

**Report of the 2014 National Action Plan for the Implementation of the Association Agreement
between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part,
and Georgia, of the other part and Association Agenda between the European Union and Georgia**

	Planned Activity	Responsible Institution	Implementation Timeframe	Source of Funding	Status of Implementation
1	Cooperation in the framework of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>Since 1 September 2014, several high-level meetings were held within GUAM, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of GUAM (on 26 September in New York; on 5 December in Basel); • Two meetings of the Council of the National Coordinators of GUAM (on 18-19 September; on 18-19 November, in Kiev); • Two meetings in the framework of GUAM-US Format (on 26 September in New York; on 5 December in Basel); • Plenary Session and meeting of the Bureau of the GUAM Parliamentary Assembly (on 10-11 November in Chisinau). <p>Throughout the mentioned period, the meetings of GUAM sectoral working groups and experts were also held in Kiev at GUAM Secretariat and in GUAM member states.</p>
2	Hold high-level meetings	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>Since 1 September 2014, the following official and working visits were held:</p> <p>November 17-18 – On the side-lines of the AA Council in Brussels, co-chaired by Prime Minister</p>

				<p>Irakli Gharibashvili, bilateral meetings were held with European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn; European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Dimitris Avramopoulos; European Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström; European Commissioner for Climate Change and Energy Miguel Arias Cañete; European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides; European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport Violeta Bulc; President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz; Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs Elmar Brok;</p> <p>November 19-20 – In the framework of the visit of the Foreign Minister to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, meetings were conducted with UK Minister of State for Europe David Lidington and Private Secretary to the Prime Minister for Foreign Policy Nigel Casey;</p> <p>November 21 – In the framework of the visit to the Czech Republic, Foreign Minister of Georgia Tamar Beruchashvili met Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic Lubomír Zaorálek;</p> <p>November 26 – In the framework of the EU-Georgia visa dialogue, Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia Gigi Gigiadze met the European Commission’s Director General for Home Affairs Matthias Ruete in Brussels.</p>
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					November 26-27 - President of Latvia Andris Bērziņš ; December 8 - German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Frank-Walter Steinmeier .
3	Promote implementation of regional projects	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 development of the Shah Deniz field: (On 20 September 2014 the ceremony of laying the foundation of the Southern Gas Corridor was held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan); • AGRI project: (the feasibility study has been completed); • New Anaklia Sea Port project: the Expression of Interest was finalised in October, investor will be revealed in 2015; • Bilateral Memorandums of Understanding concerning the recognition of training and certification of seafarers were signed with 12 countries (Belgium, Latvia, Cyprus, Malta, Hellenic Republic, Romania, Slovenia, Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Spain and Switzerland); • The second session of the Georgian-Hungarian Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation was held in Tbilisi on 30-31 October 2014.
4	Deepen the trilateral cooperation between Georgia, Azerbaijan and Turkey	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	Meeting of the Parliamentary Committees of Foreign Relations was held on 27 November 2014 in Batumi. The fourth meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs was held on 10 December 2014 in Kars.

5	<p>Strengthen the capacity of the High School of Justice by elaborating and implementing the strategic development document and respective action plan</p> <p>1) Professional training of judges on substantial topics pertinent to them;</p> <p>2) Professional training of court employees on substantial topics pertinent to them</p>	High School of Justice	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>The High School of Justice, with the support of and in cooperation with the Council of Europe, conducted a thorough needs-assessment of the High School of Justice.</p> <p>Based on the needs assessment, the Strategic Development Plan of 2014-2018 of the School has been developed, which was reviewed and approved by the Independent Council.</p> <p>Implementation of the activities covered by the Strategic Development Plan has already started and they will be fully implemented by the end of 2018.</p> <p>1) During 2014, the High School of Justice provided 53 trainings for judges on issues requested by them and other important topics;</p> <p>2) During 2014, the High School of Justice provided 19 trainings for judges' assistants and court managers on issues important for them.</p>
6	<p>Training of prosecutors in trial skills</p> <p>Training of prosecutors to increase the quality of reasoning of procedural documents</p> <p>Professional training course</p>	Office of the Chief Prosecutor	2014	State Budget	<p>A total of 540 representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office attended professional development courses to ensure the efficiency of the Prosecution System and to raise the qualification level of employees. The topics covered in the professional development trainings and seminars included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jury trial skills; - Juvenile justice; - Personal Data Protection; - International cooperation in criminal matters; - Organised crime;

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigation and prosecution of corruption, drug crimes, trafficking, cybercrime, money laundering and terrorism financing; - Corporate liability; - Arrest and detention standards; - Legal writing; - Effective communication; - Public speaking <p>Representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office participated in the regional seminar and workshop on Anti-corruption Matters for Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries.</p> <p>Workshops were organised for all prosecutors and investigators of the Prosecution System in relation to all important legislative amendments of 2014.</p>
7	Develop Judiciary System Strategy and Action plan in order to guarantee the independence of the judicial system and judges	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	The High Council of Justice held a working meeting for members of the Council and representatives of international organisations. International organisations expressed their readiness to offer financial assistance to Georgia.
8	Elaborate and introduce proposals regarding the improvement of selection process of judges	High Council of Justice	2014	State Budget	In September 2014, by the decision of the High Council of Justice, several amendments were made to the procedure of the selection of candidates of judges. According to the amendments, selection criteria of judges have been improved. Furthermore, a system to collect information on candidates has been developed. Therefore, the selection process of judges has become more transparent and objective.

9	Improve and implement periodic evaluation system of judges	High Council of Justice	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	Within the framework of the new project between the Council of Europe and GIZ on “Independence of Judiciary and Enhancing Efficiency of Justice”, technical assistance (experts’ support) is planned to be implemented in order to improve the periodic judicial evaluation system.
10	Develop criteria and procedures for the promotion of judges	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction	2014	State Budget	Two working meetings were held by the Association of Judges of Georgia. Furthermore, a final international conference was held in December 2014, where international experts shared their experience. In addition, experts’ support is also envisaged in terms of this activity.
11	Define and introduce efficiency of staff (judges and court officials) number and financial resources in the courts of general jurisdiction	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	In order to define the adequacy of court employees, a working group has been established. Its main task is to study international experience and develop proposals in this area.
12	Regulate case distribution issues through electronic programme	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	A project to regulate case distribution issues through an electronic system is ongoing.
13	Increase the reasoning of judgments by the judges of the courts of general jurisdiction by elaborating relevant recommendations	Supreme Court High Council of Justice	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	A Commission on reasoning of judgments on criminal cases held six working meetings to discuss legal writing skills based on international experience.
14	Introduce standards and evaluation methods for defining quality and efficiency in the court system	High Council of Justice	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	At this stage, best practice on standards and evaluation methods for defining quality and efficiency of the court system, as well as CEPEJ and ENCJ reports and documents are being analysed.
15	Reform the system of judicial disciplinary liability and disciplinary proceedings;	High Council of Justice	2014	State Budget	The process of studying best practices and development of relevant proposals for the new Judicial Code of Ethics is in progress.

	Draw up proposals for the new code of ethics for judges				
16	Enhance social protection guarantees for judges	High Council of Justice	2014	State Budget	A working group was established to discuss issues related to the Improvement of Social Guarantees of Judges. As a result of a working meeting, a draft of the new regulations of social guarantees for judges was developed and submitted to the Conference of Judges.
17	Define the procedures of holding enlarged meetings of the High Council of Justice in order to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the High Council of Justice; Establish the advisory council of the High Council of Justice involving the representatives of civil society and legal professionals	High Council of Justice	2014	State Budget	The High Council of Justice adopted the decision on convening the enlarged meetings of the Council.
18	Raise public awareness in order to improve the confidence of society in the justice system	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	To raise public awareness and improve confidence in the justice system: information about the performance of district courts was disseminated through regional radio broadcasting; various informative brochures and articles were published and distributed among regional and central newspapers; appropriate trainings were organised for journalists and informative meetings were also held with pupils and students.
19	Elaborate proposals and implement appropriate activities within the planned reforms in the area of juvenile justice	High Council of Justice Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	Work on the development of proposals within the framework of the juvenile justice reform is in progress. At this stage, appropriate trainings have been organised for judges as well as special training

		LEPL Center for Crime Prevention			curriculum for judges in the field of juvenile justice has been developed.
20	Elaborate and implement additional actions to promote the application of the European Convention on Human Rights and its case law by the courts of general jurisdiction and increase the competence of the Human Rights Center of the Supreme Court	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	In 2014, the Human Rights Centre of the Supreme Court of Georgia launched a search programme of the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights. Approximately 500 cases have been translated into Georgian. The Centre organises regular trainings and presentations for judges and judges' assistants in order to raise awareness about the system and to inform them about the technical features of the system. The Centre also cooperates with the Office of the Council of Europe in Tbilisi. The Human Rights Centre of the Supreme Court of Georgia also prepares research papers on the basis of the European Convention On Human Rights. For this purpose, in 2014, the number of staff working in the Centre was increased.
21	Facilitate meetings, seminars, discussions of judges and ensure appropriate trainings in order to promote deep knowledge on the issues related to right of fair trial; For the same purpose promote effective and mutually beneficial cooperation between the representatives of Prosecutor's Office and lawyers	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction High School of Justice	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	During 2014, the High School of Justice held 50 trainings for judges and 17 trainings for court staff and judges' assistants. In addition, a working meeting about the activity and performance of the Human Rights Centre of the Supreme Court of Georgia was held for judges and judges' assistants.
22	Provide study visits for judges to exchange experience in the field of justice and administration	High Council of Justice Courts of General Jurisdiction	2014	State Budget Donor Assistance	Study visits were held in Germany, France, Poland, Austria, Norway, Malta, Lithuania, Armenia, Cyprus and the US.

