Energy Markets	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Twinning	First draft of the Monitoring Rules for Energy Markets will be prepared after the completion of the planned activities within the EU Twinning Project. The project has been started in January, 2016 and several activities were carried out related to the capacity building of GNERC. Activities determined by the plan will be continued during 2016. The project will be completed in October, 2017.
	108.4	Prepare the Outline of Regulatory Audit Rules	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Prepared Outline of Regulatory Audit Rules	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Twinning	First draft of the Regulatory Audit Rules will be prepared after the completion of the planned activities within the EU Twinning Project. The project has been started in January, 2016 and several activities were carried out related to the capacity building of GNERC. Activities determined by the plan will be continued during 2016. The project will be completed in October, 2017.
	108.5	Prepare and adopt	Procedures, terms,	Electricity Supply	Georgian National	2016	Budget of the	First draft of the Electricity Reliability

		the Electricity Supply Reliability Rules	principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Reliability Rules approved by GNERC	Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)		GNERC	Rules draft was prepared. These Rules aim improving the reliability of electricity supply and service quality. On December 8, 2016 GNERC launched public administrative service to approve quality and supply reliability rules. Abovementioned decision should be released before 8 th March 2017.
108.6	Prepare and adopt the Commercial Service Quality Rules for Natural Gas Sector	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Commercial Service Quality Rules for Natural Gas Sector approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC	Commercial Quality Rules of Service were adopted by GNERC Resolution on 25th of July, 2016, aims to improve commercial quality of service provided by Utility to the Customer in electricity, natural gas and water supply sectors. Commercial Quality Rules of Service set uniform requirements for the following issues: commercial quality standards of service; requirements and criteria for commercial quality of service; means of compensating, imposing fines and incentivizing, as well as amount of compensation to be awarded to the Customer by the Utility in case if service provided is not in compliance with standards approved under these Rules; registering data on commercial quality of services provided by the Utility to the Customer and submitting information to Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission on commercial quality of services provided by the Utility to the	

								Customer.
108.7	Approval of Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC	<p>Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection was elaborated.</p> <p>Elaboration and approval of the Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection are derived from "Network rules". Under one of the chapters of "Network rules" GNERC should elaborate and approve the Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection.</p> <p>In this respect, several meetings were held, where the following issues were discussed: standard conditions of connection, variety of schemes of connection, etc.</p> <p>The meetings was attended by representatives of Commission and the JSC "Georgian State Electric System" and international expert, Nikos Turlis.</p> <p>According to the current legislation, "Georgian State Electric System" is the transmission system operator and holds licenses for transmission and dispatch.</p> <p>On 29 December 2016 the Ministry of Energy and Water Regulatory Commission has launched administrative proceedings for approval of Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection.</p> <p>Deadline for submitting comments about the Standard Conditions for</p>	

								Transmission Network Connection is February 10, 2017, deadline for the decision of the Commission is March 10, 2017.
109.	109.1	Electricity power market simulations	Development of Electricity Market Model in line with EU standards	Simulation Phase II is Carried out	Ministry of Energy	2016	USAID	Electricity Power Market Simulations (Phase I,II) were carried out in the framework of USAID "Governing for Growth" project; the results of the simulations were analyzed and therefor the challenges were identified for the purpose of moving to hourly – liberal market
	109.2	Announce a tender for implementation project of Wholesale Power Exchange development Platform	Promotion of electricity market development platform project implementation	Announced tender of project implementation	GSE	2016	World Bank	An invitation for "wholesale trade development platform" project for the design, procurement, management and supervision services was announced. The consultant selection process is ongoing.
110.	110.1	Develop long-term plan for natural gas transmission network	Promote risk reduction of natural gas transmission	a long-term natural gas transmission network development plan elaborated	JSC Oil and Gas Corporation Ltd. Georgian Gas Transportation Company	2016	Budget of the JSC Oil and Gas Corporation Budget of the Ltd. Georgian Gas Transportation Company	Natural gas transport infrastructure development 10 year plan (2016-2025) and its revised edition (2017-2026) have been elaborated. It includes programmes sorted by time, including 2016-2017 financed and 2018-2019 transitional projects, with only preliminary decision on funding. Medium-term (2020-2022 years) and long-term (2022 and later) perspective projects, funding issues of which would be made later taking into consideration investment opportunities. Aim of infrastructure development 10 year plan is to guarantee the supply of natural gas to consumers at present and in the long term, with rehabilitation and development of internal transport, cross-border and transit infrastructure and to promote formation of local and