23	Elaborate relevant draft laws and submit them to the Parliament	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	<p>On 14 June 2013, the Criminal Justice Reform Interagency Coordination Council approved the Court System Reform Strategy.</p> <p>In the framework of the second stage of the reform of the judiciary, which began in autumn 2013 and will end in spring 2015, in terms of regulations related to the appointment of judges, the focus falls on creating fair and equal conditions for each candidate to occupy the vacant post of a judge. In particular, unlike the current regulation, in order to occupy the post of judge graduates of the High School of Justice and persons exempt from studying at the High School of Justice will be selected on a competitive basis. The person(s) in both above-mentioned categories will participate in the contest announced for occupying the vacant position and graduates of the High School of Justice will not be given unequivocal preference in this process. The procedure of completing a background check on the judges for their comprehensive evaluation during the process of appointment will also be determined by the amendments. A special structural unit of the High Council of Justice will evaluate the accuracy of the information submitted by candidates, their professional reputation and work experience, as well as information regarding the past criminal/disciplinary pursuit and/or administrative proceedings against them. Interviews with the judicial candidates will be scheduled only after the end of this procedure.</p>
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24	Elaborate relevant draft laws and submit them to the Parliament	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	Amendments to the Criminal Code were prepared in order to bring into alignment the definition of the crime of aggression envisaged by Article 404 of the Criminal Code with the amendments made to the definition of aggression in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The amendments entered into force on 30 October 2014.
25	Elaborate draft amendments to the the Criminal Code	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	Revision of the Criminal Code was carried out at the Ministry of Justice with the aim to liberalise, modernise and align it with international standards. The Criminal Code has been entirely revised as a result of intensive meetings and work of the expert working groups within the framework of the Criminal Justice Reform Interagency Coordination Council, with the active support of the EU and direct participation of European and American experts. In the process of the revision of the Criminal Code, attention was drawn to such conceptual issues as the principles of sentencing, types of punishment, conditional sentences, probationary period, fines, etc. Compositions of particular crimes, aggravating circumstances, sanctions, etc. were also revised. Draft amendments to the Criminal Code were sent to the Council of Europe for expert review regarding its compliance with international standards in July 2014.

					Submitting the draft to the Parliament is planned for the Spring Session of 2015.
26	Reform of the Plea-bargaining System	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	The legislative reform of the plea-bargaining system was implemented. Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code came into force in August 2014. The principle amendments related to the plea agreement was abolishment of the plea agreement on punishment, as well as legislative regulation of producing the plea-bargaining protocol, increase of judge's powers in the process of plea-bargaining, expansion of the grounds of appeal of the plea agreement, etc.
27	Strengthen the rights of the victims in criminal proceedings	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	Legislative amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code regarding victims' rights entered into force in August 2014. The above mentioned amendments foresee the right of victims to receive a notice regarding crime notification; to receive information about the process of the investigation and to familiarise himself/herself with the files of a criminal case, if this does not contradict the interests of the investigation; express his/her own opinions in front of a judge regardless the conclusion of a plea agreement; in cases of especially grave crimes, victims have the right to appeal the prosecutor's resolution regarding the non-commencement or termination of criminal pursuit in the court; receive information regarding the charged/convicted person's leave from the detention/imprisonment facility, etc.
28	Elaborate the Juvenile Justice Code	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget UNICEF	The Ministry of Justice has begun to work on the Juvenile Justice Code with the assistance of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the

				EU	<p>European Union. For this purpose, by the decision of the Minister of Justice a special working group was created that prepared the first draft of the Juvenile Justice Code. The draft foresees additional guarantees for the protection of the rights of juveniles in conflict with the law, juvenile witnesses and victims, as well as the best interests of juveniles; broadening of the judge's powers in the process of juvenile justice; wide variety of punishment, etc. The draft law will bring together juvenile liability, criminal procedures, penitentiary and other issues in one legislative act that will support the simplicity and clarity of juvenile legislation. The existing standards in the juvenile justice and contemporary best practices will be taken into account in the Code. The Juvenile Justice Code was sent to international experts to review at the end of August 2014 in order to check its compliance with international standards. The draft Juvenile Justice Code was improved according to the comments of the expertise, which was received in September 2014. Relevant authorities were asked to present their comments and feedback regarding the draft. In addition, a two-day field meeting was held with the participation of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Corrections and Chief Prosecutor's Office representatives, where the draft law was discussed in detail. At this stage, the explanatory note of the Code is being elaborated. The draft law is planned to be discussed in working groups created within the Criminal Justice Reform Interagency Coordination Council, after which it will be presented to the Criminal Justice Reform</p>
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					Interagency Coordination Council for approval, and in the end will be submitted to Parliament.
29	<p>Training of prosecutors in the trial skills;</p> <p>Training of prosecutors to increase the quality of reasoning of procedural documents;</p> <p>Professional training course</p>	Office of the Chief Prosecutor	2014	State Budget	<p>A total of 540 representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office attended professional development courses to ensure the efficiency of the Prosecution System and to raise the qualification level of employees. The topics of the professional development trainings and seminars included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jury trial skills; - Juvenile justice; - Personal Data Protection; - International cooperation in criminal matters; - Organised crime; - Investigation and prosecution of corruption, drug crimes, trafficking, cybercrime, money laundering and terrorism financing; - Corporate liability; - Arrest and detention standards; - Legal writing; - Effective communication; - Public speaking <p>Representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office participated in a regional seminar and workshop on Anti-corruption Matters for Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries.</p> <p>Workshops were organised for all prosecutors and investigators of the Prosecution System in relation to all important legislative amendments of 2014.</p>
30	Professional training course	Office of the Chief	2014	State Budget	With the view of ensuring high professional

		Prosecutor			standards, 57 internship candidates were selected through a competition that underwent one-month intensive educational training. For the purpose of raising standards for professional activities, 23 newly appointed prosecutors were retrained.
31	Training on the diversion and mediation	Office of the Chief Prosecutor Ministry of Justice LEPL Center for Crime Prevention	2014	State Budget EU Support	In cooperation with UNICEF and the LEPL Crime Prevention Centre, 35 prosecutors were retrained in juvenile diversion-mediation issues in November 2014. The training was provided in three (3) stages. Those who attended included officials from the structural divisions of the Chief Prosecutor's Office as well as from all territorial units of the Chief Prosecutor's Office. Prosecutors, social workers and mediators, were trained as well and they are ready for implementation of the renewed procedures and programmes. For continuation and intensification of rehabilitation and re-socialisation policies in criminal justice, in line with the training activities, a field project was held that involved the participation of prosecutors and juveniles who were offered diversion.
32	Further development of the early conditional release mechanism	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The Ministry of Corrections is continuing to further develop and improve the early conditional release mechanism.
33	Increase the number of local councils including the establishment of a local council for female inmates	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The Ministerial Decree №151 of 28 October 2010 on "The approval of the number and territorial jurisdiction of the local parole boards and a typical regulation of the parole board" was amended in 2014. According to the amendments, the number of parole boards was increased from three (3) to five (5). One

					<p>additional local council was added in East Georgia, thus creating two local councils instead of one for this region.</p> <p>Additionally, a local council for female inmates was established in accordance with the amendments. This will support better distribution of cases between the councils and also better consideration of women's interests and needs when reviewing cases.</p>
34	<p>Improve the quality and quantity of the decisions on reducing the serving sentence with the less grave sentence, made by the local councils/ commissions of the ministry</p>	Ministry of Corrections	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Donors Assistance</p>	<p>The following number of individuals were released following the decision of local parole boards and a permanent commission on early conditional release at the Ministry of Corrections:</p> <p>By December 2012: 1,167 males, 122 females, 9 juveniles;</p> <p>By December 2013: 1,357 males, 188 females, 34 juveniles;</p> <p>In 2014: 828 males, 45 females, 21 juveniles.</p> <p>Furthermore, 42 male prisoners were placed in the halfway house. Community service was applied to 20 men and 9 women</p>
35	Open a Halfway House	Ministry of Corrections	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Donors Assistance</p>	<p>A halfway house, which opened in February 2014, can accommodate 75-100 inmates. Individuals, who are willing to participate in rehabilitation /educational programmes, are transferred to the halfway house based on the decision of the local parole board, altering their sentences on the deprivation of liberty with the restriction of liberty. Infrastructure of the halfway house includes a living</p>

					<p>block, rehabilitation centre, multifunctional workshop facility, sports facilities and a gym, an open yard (walking tracks, area for visits), meeting room, dining room, conference hall, a shop, pool, computer class, medical centre , restroom and a library.</p> <p>Persons placed in the halfway house are not restricted from communicating with each other or from free movement within the territory of the facility. Individuals are allowed to leave the halfway house and return to their families for weekends based on the results of an individual assessment. Inmates also have the possibility to be employed and remunerated at various small local factories that operate on the territory of the halfway house. Persons restricted of their liberty have the opportunity to gain various professional skills at the multi-profile education centre; they also have the right for visits.</p> <p>Rehabilitation programmes are available at the halfway house. This includes raising awareness on civil rights, stress management, psychodrama therapy, practical courses of art-therapy, psycho-social rehabilitation, and more.</p>
36	Introduce Risk Assessment and Individual Sentence Planning in №16 and №5 establishments	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Risk assessment and individual sentence planning is planned to be introduced at the penitentiary establishments №16 and №5. In order to launch the project the relevant infrastructure has been prepared and staff has been trained; instructions for the project's implementation have been developed and are ready to be approved by the Minister of

					Corrections, and in the nearest future the project will be fully implemented.
37	Improve efficiency of the rehabilitation-resocialisation programme for ex-convicts	Ministry of Justice LEPL Center for Crime Prevention	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Vocational training colleges are fully accessible for ex-convicts; the number and quality of the Centre's onsite services has increased; various public institutions introduced different privileged conditions for the purpose of rehabilitation.
38	Training on topics of the ethical standards and human rights	Office of the Chief Prosecutor	2014	State Budget	A total of 80 newly appointed prosecutors and internship candidates attended professional ethics training. In addition, five (5) representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office participated in a training course on professional ethics, organised by the Embassy of United States of America to Georgia. With the support of donor organisations, a workshop was held on the "System Attitude towards Professional Ethics for Independent, Competent and Accountable Justice". Representatives of the judiciary and the Georgian Bar Association attended the above mentioned workshop together with the representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office.
39	Elaborate legislative package of amendments to the laws regulating arbitration as an alternative mechanism for dispute settlement and submit it to the Parliament	The Consultative Council of the Private Law Reform (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The package of legislative amendments regarding the institution of arbitration was prepared within the Private Law Reform Implementation Advisory Council functioning under the Minister of Justice and submitted to the Government of Georgia in November 2014. The main reasons for the preparation of the amendments are the legislative problems hindering development of the institute of arbitration in Georgia, which should be modified in order to, increase the credibility and popularity of the

					<p>arbitration institution as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism and to develop this institution in general.</p> <p>Legislative package aims to bring Georgian Arbitration Law and the legislative acts based on this law in compliance with the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, as well as create an arbitration-friendly environment in Georgia. The Government of Georgia approved and verified the presented legislative package, and its adoption has already been initiated in the Parliament of Georgia. Committee discussions are currently pending. The legislative package will be discussed by the Parliament of Georgia in the beginning of the 2015 Spring Session.</p>
40	Adopt the Civil Service Reform Concept	LEPL Civil Service Bureau	2014	State Budget USAID	The Civil Service Reform Concept was developed and approved on 19 November 2014 by Decree №627 of the Government of Georgia.
41	Start drafting a new legislation governing the Civil Service	LEPL Civil Service Bureau	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Several significant steps have been taken in order to develop a new draft law regulating the civil service. Namely, the structure of the new law was developed, and a meeting with local and European experts was held in order to plan the law-making process.
42	Create job descriptions to establish a transparent system of remuneration in the civil service	LEPL Civil Service Bureau	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>In order to establish a transparent remuneration system in the civil service of Georgia, the Civil Service Bureau developed a Decree on "Adopting the Rules for Bonus Amount Determination in Public Institutions" in May 2014, which was approved on 15 July 2014 by Decree №449 of the Government of Georgia.</p> <p>The Civil Service Bureau began a large-scale project</p>

					to establish common standards of job descriptions within the civil service. Under the project, training was held on 8-10 September and was attended by representatives of the Parliament of Georgia, the Government of Georgia, the Administration of the President, Georgian ministries and the Government of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara. Participants provided descriptions of at least 12 different positions in their entities with support of Civil Service Bureau consultants.
43	Analyse the Evaluation System in the civil service and select a model	LEPL Civil Service Bureau	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The Civil Service Bureau invited an international expert to analyse the existing performance evaluation system in the civil service. The expert developed important recommendations for central public institutions.
44	Develop transparent and objective mechanism for the selection, promotion and dismissal of civil servants	LEPL Civil Service Bureau	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The Civil Service Bureau developed a competition procedure specified under the law of Georgia on Civil Service and approved by Decree №412 of the Government of Georgia which entered into force on 18 June 2014. The new Decree offers a more transparent and flexible competition system.
45	Selection of a system to monitor asset declarations of civil service officials	LEPL Civil Service Bureau	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	With a view to implement an Asset Declaration Monitoring System a working group was formed, questionnaire was developed and important consultative meetings were held. The Civil Service Bureau has developed proposals for submission to the Government of Georgia. The Bureau plans to continue working in this direction during 2015.
46	Implement individual and general measures for the enforcement of ECHR judgments/decisions rendered against Georgia	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	I. Individual measures In 2014, the European Court of Human Rights delivered 26 decisions as a result of the settlements

				<p>reached between the parties and 14 decisions on the ground of the unilateral declarations submitted by the Government. Nineteen (19) decisions delivered on the ground of the settlements and 11 decisions delivered on the ground of the unilateral declarations are already fully executed.</p> <p>Currently, the Government is involved in the process of executing the decisions delivered by the Court in 2014, in particular seven (7) decisions delivered on the ground of the and settlements three (3) decisions delivered on the ground of the unilateral declarations. More specifically, the Government is securing the payments of compensations to the applicant's within the relevant time-limits. Furthermore, on the ground of six (6) decisions delivered in 2014 (<i>Baghashvili v. Georgia; Kiziria v. Georgia; Gamtsemlidze and others v. Georgia; Chkotua and Arkania v. Georgia; Mchedlishvili v. Georgia; Molashvili v. Georgia</i>), the Ministry of Justice applied to the Chief Prosecutor's Office to reopen the investigations in respect of these cases in order to eliminate the procedural violations of Article 2 of the Convention (right to life) and Article 3 of the Convention (prohibition of torture). In the cases of <i>Chkotua and Arkania v. Georgia, Molashvili v. Georgia, Gamtsemlidze and others v. Georgia</i>, investigations have already been reopened. As for the other cases, subsequent to the determination of the investigative jurisdiction the relevant bodies of the Prosecutor's Office, criminal investigations will be reopened as to fulfil the respective international</p>
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				<p>obligations in good faith.</p> <p>II. General measures</p> <p><i>Execution of the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights – “Klaus and Yuri Kiladze v. Georgia” (case of the persons subjected to political repression):</i></p> <p>On 18 May 2011 the legislative amendments to the 1997 law on “Victim Status and Social Protection for Persons Subjected to Political Repression” and the amendments to the Administrative Procedure Code of Georgia came into force with the purpose of execution of the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights of 2 February 2010 (<i>“Klaus and Yuri Kiladze v. Georgia”</i>).</p> <p>According to the said amendments, the Tbilisi City Court was empowered to adjudicate the cases and determine the amount of the compensation to be awarded to the victims of the Soviet repressions. On the ground of the analyses of the court’s practice, it has been ascertained that the amounts of the granted compensations by the Tbilisi City Court varied between 200 GEL and 500 GEL which was clearly inadequate and could not ensure the full execution of the judgment of the European Court.</p> <p>Considering the above-mentioned, the Ministry of Justice prepared the package of legislative amendments. On 31 October 2014 the Parliament of Georgia adopted the draft which entered into force on 1 January 2015. The purpose of the aforesaid amendments is, firstly to increase the amount of compensation which, according to the law, should be 1000-2000 GEL and, secondly, to extend the</p>
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				<p>territorial jurisdiction of the national courts in order to eliminate the problem of accessibility to the court.</p> <p><i>Execution of the judgments of the Ghavtadze group and the adoption of the final resolution in respect of these cases by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:</i></p> <p>This category includes five (5) cases (judgments); 1) <i>Ghavtadze v. Georgia</i>. 2) <i>Poghosyan v. Georgia</i>. 3) <i>Irakli Mindadze v. Georgia</i>. 4) <i>Jeladze v. Georgia</i>. 5) <i>Ildani v. Georgia</i> and concerns the deficiencies of the medical treatment of the prisoners infected with Hepatitis C and tuberculosis revealed within the Penitentiary System of Georgia from 2006-2011. In the context of the above-mentioned judgments the European Court found that, considering Article 46 of the Convention, there was a necessity for prompt legislative and administrative measures to be taken as to prevent the further spread of the infectious disease within the penitentiary system. In addition, the Court stated there was a clear necessity for the screening of prisoners before their placement into penitentiary institutions and the execution of timely and effective control of the disease in due conditions. On 27 January and 4 August 2014 (final revised version) the Government of Georgia submitted the information to the Committee of Ministers regarding important individual and general measures undertaken with the purpose of the execution of the said judgments and described in detail the fundamental reforms carried out within the penitentiary system concerning the treatment of</p>
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					<p>Hepatitis C and tuberculosis during 2013-2014. Simultaneously, the Government of Georgia submitted detailed information with regard to the presence of the necessary infrastructure and qualified personnel in the Penitentiary System in order to effectively control the two infectious diseases mentioned above.</p> <p>At the 1211th meeting on 12 November 2014, the Committee of Ministers of Europe gave a positive assessment to the measures which have been conducted by Georgia. Additionally, the final resolution was adopted and the judgements of the above-mentioned category were declared as 'executed', by means of which the progress attained by the state in respect of the control of the above-mentioned diseases and the effectiveness of undertaken reforms was confirmed.</p> <p>At the 1211th meeting of the Minister's Deputies, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe declared it was satisfied with measures which have been conducted by Georgia, and adopted the final resolution and the judgments of the above-mentioned category was declared as 'executed' by means of which the attained progress and the effectiveness of the conducted reforms in respect of the control of the infectious disease by the State was clearly confirmed.</p>
47	Signature and ratification of Protocols No.15 and No.16 of the European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	<p>Georgia signed the ECHR's 15th and 16th protocols on 19 June 2014. Internal procedures have been launched to recognise them as compulsory to Georgia.</p> <p>The draft legislative package, together with the ratification documents of ECHR's 15th and 16th</p>

					<p>protocols, were submitted to the Government of Georgia by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in November 2014.</p> <p>The Georgian Government approved and verified the submitted ratification documents of ECHR's 15th and 16th protocols and related package of legislative amendments, which have already been initiated in the Parliament of Georgia. Committee discussions are currently pending. The documentation regarding ratification and draft of amendments will be discussed as soon as Spring Session of the Parliament of Georgia starts.</p>
48	Training on the human rights issues	Office of the Chief Prosecutor	2014	State Budget	<p>A total of 63 representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office attended trainings on investigation and prosecution of domestic violence and communication with victims, as well as on the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;</p> <p>A total of 80 newly appointed prosecutors and internship candidates attended human rights training;</p> <p>In cooperation with UN WOMEN, a new project was planned, according to which 100-200 prosecutors will be retrained in domestic violence issues next year. A foreign expert was selected to assist the officials of the Chief Prosecutor's Office to develop a program in this respect and provide training for trainers.</p> <p>In the framework of the above-mentioned project, the representatives of the Chief Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and the judiciary attended the workshop, where the parties assessed the current situation and discussed problematic</p>

					issues.
49	Update National Strategy and Action Plan to combat ill-treatment and torture and start its implementation	Relevant Inter-Agency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	The final draft of the 2015-2016 Action Plan on Combating Torture, Inhumane, Cruel or Degrading Treatment or Punishment has been sent to all relevant Governmental agencies for their comments and feedback. Currently, almost all of the responsible bodies have provided their comments and feedback on the Action Plan. Due to the fact that feedback received from the bodies is excessive in volume and require substantial amendments to the Action Plan, the process of their importing into the final text of the Action Plan is still on-going. After all the necessary amendments are made, the draft will be presented to the Intergovernmental Council on Combating Torture and Other Forms of Degrading and Inhumane Treatment or Punishment for adoption.
50	Professional training course	Office of the Chief Prosecutor	2014	State Budget	In cooperation with the Council of Europe, 20 prosecutors were retrained in efficient investigation of cases involving allegations of torture and ill-treatment.
51	Analyse the legislative basis and internal normative acts on prevention against the ill-treatment of defendants and inmates in terms of their effectiveness and compliance with the international standards	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The order of the Minister of Corrections №145, made on 12 September 2014 on approving “the types of special means we, the rules and conditions for use, storage and carrying of special means in penitentiary establishments, as well as the rule of determining the person(s) entitled to use special means in the penitentiary establishment” specifically defined types of special means in the armament of penitentiary establishments, the rule of their storage, carrying and use. The above mentioned order also regulates the rule of determining the person(s) entitled to use