								<p>regional market under the European energy legislation.</p> <p>The plan has been discussed with the natural gas sector companies and other stakeholders.</p> <p>It has been agreed with the Ministry of Energy, approved by the Board of Oil and Gas Corporation and submitted to the Energy Development Strategy (draft), in order to ensure realization.</p>
	110.2	Coordination group for the Emergency situations	In emergency situations coordinated work of transmission network operators	Coordination Group formed by the Ministry of Energy	Ministry of Energy	2016	State Budget	<p>Working group was created for DCFTA and safety supply regulation, which would work on following issues: risk assessment documents; Crisis prevention and emergency plans; an early warning mechanism; working with transmission network operators in emergency situation</p> <p>The working group included representatives from following bodies: Ministry of Energy and Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC); Georgian State Electrosystem (GSE); Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation (GOGC); Georgian Gas Transportation Company (GGTC); State Security and Crisis Management Council; BP Georgia.</p>
111.	111.1	Capacity Allocation Tool (GCAT) upgrade	Simplified process of Trans-boundary Networks capacity allocation	Upgraded Capacity Allocation Tool (GCAT)	Georgian State Electrosystem JSC (GSE)	2016	Budget of the Georgian State Electrosystem JSC (GSE)	<p>Updated program has been purchased and installed. This program will improve cross-border trade process with neighbouring countries. In addition, auction participation procedures were simplified.</p>

	111.2	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrade	Improved electricity system management/control , which will contribute to access to the network	Upgraded Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)	Georgian State Electrosystem JSC (GSE)	2016	World Bank	Technical specifications has been elaborated and was agreed with the consultant. Suppliers presented commercial proposals that have been discussed. It is now being reviewed offers from potential suppliers.
112.	112.1	Further develop the DCFTA web-portal	Public awareness rising on DCFTA and also providing public information on implemented and planned activities within DCFTA	Functional web-portal	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	2016	State Budget	In cooperation with the GIZ project, financed by EU `SME development and DCFTA in Georgia` DCFTA web-portal - www.dcfta.gov.ge was created, which includes all DCFTA related information, including international support in the DCFTA field, DCFTA for business, news related to implementation and coordination of DCFTA activities. The portal will also contain information on already adopted legislation under the DCFTA and the future plans for approximation in the DCFTA framework. The portal also provides special features, allow web-page users to make comments on draft normative acts.
113.	113.1	Thematic meetings with representatives of business, NGOs, local government, academics and other stakeholders on DCFTA related issues in Tbilisi and in the regions of Georgia	More active involvement of every segment of society in the process of DCFTA implementation	Meetings conducted with stakeholders	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	2016	State Budget USAID G4G	In March 2016, Representatives of Foreign Trade Policy Department of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia in cooperation with Enterprise Development Agency held seminars with export managers of various companies to discuss DCFTA-related issues. On November 2, 2016, DCFTA Advisory Group extended (third) meeting was held, during which 2017-2020 Association agenda project trade and trade-related issues were discussed

								<p>with group members and invited guests.</p> <p>On May 31, 2016 DCFTA advisory group was created at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development in order to engage society in DCFTA implementation. Advisory group is consulting body of the Ministry. DCFTA advisory group discusses planned and implemented reforms under DCFTA. In 2016 DCFTA advisory group held 3 meetings.</p> <p>On July 6, 2016 in Akhaltsikhe, August 10, in Marneuli Levan Mikeladze Foundation organized the project, "capacity building of civil society in the ethnic minority regions". Media, non-governmental organizations and government representatives held discussions. Representative of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development presented information about EU-Georgia relations in last two years.</p> <p>On September 27, 2016 at the Administration of Government of Georgia DCFTA Round Table was organized in order to discuss SME development and competitiveness issues. The meeting was attended by representatives of business associations, international donor organizations, the European Union delegation and the members of the government. Participants were</p>
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								<p>addressed by the Prime Minister and Head of the EU Delegation.</p> <p>On November 12-13, with the initiative of Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development and USAID-Project "Governing for Growth" G4G-support 2-day seminar for journalists was held about DCFTA-related issues and EU-Georgia trade relations. The seminar was attended by the 20 leading journalists from TV, radio and Press.</p> <p>Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Revenue Service, the National Intellectual Property Center and Economic Council made presentations.</p> <p>On November 14, 2016 at the Aleksandre Chavchavadze Museum, with the joint effort of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development and the Association Agreement support project round table about DCFTA obligations implementation was held.</p> <p>Representatives of the government, business and Association Agreement support project discussed importance of dialogue of private and public sector in implementation of the DCFTA. The meeting was focused on the SME development issues.</p> <p>On November 25, 2016 and December 9, 2016 representatives of the Foreign</p>
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								<p>Sustainable Development actively cooperates with Levan Mikeladze Diplomatic Training Centre.</p> <p>The aim of the cooperation is organizing lectures and seminars and raising awareness about DCFTA.</p> <p>Within the cooperation framework representatives of the Foreign Trade Policy Department of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development delivered lectures about international trade and the World Trade Organization, the models of economic integration, Association Agreement, DCFTA practical use, technical barriers to trade.</p>
114.	114.1	<p>Raise awareness of employers and employees on labour legislation, regulations related to occupational health and safety</p>	<p>Raise awareness on occupational health and safety norms, as well as on trafficking and labour discrimination</p>	<p>Printed and distributed information brochures</p> <p>Running social advertisements on TV</p>	<p>Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs</p>	2016	State Budget	<p>In order to raise awareness of employees and employers Labor inspectors from Labor Inspection Department held training in Batumi, hotel "Leogrand" for 93 representatives about labor safety and health issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how to protect workers' health; B) How to avoid injuries; C) management of accidents; D) Employer obligation according to the law. <p>Workplace hazard identification and risk assessment;</p> <p>Workspace arrangements according to the health and safety standards;</p> <p>Personal protective equipment;</p> <p>Fire and electrical safety;</p> <p>Psychological risk management in the hotel sector;</p> <p>Incident prevention measures in the hotel industry;</p> <p>Dangerous substances in the hotel, restaurant and catering industry; The</p>

								<p>main threats and a review of the hotel industry,</p> <p>In November, 2016 representatives of Labor inspection department met with HR managers from private sector. Meeting aimed to present labor safety and health protection issues.</p> <p>In November 2016, in order to raise awareness about labor safety Labor Inspection Department, Employment Agency of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara and Democracy Institute held 2 day training about labor safety and health protection. The training was conducted with the support of the EU project.</p> <p>December 12, 2016, Rectors Council was held at Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University, during which representatives of the Labor Inspection Department presented report of activities and held discussion about labor security with heads of higher education institutions.</p>
115.	115.1	Develop the new Forest Code	<p>Ensuring sustainable forest management by creating legal instruments and effective separation of functions</p> <p>Promoting improvement of quantitative and qualitative indicators of forests</p>	Developed draft of the new Forest Code	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	<p>State Budget</p> <p>World Bank</p> <p>GIZ</p>	<p>In order to develop new Forest Code, the Commission consisting of the Ministry, LEPLs of the Ministry and representatives of Tbilisi City Hall and the Government of Autonomous Republic of Adjara has been established. The final version of the draft law has been elaborated by the Commission within 10 working sessions.</p> <p>In the framework of the public hearings, 14 meetings have been held</p>

								<p>in all regions of Georgia, participated by the representatives of the municipalities, local NGOs and population.</p> <p>The document has been discussed in Georgian National Academy of Science, Patriarchate of Georgia and in several committees of the Parliament of Georgia. In addition, 2 meetings in the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection and 2 regional field meeting have been held.</p> <p>The Code has been presented to the Parliament of Georgia. By the initiative of Environment Protection and Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament the working group has been established. In the framework of the working group the discussion of the Forest Code is underway.</p>
	115.2	Revise and harmonize the respective legislative acts and by-laws	Regulation of forest use, forest maintenance and reforestation, inventory, planning and monitoring with adopted by- laws in accordance with the New Forest Code	Adopted respective legislative acts and by-laws	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	World Bank GIZ	Terms of references were developed, experts were selected and the by-laws were drafted on Regulation of forest use, forest maintenance and reforestation, inventory, planning and monitoring in accordance with the New Forest Code. With the support of GIZ, 9 working meetings (discussions and seminars) were held, attended by international experts about timber tracking and in order to improve monitoring procedures
	115.3	Elaborate national criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	Ensuring of a sustainable forest management	The elaborated national criteria and indicators for Sustainable Forest Management are	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	The final version of the “National Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management” has been developed by the international expert. The document was discussed with representatives of non-governmental