					<p>special means in penitentiary establishments. Relevant amendments were made to the Imprisonment Code.</p> <p>Ensuring all the important issues related to special means are incorporated in the one order, and ensuring accurate and strict regulations and procedures are in full compliance with international standards is a step forward in the field of combating ill-treatment of pre-trial/convicts and reduces the risk of excessive use of force and personnel's arbitrariness.</p>
52	Based on the analysis, elaborate and present amendments to the legislation and improve internal normative acts	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>In 2014, pursuant to the amendments of the Imprisonment Code of Georgia, two new types of liberty deprivation establishments - low risk and high risk - were introduced. A special part of the Code precisely specified liberty deprivation rules and conditions for each penitentiary establishment.</p> <p>The Code also introduced two new chapters – “Service in the system” and “Rights and duties of the employee, encouragement and responsibility, social protection of the system personnel”.</p> <p>With the new Code the legal status of those in pre-trial/convicts has significantly been improved: the living space of pre-trial/convicts has been increased and currently is in accordance with the standards of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.</p> <p>The circle of people (family members), who have the right to meet pre-trial/convicted inmates has been extended, and the number of visits and phone calls</p>

					for pre-trial/convicts has been increased.
53	Elaborate the concept of mechanisms for thorough, transparent, independent investigation of any allegation of the torture and ill treatment in the penitentiary system, police, military and other closed facilities	Relevant Inter-Agency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	Within the Interagency Coordination Council, a special working group has been established in order to work on the indicated concept. The group is composed of representatives of Government and non-governmental organisations. In consideration of the experience of other countries, several independent investigation mechanisms are being worked on within this group. Agreed model (or models) will be presented at the Council meeting.
54	Launch the structural reorganisation of the Military Police within the Ministry of Defence	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget	Transformation of the Military Police as well as elaboration of the development plan is on-going.
55	Defend and monitor rights of military servicemen in order to eliminate all types of violence in armed forces	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget	In November 2012, Minister of Defence of Georgia appointed a special assistant to better monitor and guarantee protection of human rights in the Georgian Armed Forces. The assistant was responsible for monitoring the living, socio-economic and other conditions of military personnel and provide recommendations directly to the Minister.
56	Further improve the monitoring mechanism methodology and its implementation in practice	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	In order to prevent human rights violations in the penitentiary system, internal monitoring mechanisms of the Ministry of Corrections have been strengthened by increasing the capacity and functions of the General Inspection and Investigation Departments at the Ministry of Corrections. The number of staff of these departments has been doubled and a 24-hour hotline was established. A complains box has been placed at every penitentiary establishment where prisoners can file anonymous complaints.

					In order to improve and implement the monitoring mechanism of conditions and treatment for pre-trial/convicts legislative amendments and internal regulations are being developed constantly.
57	Improve monitoring of conditions and treatment of defendants/inmates by streamlining the legal basis and internal regulations	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Now, amendments made in May 2014 to the Code of Imprisonment largely contribute and support the proper functioning of internal monitoring mechanisms, namely Article 57(1) (special means and rule of their use) and Article 54 (procedures of surveillance and control with visual and/or electronic means).
58	Improve audio-video monitoring system in the penitentiary institutions	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	During 2014, the video-surveillance system was installed in three (3) penal institutions. The system was renewed in four (4) penal institutions and two (2) are in progress. Based on the amendments to the Code of Imprisonment the procedures of surveillance and control with visual and/or electronic means have been developed (Article 54).
59	Improve the external monitoring mechanisms for conditions and treatment of inmates	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The Public Defender and members of his staff, along with the National Preventive Mechanism under the Office of the Public Defender, enjoy unrestricted access to all Ministry of Corrections establishments of deprivation of liberty. The NPM of the Public Defender regularly monitors the condition of detention centres in order to eliminate inhumane and degrading treatment of inmates, and/or those facing pre-trial, and/or persons deprived of their liberty.
60	Revise functions and responsibilities of the General Inspection of the Ministry of Defence and elaborate the guidelines	Ministry of Defence	2014-2015	State Budget	Revision of the functions of the General Inspection of the Ministry of Defence is ongoing to allow for further improvement of the system.

61	Develop programme on continuous medical education and professional development for medical staff	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	During 2014, medical personnel went through the following trainings/courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mental health; – Clinical Pharmacology; – Creating a healthy environment and prevention of diseases within closed institutions; – HIV; – TB infection control principles; – Trainings on the standards of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) and case-law of the European Court of Human Rights; – ICD-10/ICPC-2; – Addictology; – Trainings/seminars on the treatment of inmates infected with highly stable forms of TB by the new generation of drugs and control of its side effects; Professional training course for nurses involved in penitentiary healthcare were also held.
62	Provide trainings for medical staff considering specifics and risks in the penitentiary healthcare system (crisis management, prevention and management of conflicts, aggression and violence, self-harm, hunger and etc.)	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Medical personnel took part in anger management training.
63	Register dispensary services in line with existing legislation	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The registration of dispensary services has been carried out in accordance with technical regulations and in line with legislation.
64	Develop a specialised medical service package for inmates	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors	A specialised medical service package was developed with the support of Council of Europe experts. The legal review of standards for further approval is

				Assistance	ongoing.
65	Further improve and institutionalise referral mechanisms on specialised medical services - develop detailed management manual and regulation	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The rule of transferring prisoners from penitentiary establishments to public hospitals, to the Tuberculosis Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre and to the Central Correctional Hospital of the Penitentiary Department was developed and approved (Ministerial Decree №55, 10 April 2014).
66	Upgrade dental infrastructure	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	A new dental centre opened at the Central Correctional Hospital. Monitoring was carried out in all penitentiary establishments and based on the needs identified, the purchase of sterilisation units has been planned for all dental centres. The dental centres in all penitentiary establishments have been refurbished.
67	Introduce and develop an integrated mental healthcare model	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	A psychiatric unit has opened at the Central Correctional Hospital; The Suicide Prevention programme has been expanded to five (5) penitentiary establishments and is currently available in (6) establishments; The psycho-social rehabilitation program “Atlantis” has been launched and will be functional at the end of 2015; Psychiatric physicians have conducted up to 3,704 consultations; Non-voluntary stationary psychiatric services have

					been provided for 174 inmates.
68	Develop services against drug dependence and drug addiction: prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and harm reduction	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>A total of 382 inmates were involved in the Methadone detoxification programme for opioid-addicts;</p> <p>Currently, work is underway to regulate the procedures regarding substitution treatments for opioid-addicts on normative bases;</p> <p>A total of 265 consultations were conducted by narcologists and non-opioid drug dependent inmates received appropriate medical treatment;</p> <p>One (1) inmate was taken to a public hospital for medical treatment;</p> <p>An addictology division was established in the Central Correctional Hospital;</p> <p>Voluntary consultations and testing for Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C were conducted for 8,711 inmates, and voluntary consultations and testing for HIV/Aids were conducted for 9,081 inmates.</p>
69	Strengthen the role of medical staff in the prevention of torture and ill-treatment	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Doctors took part in trainings for the prevention of torture and ill-treatment according to the Istanbul Protocol.
70	Provide special medical services tailored for female inmate needs (cancer screening, pregnancy, etc.)	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>In November 2014, breast cancer and cervical cancer screening was conducted in the women's penitentiary establishment N5 to identify those at risk.</p> <p>A total of 428 consultations were conducted by gynaecologists in the women's penitentiary</p>

					establishment.
71	Maintain and further develop the standard of penitentiary primary healthcare infrastructure and equipment	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Small “day surgery” rooms opened in five (5) penitentiary establishments; Primary healthcare was introduced in one more establishment and currently covers the whole system; A total of 214,567 visits were carried out as primary healthcare or outpatient services.
72	Provide relevant services to persons with disabilities	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	A long-term care department for patients with disabilities opened at the Prison Central Hospital. This unit was designed for 57 patients. Special needs of disabled persons were taken into consideration during the reconstruction process, resulting in an environment that meets their needs, in areas such as bathrooms and toilets and special rooms with adequate furniture; During 2014 long-term care services was provided to 86 patients.
73	Elaborate curriculum and conduct trainings on gender equality, which among other things, will address the issue of domestic violence	High School of Justice	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The High School of Justice, in cooperation with donor organisations (USAID/JILEP, UN Women and UNDP) and with the involvement of foreign and Georgian experts, elaborated the curriculum on Gender Equality issues. Based on the curriculum pilot training, training of trainers has already been organised. Using the above mentioned curriculum, the High School of Justice will permanently provide trainings on Gender Equality in the future.
74	Implementation of gender equality strategy	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget	The Gender Equality Strategy was approved in April 2014 and the implementation process is on-going. A

					<p>draft of the Implementation Plan was developed and will be approved, followed by finalisation of the Gender-Audit process.</p> <p>In parallel, recruiting of advisers on gender issues is on-going. Exercises on gender issues are being conducted regularly for Georgian units through pre-deployment training.</p> <p>Courses/modules on gender issues have been developed in the National Defence Academy (NDA). A Gender Monitoring Group has been established to monitor the strategy implementation process.</p>
75	<p>In order to eradicate domestic violence, undertake appropriate measures including the enhancement of legislation and harmonising it with the existing international standards in this field;</p> <p>Introduce relevant institutional mechanisms and raise awareness in society (target groups)</p>	<p>Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs</p> <p>LEPL State Fund for Protection and Assistance of (Statutory) Victims of Human Trafficking</p>	2014	State Budget	<p>As a way to offer better protection and assistance to victims of domestic violence, legislative draft amendments were prepared. The law on “Elimination of Domestic Violence, Protection of and Support to Victims” was adopted (published on 31.10.2014 in the Legislation Herald of Georgia).</p> <p>The draft of the Decree of the Government of Georgia on “Approving the procedures for the Identification of Victims of Domestic Violence” was elaborated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The LEPL State Fund for Protection and Assistance of Statutory Victims of Human Trafficking is engaged in the working process of working group(s); The fund within its competence, was involved in the working process of working groups with the goal of improving the existing legislation against domestic violence. 2. In the context of the UN Women (UNIFEM) project “Enhancing gender equality in Georgia”, the

				<p>shelter for victims of domestic violence was opened in Kutaisi in 2014. In the framework of the same project, real estate was purchased for the victims of domestic violence in Kakheti region in 2014, this centre is planned to be opened in spring 2015. At the present time, the building is under construction.</p> <p>As a result of collaboration between the Fund and UN Women (UNIFEM), qualification improvement trainings were held in the framework of the “Enhancing gender equality in Georgia” project for shelter staff on issues related to domestic violence. The training included discussions on topics related to the legislation, the existing practices and psychology. Training was divided into several sections and covered all shelters.</p> <p>A Memorandum on support and delivery of an appropriate service packages between the LEPL State Fund for Protection and Assistance of Statutory Victims of Human Trafficking and NGOs working on the topics related to the prevention of domestic violence and protection of (Statutory) victims was renewed (Georgian Young Lawyers` Association, Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, Advice Centre for Women “Sakhli”, Women`s Information Centre , “Georgian Association of Facilitating Women Employment “AMAGDARI”).</p> <p>3. The following actions were taken to raise public awareness, prevent domestic violence and advertise the services offered by the Fund:</p> <p>a) By the initiative and participation of the Fund,</p>
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				<p>television and radio programmes were prepared;</p> <p>b) There is active collaboration with printed, television and electronic media. The Fund’s activities were broadcast by different television companies (including regional television stations), talk-shows, news and other television programmes during the 2014 year.</p> <p>c) To raise public awareness, the Fund created two social pages on Facebook. In addition, the Fund’s website - www.atipfund.ge - is operating where social, legislative news, public information and statistical data is presented. Citizens also have the opportunity to send a question of interest via email to: contact@atipfund.ge.</p> <p>d) With the participation of Fund staff, professional trainings were conducted for staff of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, in particular, for patrol and district police representatives. Trainings revolved around domestic violence-related topics and issues related to learning the new legislation and referral procedures so they can better respond to instances of domestic violence. To date, trainings were held for regional police officers from Kakheti, Samegrelo, Guria, Imereti, Adjara and Shida Kartli regions.</p> <p>The above-mentioned trainings were conducted in the framework of the “Anti-Violence Network of Georgia” project.</p>
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76	Review and improve the administration scheme of the assessment methodology of the socio-economic state of families	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget UNICEF	With support from UNICEF, review and improvement of the assessment methodology of the socio-economic state of families was conducted. With support from UNICEF, GEOSTAT implemented field activities and the results were analysed with the involvement of experts. As a result, a new assessment methodology of the socio-economic condition of families was developed and adopted on 31 December 2014 by Decree №758 of the Government of Georgia. Revision of the administration scheme for ensuring its conformity with the new methodology is in place.
77	Improve the legislative and normative bases for juveniles	Ministry of Corrections Ministry of Justice LEPL Center for Crime Prevention	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	According to the 2014 legislative amendments to the Imprisonment Code of Georgia, the conditions of executing sentences for juveniles have been significantly improved. The number of short term visits and video calls increased, as a form of encouragement. The disciplinary sanctions and the means of encouragement specifically improved. The amendments were made to the procedures of the diversion and mediation programme, in fact the role of mediator was increased and the programme was extended on grave crimes as well. The diversion procedures were improved and gaps were eliminated. The innovative draft of the Juveniles Code was developed with support of UNICEF and the Ministry of Justice. This innovative draft will contribute to considering the best interest of a child when facing a judicial sentence.
78	Create special living conditions for juveniles	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors	In accordance with the legislative amendments of the Imprisonment Code, 4 m ² was defined as the minimum living space for juvenile inmates. In order

				Assistance	to further improve the living conditions of juveniles in pre-trial detention, a special block for pre-trial juveniles was renovated at penitentiary establishment №8. In addition two (2) additional rooms for rehabilitation purposes and educational programmes were designed in 2014.
79	Gradually consider juveniles' special needs while implementing infrastructural projects	Ministry of Corrections	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	As the juvenile justice reform continues, it is planned to gradually conduct infrastructural projects to meet the needs of juveniles.
80	Enhance the regulatory normative basis for the prevention of child inflows under the state care, foster care and reintegration	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	“Reintegration Assistance Allowance, Suspension, Resumption and Termination Rules and Conditions” was developed and approved by the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs under Order №01-20/N of 20 March 2014. The draft law on “Adoption and Foster Care” is being elaborated.
81	Elaborate the child evaluation and referral mechanisms for social workers	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	A working group with the participation of experts and UNICEF was created and was tasked to develop child assessment and referral mechanisms and implement appropriate procedures by social agents.
82	Develop services for the children working and living on the streets	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	New services were developed (two day care centres, two crisis intervention service centres and two transit centres) for children living and working on the streets. This was funded by the “Social Rehabilitation and Childcare” 2014-year state programme.
83	Service expansion of the early development and day centres for children with disabilities	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The number and geographic coverage of beneficiaries for children with disabilities expanded in 2014; Within the “Social Rehabilitation and Childcare” 2014 state programme and the “Early Childhood

					<p>Development” sub-programme, the number of beneficiaries increased by 170 children with disabilities and by 189 for disabled person(s) within the “Day Care Centres” sub-programme;</p> <p>Within the two sub-programmes mentioned above, new services were launched in the following towns: Telavi, Poti, Khashuri, Sagarejo, Chkhorotskhu and Mtskheta.</p>
84	Form an early interference system within the state programme on habilitation and rehabilitation	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	Early intervention services were funded by the “Social Rehabilitation and Child Care” 2014 state programme. The “Early Intervention Service Standard” project was prepared by a working group initiated by the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.
85	Create a favourable environment for children with antisocial/delinquent behaviour for their general development	Ministry of Justice LEPL Center for Crime Prevention	2014	State Budget	The Secondary Crime Prevention Division executes the Youth Club programme, which offers a friendly space for children and helps them to spend their spare time productively and interestingly. The recruitment process of staff for the division ended in July 2014. The club has two youth workers, a manager of innovative projects, and a child psychologist. There are thirteen (13) training modules developed and also an assessment tool of beneficiaries. A one-month training course was held on violence; several educational and entertaining activities were held with active involvement of children.
86	Develop and implement the awareness-raising campaign of society	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	The following actions were taken in regards to domestic violence prevention, raising public awareness and popularising the available support services in this field:

					<p>a) Themed video clips, radio and television shows were prepared and screened on channels of the Georgian Public Broadcaster and other commercial and regional broadcasters;</p> <p>b) Information and reference material was prepared and distributed.</p>
87	Capacity building of the Ministry	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	A Program Monitoring Division was established in the Department of Social Affairs of Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, which identifies standard compliance to social services and provides recommendations for service providers.
88	Improve the legislative basis and ensure legislative amendments in order to eliminate violence against children	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	Within the framework of the working group, draft amendments were prepared on "Child Protection (referral) Procedures" in coordination with UNICEF and with participation of representatives of Government agencies and NGOs.
89	Improve response mechanisms on the alerts of abuse (violence)	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	Within the framework of the working group, draft amendments were prepared on the "Child Protection (referral) Procedures" in coordination with UNICEF and with participation of representatives of Government agencies and NGOs.
90	Expand rehabilitation, support and consultation services for the child victims of violence; Launch a hot-line	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	Two (2) hotline services: 2-309 903; 15 05 – were established and are available for people to report instances of violent incidences.
91	Continue active co-operation on increasing alignment of Georgia with the EU statements	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	From 1 September to 31 December 2014, Georgia aligned with 114 EU statements and did not align with 22 EU statements.
92	Develop co-operation regarding the	Ministry of Foreign	2014	State Budget	From 1 September 2014 to 31 December 2014,

	sanctions set by the EU	Affairs			Georgia aligned with three (3) EU statements and did not align with two (2) EU statements concerning the sanctions.
93	Support participation in the EU-led civilian and military crisis management operations, and consultation and training activities in the CSDP area	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget EU	Georgia joined the EU mission in the Central African Republic and is the second largest contributor.
94	Participation of Georgia in EU CSDP operations as well as in trainings and consultations	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget EU	The Georgian Armed Forces (GAF) is actively participating in the EU-led CSDP mission. The Ministry of Defence and GAF representatives are involved in trainings and consultations with the EU side.
95	Troop Contribution to the EUFOR CAR (1 light infantry, 156 servicemen)	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget EU Member States	Georgia joined the EU-led mission in the Central African Republic (EUFOR-RCA) in June 2014 by deploying one light infantry company (involving 156 PAX) Georgia will continue its mission with two (2) Platoon (up to 90 soldiers) by March 2015.
96	Participation of Georgian Military Officers in EU Military Training Mission (EUTM) in Mali	Ministry of Defence	2014-2015	State Budget	Deployment of Georgian officers in the EUTM Mali mission was delayed due to the Ebola virus outbreak in West African states and is currently on hold. The EU side was officially informed.
97	Implementation of the Action Plan of the EaP CSDP panel	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget	Relevant Governmental bodies were actively involved in the implementation process of the CSDP Eastern Partnership Panel Action Plan. Representatives of relevant Georgian state agencies participated in trainings organised by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Swedish Folke Bernadotte Academy, in a workshop on the legal aspects of international deployments. Representatives of Georgia's Ministry of Internal Affairs also

					participated in the EU Police Service Training (EUPST) Netherlands Session and the Italian Session in 2014. Furthermore, representatives of relevant agencies participated in trainings on the CSDP orientation course, organised by the Austrian Ministry of Defence and Sports and the Ukrainian National Defence University.
98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create the qualified expert's database; • Facilitate participation of relevant experts in the capacity building activities; • Elaborate relevant legislative framework for participation of Georgia in international missions (civil and military operations) 	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By January 2014, a database of qualified potential experts who are willing to participate in EU Crisis Management Operations (CSDP) was created within the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia. The experts were trained/retrained within the framework of different projects. The process was coordinated by the International Relations Department; • With the purpose of capacity building of experts willing to participate in EU Crisis Management Operations (CSDP) within the framework of the EU External Action Service (EEAS) initiated project "European Union Police Services Training 2011-2013", two (2) employees participated in the EUPST Netherlands Session 2014, which was held on 16-27 June 2014 and four (4) employees participated in the EUPST Italian session, Vicenza 2014, which was held on 15-16 September 2014. (EEAS initiated the "CSDP Orientation Course" on 27-31 October 2014, which was held at the National Defence University of Ukraine. Three (3) employees of Georgia's Ministry of Internal Affairs participated in the course); • With the aim of developing unified regulations for Georgia's participation in EU civilian missions,