								organizations and scientific institutions. Individual components are being reflected in the national forest legislation.
115.4	Elaborate the risk assessment standards for controlled timber resources	Improvement of illegal logging control Prevention of blending illegal timber resources with certified timber resources	The elaborated risk assessment standard The identified specific forest districts and quantity of exploitable timber	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	The draft of the national principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management and the draft of the Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment standard were developed, which was sent for approval to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The Board has reviewed the document twice. The comments and recommendations were reflected in the text of the document. During forest inventory process in Samtskhe-Javakheti region and Kharagauli municipality specific forest areas and exploitation timber supplieshave been detected. Specific forest areas and exploitation timber supplieshave are being detected in Akhmeta.	
115.5	Finalize the draft document “Strengthen the forest supervision under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection (MoENRP) to ensure sustainable management of Georgian forests and the control of illegal activities in the forest sector “ under the EU TWINNING	Capacity building of the Department of Environmental Supervision to control illegal activities in the forest sector	The developed project fische “Strengthen the forest supervision under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection (MENRP) to ensure sustainable management of Georgian forests and the control of illegal activities in the forest sector“	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	EU Assistance	The European Commission approved Twinning project under the new name - "Sustainable Forest Management in Georgia". Twinning implementation country was selected (Lithuania and Hungary Consortium). The contract would be signed. The project is scheduled to begin in May 2017.	

		project and send the project documents to the EU for approval						
	115.6	Analysis of economic potential of utilization, production and realization of timber, fuel wood and non-timber forest products	Access to the information concerning economic potential of timber, firewood and non-timber forest products production and realization and rational use of forest resources	The conducted economic analyse and the prepared recommendations	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	The document of the economic analysis has been elaborated. Recommendations of the document will be reflected in the Forest Reform Strategy and the National Environmental Action Programme which are under the elaboration.
116.	116.1	Fulfill recommendations given by the Scientific Review Group in order to implement CITES related obligations	Promote conservation of endangered species of wild fauna and flora in Georgia	The assessed list of the species for inclusion in the CITES appendices The prepared justification for inclusion of the assessed species of fauna and flora in the CITES appendices	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	In order to identify compliance of selected plant species with the criteria for amendment of CITES appendices, the assessment of the species have been carried out and the assessment report was prepared. Concurring with the chair of the EU Scientific Review Group (SRG), presentation of the report has been agreed for 2017, either at the meeting of SRG or at the next meeting of the Plants Committee. Joint EU-Georgia proposal on listing of Caucasian Tur in appendix II of the convention was submitted for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17). Out of the range states, Russia was opposing the proposal, but as a consequence of additional informal negotiations, the proposal was accepted by consensus.
	116.2	Cooperate in the framework of the Convention on International Trade	Active participation and increased involvement in international	At least 3 meetings conducted	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	Georgian delegation has been in an active collaboration with the delegations of the EU and EU member countries at the 17th meeting of the

		in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), including cooperation in preparations for CBD COP13 and CITES COP17	initiatives					<p>Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17).</p> <p>Georgia participated in the preparatory meetings for the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, organized by the Convention Secretariat and the Government of Norway. The main topics included mainstreaming of biodiversity into agriculture as well as protected areas and conservation of species, including achieving 11th and 12th Aichi targets. In the framework of these meetings, Georgia along with the European countries (including EU countries) participated in the preparation of the COP agenda topics.</p> <p>Georgian delegation attended the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD and participated in the elaboration of regional positions.</p>
117.	117.1	Establish the new forest monitoring system	Ensuring access to the information on forest monitoring for Governmental and non-governmental sector and other stakeholders	The elaborated test version of the new forest monitoring system	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	<p>Austrian Development Agency (ADA)</p> <p>GIZ</p> <p>United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)</p> <p>Global Environment Fund (GEF)</p> <p>World</p>	<p>The first meeting of the Global Forest Watch project, financed by Global Environmental Fund (GEF) was held in March and involved all stakeholders. The action plan was prepared, the Steering Committee members of the project were defined, and the Terms of Reference was elaborated.</p> <p>The project coordinator, forester and specialists of geographical information and web-design were selected in June.</p> <p>The test version of the new forest</p>