					<p>the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia initiated the establishment of the interagency working group under Order №862 of the Government. As a result of six (6) working group meetings, a draft of the Governmental Decree was elaborated. Pursuant to Decree №663 of the Government dated 5 December 2014, regulations on Georgia's participation in EU civilian missions were adopted. During the development process of the above mentioned Decree, the need for rules of secondment and reimbursement were addressed. With this purpose the interagency working group that was being coordinated by the State Security and Crisis Management Council, held two (2) working group meetings as of 31 December 2014.</p>
99	<p>Fulfill the requirements of FATF 2012 No.6 special recommendation (regarding the financial sanctions on terrorism and terrorism financing) on terrorism financing</p>	<p>Government Commission for Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (Ministry of Justice)</p>	2014	State Budget	<p>The secretariat of the Governmental Commission for implementation of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) sanctions (Governmental Commission) continues to fulfil the requirements of the 6th Special Recommendation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) of 2012. Since the beginning of 2014 the Deputy Minister of Justice in the capacity of a co-chairperson of the Governmental Commission has addressed to the Administrative Law branch of Tbilisi City Court ten (10) times with the motion to issue an order of seizure or release from seizure of the property of those individuals and legal persons who were added to or removed from the lists drawn up by the United Nation Security Counsel Sanction Committee. LEPL - National Bureau of Enforcement of the Ministry of Justice immediately secures the supply of the court's order to the supervisory bodies</p>

					determined by the law of Georgia on “Facilitation of Prevention of Legalisation of Illegal Income”. In August 2014 the Ministry of Justice’s LEPL - the Notary Chamber of Georgia, which according to the law of Georgia on “Facilitation of Prevention of Legalisation of Illegal Income” is a supervising body, elaborated and provided access for the notary to the electronic database containing data about persons classified by the United Nation Security Counsel Sanction Committee. This electronic database will enable the notary to reveal and prevent illegal transactions by persons classified by the UNSC Sanction Committee as terrorist supporters.
100	Cooperate on, and contribute to, countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their means of delivery, monitor the full implementation of the obligations under international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements, and other relevant international obligations	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	Annual reports on import and export of arms and dual-use goods, significant amendments to the existing legislation, as well as reports on clearing territory from landmines, unexploded remnants of war, unexploded remnants of cluster ammunitions and victim assistance, have been timely submitted to the relevant bodies of the UN and OSCE.
101	Establish an effective system of national export and transit controls of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) related goods, including a WMD end-use control on dual-use technologies, with effective sanctions for breaches of export controls	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	The law of Georgia on "Military and Dual-Use Goods Control" and its complementary documents: the Governments’ resolution on "Approved List of Military and Dual-use Goods" and on "Measures of Military and Dual-use Goods Control" entered into force on 1 October 2014.
102	Adopt the “Law of Georgia on Arms and Products of Dual Use”	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget	Came into force on 1 October 2014.
103	Resolution of the Government of	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget	Came into force on 1 October 2014.

	Georgia “On the Approval of List of Arms and Products of Dual Use”				
104	Approve the Governmental Resolution on “Control measures for military and Dual-Use Products”	Ministry of Defence	2014	State Budget	Came into force on 1 October 2014.
105	Continue contributing to the implementation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) on all its three pillars, in a balanced manner	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	The law of Georgia on "Military and Dual-Use Goods Control" and its complementary documents: the Governments’ resolution on "Approved List of Military and Dual-use Goods" and on "Measures of Military and Dual-use Goods Control" entered into force on 1 October 2014.
106	Take steps towards acceding to the Arms Trade Treaty	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	On 25 September 2014 (at the UN General Assembly 69 th Session) the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia signed an Arms Trade Treaty; On 23 October 2014, the treaty was submitted to the Government of Georgia and forwarded to Parliament for ratification.
107	Continue efforts aimed at ensuring the full implementation of the Agreement; Discuss the issue in the framework of the international fora, including the Geneva International Discussions. React to the violation of the agreement	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	During 2014 the Government of Georgia continued to respond to violations of the agreement and, in order to ensure the implementation of the agreement, addressed the issue at international forums, including at the Geneva International Discussions; Georgia continued to constructively engage in the activities of Working Group I of the Geneva International Discussions with regards to the issue of non-use of force, despite the reluctance of the Russian Federation to commit itself to the non-use of force, in response to the unilateral pledge of Georgia. In the framework of various forums, Georgia continued to underline the necessity of establishing international security arrangements.

					The international community was provided with the position of Georgia, and corresponding detailed information on the so-called ‘treaties’ on “Alliance and Strategic Partnership” or “Integration”, signed between the Russian Federation and Abkhazia, Georgia and a similar document which Russia is preparing to sign with Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia. This issue was addressed at the Geneva International Discussions and at other international fora.
108	Maintain constructive participation in and ensure the support for the EU, UN, OSCE co-chaired the Geneva International Discussions	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>During the reporting period, two rounds of the Geneva International Discussions and two Co-Chairs’ visits were held.</p> <p>Georgia engaged constructively in the discussions, which aimed at addressing and resolving substantial issues contained in the agenda. However Russia and the occupation regimes continued their efforts to undermine and change the format of the meetings, which were earlier agreed by consensus. These actions significantly impeded the negotiations process.</p>
109	Emphasise the importance of a meaningful international field involvement including the full implementation of the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) mandate	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>During the reporting period, the Government of Georgia continued its efforts aimed at maintaining the mandate of the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM), and ensuring the implementation of the EUMM on the whole territory of Georgia – including the occupied regions. As a result of a strategic review, the existing mandate was maintained.</p> <p>Work has been done to facilitate visits to the occupied regions by representatives of international</p>

				<p>organisations.</p> <p>During the reporting period, Georgia continued with the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on the issue of restoring a full-fledged OSCE Mission in Georgia, equipped with tools of military monitoring and policing in the occupied territories.</p> <p>At the 1198th and 1221st sessions of the Ministers' Deputies Committee of the Council of Europe, the 9th and 10th consolidated reports of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland – “Consolidated Report on the Conflict in Georgia” were discussed. The reports cover the period from October 2013 to September 2014.</p> <p>It needs to be taken into consideration that the Council of Europe is continuing monitoring the obligations of the Russian Federation and Georgia, which are related to the consequences of the August war in 2008 and inform the international society about the situation in the occupied territories of Georgia.</p> <p>In the 10th consolidated report, along with other issues, the Secretary-General highlighted the issue of the upcoming signature of the so-called ‘treaty’ on “Partnership and Integration” between the Russian Federation and Abkhazia, Georgia.</p> <p>On 3 December 2014, the President of the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe Jean-Claude Frecon made a statement about the signature of the so-called ‘treaty’ between the</p>
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					Russian Federation and the Abkhaz Separatist Government on 24 November 2014. The President of the Congress condemned the so-called 'treaty' and called it another factor of destabilisation in Eastern Europe.
110	<p>Hold the strategic dialogue between the EU and Georgia;</p> <p>Hold the frequent consultations and meetings with the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia, Office of the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia and other partners</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>EU Assistance</p>	During the reporting period, the Government of Georgia continued regular consultations with the EU institutions; primarily with the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia and his office, as well as the Head of the EU Monitoring Mission.
111	Conduct the EU-Georgia strategic dialogue meetings	<p>Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>EU Assistance</p>	During the reporting period, consultations with the EU were carried out at all levels with the aim of ensuring the next meeting of the EU-Georgia Strategic Dialogue will be held in early 2015.
112	Explore new frameworks of cooperation and coordination based on the Association Agreement	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>EU Assistance</p>	The operationalization of the Association Council will facilitate EU-Georgia dialogue on the new framework of cooperation and coordination.
113	Intensification of the effective co-operation and coordination between the EU and Georgia on conflict resolution issues, through regular political dialogue	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>EU Assistance</p>	During the reporting period, dialogue with the EU on conflict resolution issues were carried out in various formats.

114	Continue the provision of a free of charge medical treatment and educational opportunities for the populations of Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia in the frames of Georgia's reconciliation and engagement policy	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality Government of Georgia	2014	State Budget EU Assistance	<p>In 2014, the Government of Georgia maintained the effective operation of the State Referral Programme, which covered the free-of-charge medical treatment of people residing in Georgia's regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia. The residents of these territories who come over the occupation line are eligible to receive comprehensive needs-based medical treatment in any medical facility in Georgia. On the other hand, the Government of Georgia also worked towards the improvement of medical services inside the country's occupied territories, and thereby supported the operation of medical units there.</p> <p>Through the Liaison Mechanism (LM) effectively operating under the Action Plan for Engagement, the Government of Georgia continues to regularly deliver necessary vaccines, including immunisations and veterinary vaccines, diabetes and HIV/AIDS treatment and medicine for tuberculosis to the occupied Abkhazia region. In addition, in 2014 the Government of Georgia delivered a special vehicle with a dentist cab, a field operating room and various medical techniques to the Abkhazia region. For the reporting period, the overall budget allocated by the Government of Georgia towards addressing the healthcare needs of the occupied territories equalled approximately 3 million GEL.</p> <p>As an integral part of the peace-building process, the Government of Georgia pursues the open and human-centric policy, oriented at creating the opportunities and provision of the benefit of the</p>
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				<p>residents of Georgia’s occupied regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia. This includes the establishment of special conditions for receiving education in the rest of Georgia and/or abroad. With this aim, the Government of Georgia maintains the operation of the “4+1” programme, that implies simplified procedures for Georgia’s ethnic minorities, inter alia, Abkhazians and Ossetians, to enrol in higher education institutions of Georgia by passing only one exam in their native language, with one year in Georgian language training followed by four years of undergraduate studies in a programme of their choice.</p> <p>In 2014, the Government of Georgia started to actively work on simplifying the existing procedures for diploma recognition, which will diminish the technical impediments and pave the way for residents of the occupied territories to continue their education in the rest of Georgia and/or abroad. This includes the provision of opportunities provided by EU-Georgia cooperation in the sphere of education. In addition, within the of the International Education Centre (IEC) established in May 2014 under the Prime Minister of Georgia, Masters and PhD education opportunities in leading European and US universities will be provided to residents of the country, including residents of Georgia’s occupied territories.</p> <p>The International Education Centre accepted applications from people living in the Georgian</p>
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					regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia who hold a Georgian ID or a status-neutral document and if successful, will fund their study abroad.
115	Plan, jointly with the EU, more awareness raising activities on the Association Agreement for the population of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality	2014	State Budget EU Assistance	In the framework of the Communication and Information Strategy of the Government of Georgia, in the sphere of EU integration, the Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality (SMRCE) conducted several activities in 2014: 1. Prepared and aired a video clip on the Association Agreement in Georgian and four minority languages (Abkhazian, Armenian, Azeri, Ossetian), jointly with leading NGO 'Liberal Academy-Tbilisi'; 2. Conducted an essay competition on the topic of European integration for ethnic minority students enrolled in Georgian universities under the "4+1" scheme; 3. Assisted the Office of the State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration in the translation of material for brochures on the Association Agreement in minority languages (including in Abkhazian and Ossetian).
116	Support peaceful conflict resolution efforts through all possible dimensions	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	Work has been carried out with the aim of ensuring broad recognition of status-neutral travel documents. The following Council of Europe projects were implemented: The Council of Europe continues implementing CBMs (Confidence Building Mechanisms) and aims to enhance their sustainability with some of the activities taking place on the ground. The activities below were organised during the April-October