							Resources Institute (WRI)	<p>monitoring system has been elaborated.</p> <p>Forest related data, related with forest resources has been processed and is reflected in the system.</p>
118.	118.1	Exchange of relevant information between the partner countries under the framework of ENPI / FLEG II	Main problems, aims and future development plans in forest sector are discussed during meetings under ENPI/ FLEG II	Held at least 2 meetings	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	ENPI FLEG II World Bank	<p>The meeting was held on March 1-3, 2016 in Chisinau, Moldova where the representatives of Eastern Partnership countries discussed the main achievements and opportunities under the ENPI Forest Law Enforcement and Governance II program (ENPI East FLEG II) that will contribute to introduce these results to the general public.</p> <p>The participants of the meeting discussed the importance of forest resources for the local community, forest landscape restoration issues, global partnership initiatives and Forest Landscape Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology (ROAM) developed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).</p> <p>The Steering Committee meeting of the ENPI East FLEG II was held on November 28, 2016 in Tbilisi</p>
119.	119.1	Participate in regional (RECC), European (Forest Europe) and global (UNFF) initiatives Share of information on regional and	Support Sustainable Forest Management, establishment of criteria and indicators for the maintenance, reforestation and conservation	Held at least 3 meetings	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	FOREST EUROPE United Nations Forest Forum (UNFF) GIZ	<p>Georgian side participated in three meetings:</p> <p>Following the 7th Forest Europe Ministerial Conference, the first meeting of the experts was held on May 11-12, 2016, in Bratislava. The overview of terms of reference and</p>

		international level, concerning protection of forest cover, best practice and reforms	Implementation of Sustainable Forest Management activities					<p>draft working program for the future direction of Forest Europe Ministerial Conference was submitted to the working group for the review and approval.</p> <p>On April 25-27, 2016 the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG1) was held at the United Nations Headquarter, New York, USA concerning the implementation of Resolution 11/1 of the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) as well as the preparation of the proposals on issues mentioned in the 44th paragraph of the UN Economic and Social Council Resolution 2015/33.</p> <p>On October 12-23, 2016 a meeting of Forest Europe Ministerial Conference was held, where the participants discussed the issues of future strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of the Forest Europe process.</p>
120.	120.1	Organize working group meetings under national Forest Program (NFP)	Involvement of stakeholders, included the EU, in forest sector institutional and legislative reform is increased	Held 50 meetings	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	Since January 2016, 57 meetings have been held within the framework of the National Forest Program (NFP), participated by the representatives of Governmental, Non-Governmental and Scientific organizations in order to discuss various forest related topics.
	120.2	Start implement the self-monitoring and electronic reporting systems	Online access to the fishing process and the composition and quantity of caught fishes	Comprehensive self-monitoring and reporting system	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	State Budget	According to the №696 Government Decree on 22 April, 2016, the period of validity for the licenses issued for fishing 300 meters away from the coast in the Black Sea was extended and additional requirements were

								<p>established, including the following: for live-feed control of extracted fish the license holders are obliged to install electronic monitoring system on board and operate an electronic fishing register no later than the 1st of October, 2017. Technical characteristics of the electronic monitoring system will be defined by the respective normative act.</p> <p>Establishment of fishing monitoring and electronic reporting system will continue in the following years.</p>
121.	121.1	Start develop the climate change action plan “Climate 2021-2030”	Identification of the commitments for the implementation of the requirements under the Paris Agreement and defined in the INDC of Georgia	Draft version of the climate change action plan “Climate 2021-2030” prepared according to the needs assessment	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016		Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia in cooperation with foreign expert (GIZ) has started analysis of similar action plans of the EU countries. Using the results of the Low Emission Development Strategy is considered for the preparation of the plan. A draft roadmap for the action plan “Climate 2021-2030” has been developed.
	121.2	Plan the Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions taking into consideration economic, social and environmental factors	Fulfilment of the conditional and unconditional commitments under the Paris Agreement	Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016		Climate change mitigation measures in the energy, industry, agriculture and waste sectors have been planned. Mitigation measures will help Georgia to implement INDC commitments on the one hand and will help with greenhouse gas emissions on the other hand.
122.	122.1	Develop the eCommerce legislation	Development of eCommerce system relevant with the EU standards	Elaborated eCommerce Law of Georgia	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	Directive (2000/31/ EC) on electronic commerce of EU and legal framework of European countries were processed and analyzed, based on that works and by the support of the USAID's project "Governing for Growth (G4G)", the “e-

								commerce” draft law was prepared, interested parties were provided by the draft law for discussion, recommendations were taken into consideration and draft law was improved in terms of legal technique. In September presentation and discussion of the law was organized with representatives of the private and public sectors. English version of the law was prepared and sent to Eurocommission and World Bank experts. Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 1997 on the protection of consumers in respect of distance contracts is being analysed and transferred into e-commerce draft law. Abovementioned Directive should be approximated with Georgian legislation within the obligations taken under AA, also, working on relevant legislation has being started, after that the full package of legislation will be submitted to the Parliament of Georgia.
123.	123.1	Based on gap analyses between the Georgian legislation and the Directive No 2002/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2002 concerning the processing of personal data and	Approximation of the relevant legislation of Georgia to EU acquis	Prepared draft amendments	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC	GNCC working group on confidentiality of private life conducted Legislation gap analysis. According to this analysis working group also elaborated relevant action plan. In parallel by the support of EBRD working group elaborated relevant draft amendments in the legislation.

		the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (Directive on privacy and electronic communications) as amended by Directive No 2009/136/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 preparation of subsequent amendments within the secondary legislation						
	123.2	Based on gap analyses between the Georgian legislation and the Directive No 2002/20/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services (Authorisation Directive) as amended by Directive No	Approximation of the relevant legislation of Georgia to EU acquis	Prepared draft amendments	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC Twinning	GNCC working group on authorisation issues conducted Legislation gap analysis. According to this analysis working group also elaborated relevant action plan. In parallel by the support of EBRD working group elaborated relevant draft amendments in the legislation.

		2009/140/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 - preparation of subsequent legislative amendments						
123.3	Approximation of Georgian legislation to the Directive No 2002/19/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities (Access Directive) as amended by Directive No 2009/140/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009	Review and comparison of existing legislation of Georgia with the directives envisaged by the Association Agreement	Report on gap analyses between the legislations.	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC Twinning	GNCC working group by the support of EBRD elaborated gap analysis between the Georgian legislation and relevant EU aquis.	
123.4	Approximation of Georgian legislation to the Directive No 2002/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on a	Review and comparison of existing legislation of Georgia with the directives envisaged by the Association Agreement	Report on gap analyses between the legislations.	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC Twinning	GNCC working group on the framework directive by the support of EBRD elaborated gap analysis between the Georgian legislation and relevant EU aquis.	

		common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Framework Directive) as amended by Directive No 2009/140/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009						
124.	124.1	Submit Law on Postal Services to the Parliament	Postal regulations approximated to the EU legislation	Adopted Law on Postal Services	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	<p>Within the framework of EBRD aid draft law was modified.</p> <p>Subsequent drafts would be prepared as well and full package would be sent to the Parliament of Georgia for the discussion.</p>
	124.2	Develop the Postal sector Policy Document	Determination of long-term vision for the development of the postal sector, provision of universal postal services, as well as modernization of postal market by Government	Developed draft Postal sector policy document	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	Within the framework of EBRD aid draft for postal sector policy's main directions was prepared.
125.	125.1	Organize meetings of the DCFTA implementation interagency working groups	Improved coordination between government authorities for effective implementation of	Conducted meetings	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	On June 29, 2016 5th DCFTA implementation coordination Inter-Agency Commission meeting was held. DCFTA commitment implementation situation and planned reforms were discussed.

			DCFTA with EU					<p>On November 11, 2016 6th DCFTA implementation coordination Inter-Agency Commission meeting was held. Following topics were discussed during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCFTA Implementation Action Plan 2016 • Current situation and fulfilment of obligations under DCFTA / SME budget support matrix • Preparation for the Association Committee meeting on December 1. • DCFTA- Implementation Action Plan 2017.
	125.2	Prepare DCFTA implementation Action Plan for 2017	Facilitation to the implementation of the actions stipulated by the Georgia – EU Association Agreement and Association Agenda	Adopted Action Plan for 2017	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	DCFTA 2017 National Action Plan was approved by December 30, 2016 Resolution of Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia № 1-1/712