				<p>period in agreement with Georgian authorities (Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality) and stakeholders in Sokhumi (notably via the Liaison Mechanism).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 21-23 October, the third meeting on “Management of Architectural Heritage” was held in Skopje. The objective of the meeting was to finalise the form for the collection of data on architectural objects and sites and agree on the training modalities; • In September 2014, during the Council of Europe Secretariat’s visit to Tbilisi, the Georgian Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection reconfirmed the willingness of Georgian authorities to further engage into architectural and cultural heritage activities in the context of confidence-building measures. • On 1-2 October, in conjunction with the mentioned above activities, the Secretariat organised a planning meeting with civil society representatives (from the both sides of the Administrative Boundary Line) and Council of Europe experts from the European Centre on Modern Languages regarding possible support to the centres for teachers of English language in Gali and Sokhumi, in cooperation with the Teachers’ House in Tbilisi. The overall aim of the Council of Europe’s engagement in this field is to multiply existing efforts in terms of multicultural education, to complement the assistance provided
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117	Adopt the State Strategy on Socio-economic Development of Population from Conflict Affected Regions	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure Government of Georgia	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality, together with the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure, and other state agencies, developed a long-term State Strategy on the “Socio-Economic Development of Conflict-Affected Regions”, which was approved by the Interagency Commission and is ready for adoption by the Government. The Strategy outlined ends, ways and means for improving social conditions, promoting economic development on both sides of the dividing line, and as much as circumstances permit, identifying socio-economic areas for confidence-building between the divided communities.
118	Continue efforts aimed at ensuring the involvement of international society in resolving the issues regarding the safe and dignified return of all IDPs and refugees to their habitual places of residence	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	The Government of Georgia is continuing its efforts to ensure involvement of the international community in addressing the issue of safe and dignified return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) to the place of their original permanent residence. Georgia is continuously raising this issue at the Working Group II of the Geneva International Discussions.
119	Prepare and disseminate information leaflets, TV spots and ads for ethnic minorities, inter alia in Abkhazian and Ossetian languages, on the scope as well as on stemming benefits of the Association Agreement and the Visa Liberalization Dialogue	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality Government of Georgia	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	In framework of the Communication and Information Strategy of the Government of Georgia in the sphere of EU Integration, the Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality conducted several activities in 2014: 1. Prepared and aired a video clip on the Association Agreement in Georgian and four

					<p>minority languages (Abkhazian, Armenian, Azeri, Ossetian), jointly with leading NGO ‘Liberal Academy-Tbilisi’;</p> <p>2. Conducted an essay competition on the topic of European integration for ethnic minority students enrolled in Georgian universities under the “4+1” scheme;</p> <p>3. 3. Assisted the Office of the State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration in the translation of material for brochures on the Association Agreement in minority languages (including in Abkhazian and Ossetian).</p>
120	Conduct meetings with the representatives of media and respective local NGOs to present and discuss the benefits of the Association Agreement and the Visa Liberalization Dialogue	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality	2014	State Budget	<p>Information leaflets on the scope and content of the Association Agreement in minority languages (inter alia in Abkhazian and Ossetian) were prepared and disseminated through NGOs, which have contacts with local NGOs and communities inside the occupied territories. At the same time, an information meeting on the scope and content of the Association Agreement was held with representatives of regional media and the Georgian Public Broadcaster, and the activities for future cooperation were planned.</p> <p>The above-mentioned leaflets were also disseminated among the journalists of regional media.</p>
121	Continue to support and further develop effective communication between divided communities	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality	2014	State Budget	<p>The Government of Georgia is actively engaged in supporting and facilitating the implementation of confidence building projects and maintaining people-to-people diplomacy. In 2014 a non-objection order was granted to 75 new confidence building projects,</p>

					with the aim of establishing communication between divided communities, organising joint meetings on neutral territories, the participation of various groups of communities in seminars and trainings, sharing of experience, etc. Effective communication is also conducted through the Liaison Mechanism (see point 123).
122	Promote implementation of confidence building projects	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	In close cooperation with the Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality and engagement of the Liaison Mechanism, in 2014 the Council of Europe implemented the following bilateral confidence building projects: - A meeting of Georgian-Abkhazian experts in Istanbul on cultural heritage issues and a study visit to Macedonia the aim of which was to get acquaintance with the methodology of registering cultural heritage monuments. The project is continuing and it also envisages a follow-up meeting of Georgian-Abkhazian experts, exchange of archive documents, field visits, and more. - Training of English language teachers in Sokhumi by Council of Europe experts; - Visit of Georgian-Abkhazian and Georgian-Ossetian teachers to Graz, Austria for the seminar on foreign language teaching methodology; - Meeting of Georgian-Abkhazian teachers in Istanbul, where parties can agree and plan future workshops and trainings with the aim of sharing experience and raising awareness about modern teaching standards; - Meeting of Georgian-Abkhazian Public Defenders and civil society representatives in Istanbul to discuss

					human rights issues.
123	Continue to support the effective functioning of the coordination mechanism	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality	2014	State Budget	<p>The Liaison Mechanism is an important instrument envisaged by the Action Plan of the Government of Georgia for Engagement. It was established at the end of 2010 with the aim of establishing informal communication channels between Tbilisi and Sokhumi. Since then this mechanism has operated effectively in a multifunctional way addressing the existing needs and demands of people on both sides of the dividing line.</p> <p>In particular, presently the Liaison Mechanism is the only legal mechanism for maintaining informal contacts on both side of the dividing line, communicating and delivering important messages concerning various issues at stake. Such messages may include, but are not limited to, humanitarian needs, information concerning on-going or upcoming international projects, education opportunities and more.</p> <p>For obvious reasons, the Government of Georgia keeps the content as well as the consequences of such communication on a very low profile in order not to jeopardize the existing credibility towards this mechanism.</p> <p>One of the components of addressing humanitarian needs is through delivery of various medicines, inter alia immunisation and other types of vaccines, offering regular treatment for diabetes and tuberculosis to Abkhazia region, as well as the transfer of various medical vehicles and equipment. (See point 114).</p>

					<p>The Liaison Mechanism has been extremely successful in this regard, acting timely and correspondingly in response to spontaneously emerged needs.</p> <p>In 2014, the Liaison Mechanism together with the Ministry of Labour Health and Social Affairs of Georgia held training/meeting for Georgian and Abkhazian doctors in Istanbul. At the meeting, participants discussed issues related to the urgent medical assistance and exchanged their experiences. In a situation when the opportunities for international organisations to effectively operate in Abkhazia region are quite limited, the Liaison Mechanism serves as an important focal point for some international organisations. One of the most vivid examples in this regard is the Council of Europe, which having no representation in Abkhazia region, has been using the Liaison Mechanism format since it was established, for the implementation of very successful Georgian-Abkhazian confidence building projects. In particular, the Liaison Mechanism assists the Council of Europe in selecting participants, agreeing on concrete projects, concepts and future steps to ensure the successful implementation of project initiatives.</p>
124	Seek additional donor assistance in order to support people to people contacts and encourage local initiatives	Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	In 2014, the Government of Georgia continued to actively seek donor assistance with the aim of establishing the Endowment for Reconciliation - a funding mechanism that will further facilitate and increase the number of confidence building initiatives/projects. The Office of the State Minister

					for Reconciliation and Civic Equality has already conducted relevant consultations with partners and plans to organise additional fundraising events.
125	Together with relevant international organisations coordinate efforts to contribute to peaceful conflict resolution in Georgia including in relation to humanitarian issues	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	The Government of Georgia continued consultations with international organisations in order to ensure their engagement in the process of peaceful conflict settlement and resolution of humanitarian challenges. The humanitarian issues were addressed within the 2nd Working Group of the Geneva International Discussions.
126	Initiate the recognition of the obligatory nature of the amendments to 2010 Rome Statute (so-called Kampala) for Georgia and undertake the implementation of the relevant intergovernmental procedures	Ministry of Justice Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	The Ministry of Justice, in accordance with Georgian legislation, carried out preparatory work aimed at the ratification of 2010 amendments to the Rome Statute and conveyed materials to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for carrying out subsequent internal procedures. On 1 October 2010, the Parliament of Georgia ratified the amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on the Crime of Aggression, dated 11 June 2010 in Kampala, (Uganda) The Instrument of Ratification was deposited on 5 December 2014. Amendments to Article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, dated 10 June 2010, were ratified by the Parliament of Georgia on 25 December 2014. Procedures necessary to deposit the Instrument of Ratification are on-going. Related legislative amendments to the Criminal Code of Georgia were adopted and have come into force as well.
127	Submit the periodic report to the International Criminal Court (ICC)	Office of the Chief Prosecutor	2014	State Budget	On 6 November 2014, Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Georgia submitted to the International Criminal

					<p>Court a report on the progress of on-going criminal proceedings in Georgia.</p> <p>On 5 December 2014, the Chief Prosecutor's Office provided the Court with evidential materials relating to the proceedings reflected in the report.</p>
128	Adopt and enact legislative amendments to personal data protection legislation in order to ensure its compliance with best international and European standards, inter alia, appointment of the Data Protection Inspector by the Parliament and her/his accountability before the Parliament	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	Election of the Person Data Protection Inspector by the Parliament of Georgia and accountability of the Inspector towards Parliament is ensured.
129	Establish a supervisory authority for the oversight of data processing for the police purposes in line with CoE Committee of Ministers Recommendation R(87)15	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	Further legislative amendments are needed in order to ensure full compliance with the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Recommendation R (87)15.
130	Full enactment of the Georgian Personal Data Protection Law towards the private sector	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	The Data Protection Law was fully enacted in the private sector on 1 November 2014.
131	Implementation of the data protection legislation and European standards on data protection by public authorities through adapting their by-laws, internal regulations, procedures and practices to privacy regulations and in close cooperation with the Personal Data Protection Inspector	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	Several public authorities adopted and approved internal regulations on personal data protection. A number of public bodies also appointed personal data protection officers.
132	Elaborate thematic and sector specific guidelines and recommendations	Office of the Personal Data Protection	2014	State Budget	Recommendations on data protection in labour relations, direct marketing and video surveillance

		Inspector		Donors Assistance	were issued.
133	Develop rules regulating conflict of interest by the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector and elaborate the Inspection Methodology based on the ethical standards	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Inspection methodology requires amendments as a result of the recent legislative amendments.
134	Conduct inspection of a large and/or exceptional category data controllers and data processors in the public sector by the initiative of the Inspector	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	In 2014, by an initiative of the Inspector, three (3) public bodies were inspected.
135	Inspect the data controllers on the basis of citizen's complaints	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	In 2014, eight (8) inspections were conducted on the basis of citizen's complaints.
136	Ensure that the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector has autonomous and easily accessible office space for citizens	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	The office space has already been defined and will be allocated to the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector at the end of January 2015.
137	Ensure the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector has sufficient human resources; increase number of office staff	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	The law on the 2015 State Budget of Georgia foresees an increase in the number of staff of the Inspector's Office - up to 28 employees. However, implementation of the legislative amendments adopted by Parliament on 30 November 2014 requires additional human resources.
138	Ensure the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector has sufficient financial resources; increase the budget of the Office	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	Under the law on the 2015 State Budget of Georgia, the budget of the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector has been increased. and amounts to 1,450,000 GEL. However, implementation of the legislative amendments adopted by Parliament on 30 November 2014 requires additional financial resources. Currently consultations are being held to allocate

					additional funds to the Office from the Reserve Fund of the Government of Georgia.
139	Adoption, enactment and implementation in practice of legislative amendments on personal data protection legislation and other relevant normative acts in order to implement NR (87)15 recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the EU (2008/977/JHA) 27 November 2008, framework decision	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget	Georgian legislation shall be brought into conformity with R 87(15) and the EU framework decision of 27 November 2008 (2008/977/JHA).
140	Train and educate civil servants on personal data protection related topics	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	In 2014, approximately 1,400 public officials were trained on data protection related issues.
141	Offer trainings on personal data protection related topics to the private sector representatives	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	As a result of offers, more than 100 representatives of the private sector were trained.
142	Increase public awareness on data protection related issues through the web-site, media, PSAs; Elaborate and disseminate informational brochures, booklets and other printed materials	Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector prepared and distributed informational brochures, leaflets, notes, etc. A special video on personal data protection was also prepared.
143	Commence work on the update of the Migration Strategy in accordance with the current challenges and needs	Ministry of Justice LEPL Public Service Development Agency State Commission on	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	State Commission on Migration Issues carried out monitoring of the Migration Strategy Action Plan for 2013-2015. In autumn of 2014, work on developing a strategy for 2016-2020 started in advance. The document will be elaborated in accordance with existing challenges and needs, and with the active

		Migration Issues			involvement of international organisations and civil society representatives. The process will be coordinated by the SCMI Secretariat. In December 2014, the composition of the relevant Working Group was renewed and the group gathered at its first meeting, where strategic directions and future plans were defined.
144	Elaborate draft amendments to the Law on the Refugees and Humanitarian Status within the development of legal framework of the asylum system	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Key elements of the amendments include establishment of a fast-track procedure and special procedures for vulnerable groups. Establishment of a fast-track procedure will nullify the existing procedures of preliminary assessments of an application. The work on the preparation of a package of amendments into the law was finished at the end of 2014.
145	Launch the State Insurance programme for Asylum Seekers	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	From 1 January 2015 asylum seekers, along with the grantees of humanitarian and refugee status, were determined as beneficiaries of the so called “Vertical” healthcare programmes approved by Resolution №36 of the Government of Georgia on the “State Universal Healthcare Program” (February 21, 2013) and Resolution №650 of the Government of Georgia on “Approval of Healthcare Programs for Year 2014” (2 December 2014).
146	Grant temporary ID cards to Asylum Seekers	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	From September 2014, a new law on “Legal Status for Foreigners and Stateless Persons” went into force. According to that law, since 28 November 2014 the issue of Temporary Identification Cards to Asylum Seekers started on the basis of Decree №50 (4 November 2014) of the Minister of Justice on “Approval of the Rule for Issue of Temporary Identification Card” and Decree №52 (15 November

					2014) of the Minister of Justice on “Approval of the Form of Temporary Identification Card”. The mentioned card is legally equal to the identity document and also represents a residence permit for a one-year period.
147	Under the coordination of the SCMI Secretariat, along with IOM and ICMPD elaborate and implement the concept outlining the major directions of UMAS; Invite international experts to Georgia	Ministry of Justice LEPL Public Service Development Agency State Commission on Migration Issues	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Working on the concept document finished in April 2014. In August 2014, in cooperation with partner organisations, two (2) invited experts from Norway and Austria assessed the existing systems of migration data collection and processing, they produced recommendations for development of the analytical system. The report was finalised in November 2014. The programme is planned to be launched in testing mode in summer 2016.
148	Elaborate and develop assistance programs for vulnerable migrants in the framework of the “Thematic Group for Consolidation of the Reintegration Issues” by planning negotiations with the institutions involved in the above-mentioned working group	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The last meeting of the “Thematic Working Group for Consolidation of Reintegration Issues” with participation of state agencies and international and non-governmental organisations was held on 15 October 2014. The Working Group discussed the referral reintegration mechanisms for vulnerable migrants together with other issues. The “Thematic Working Group for Consolidation of Reintegration Issues” under the State Commission on Migration Issues is continuing its work to elaborate the referral support mechanism for reintegration of vulnerable migrants.
149	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue cooperation with the EU Member States with the purpose of signing implementing protocols of the Readmission Agreement; Regular update of the information regarding the contact points in the 	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the aim of fighting irregular migration, Georgia concluded readmission agreements with the EU, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine and Moldova. Draft texts of readmission agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Belarus are still being

	<p>partner states responsible for the review of readmission applications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and respond to readmission applications within the timeframe envisaged by the readmission agreements and respective implementing protocols 			<p>negotiated.</p> <p>With the aim of concluding readmission agreements, Georgia elaborated a draft model of a Readmission Agreement, which was sent to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Israel, Sri Lanka and Pakistan through diplomatic channels with the request of initiating negotiations. In 2015, Georgia will initiate signing readmission agreements with Algeria, China, Egypt, Iran, Nepal, Nigeria and Turkey.</p> <p>For the purpose of effective implementation of the EU-Georgia Readmission Agreement, active cooperation is on-going with EU Member States with the purpose of concluding implementing protocols. Implementing protocols with Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Republic of Lithuania, Benelux States and Hungary have been signed.</p> <p>Draft implementing protocols are ready to be signed with the Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Poland and Germany. The draft texts of the implementing protocols have been exchanged and are at different stages of negotiations with Portugal, Greece and Spain. Georgia has elaborated a draft model text of implementing protocols, which has been submitted to – France, Italy, Cyprus and Sweden with the request to launch negotiations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 1 September 2014, the Migration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia was established, which took over responsibility for the implementation of the
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				<p>readmission agreements from the Patrol Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. On 16 September 2014, the Ministry of Internal Affairs sent updated contact information of the competent authority to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in order to inform the signatories of the readmission agreements and implementing protocols to the EU-Georgia Readmission Agreement regarding the change through diplomatic channels (such as the name of the responsible agency and contact details);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Readmission Agreement between Georgia and the EU entered into force on 1 March 2011. Since then, relevant agencies have been effectively implementing the agreement. In order to increase the efficiency of the implementation of the EU- Georgia Readmission Agreement, a web-based portal for uploading and processing of readmission requests has been developed. <p>The Readmission Case Management Electronic System provides a secure environment that supports the complete cycle of the readmission process, starting from the uploading of requests for readmission by EU Member States, followed by the response of the Georgian authorities and ultimately the communication of the actual transfer data of the person to be readmitted. So far the programme is utilised by eight (8) EU countries (Poland, Germany, Greece, Austria, Belgium, Romania, Bulgaria and Spain).</p>
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150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish unified database for detection of foreigners staying in the country illegally; • Elaborate the rules for the expulsion of foreigners staying in the country without legal grounds; • Adoption of the statute and structure of MIA Migration Service; • Establish the MIA Migration Service and determine functions of its structural units; • Gradual training of the Migration Service employees 	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with the Migration Strategy Action Plan for 2013-2015 and in order to improve the migration data quality and its proper monitoring, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, among other activities, elaborated a unified immigration database (a so-called ‘over stayer’s alert system’), which is an electronic programme that collects information on aliens from relevant agencies. The programme was officially launched on 30 September 2014 on the basis of Order №752 of the Minister of Internal Affairs. The system allows processing of information and identifying of persons who do not or no longer have legal grounds to stay in the country. Based on the programme, the Migration Department under the Ministry of Internal Affairs ensures the monitoring of foreigners staying in Georgia. The system also allows statistics to develop and effectively manage the migration policies and migration profile of the country. Personal data of the aliens located in the system is protected by the law on “Personal Data Protection and the internal regulations related to personal data protection” within the Ministry of Internal Affairs; • Decree №525 of the Government of Georgia on Approval of the Procedure for Removing Aliens from Georgia entered into force on 1 September 2014. The procedures for removing aliens from Georgia was approved on the basis of Article 71, paragraph D of the Georgian law on the “Legal Status of Aliens and Stateless Persons”. This decree
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					<p>determines the forms and procedures for the expulsion of aliens who are in Georgia without legal grounds and a mechanism of relevant interagency cooperation. According to the Georgian law on the “Legal Status of Aliens and Stateless Persons”, and the Migration Strategy Action Plan for 2013-2015, the Ministry of Internal Affairs was determined as a responsible agency in the fight against irregular migration and establishment of proper institutional mechanisms. The Migration Department within the Ministry of Internal Affairs and its statute was adopted by Order №588 of the Ministry on 6 August 2014. According to the statute of the Migration Department, its functions include: detection and identification of aliens illegally residing on the territory of Georgia, ensuring removal (expulsion) of aliens residing without legal grounds in accordance with the law, implementation of readmission agreements of Georgia, processing and analysis of relevant statistical information, when necessary preparing relevant legislative amendments, providing legal consultations to aliens residing without legal grounds, management of the Temporary Accommodation Centre, cooperating with relevant national and international actors within their competence and any other function that may arise while performing their duties. The Order further determines the functions of each structural unit.</p> <p>According to Order N1532530 regarding staff and</p>
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					<p>organisational issues of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, staff numbers and structure of the Migration Department was adopted.</p> <p>Training/retraining of the Department's staff is an on-going activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 7-9 October 2014, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) organised a seminar on "standard procedures for migrant detention". A total of 20 employees of the Migration Department participated in the seminar; • On 3-5 November 2014, training on smuggling of migrants was held within the framework of the "Enhancing Capabilities of Georgian Government in the field of Border and Migration Management" project, funded by the EU. A total of six (6) employees of the Migration Department were retrained; • On 4-6 November 2014, training on international practice of treatment of refugees and asylum seekers at the border was organised by the ICMPD and UNDP. Five (5) employees of the Migration Department were retrained; • On 6-7 November 2014, training on migrants' rights was organised by the IOM. A total of 10 employees of the Migration Department were retrained; • On 10-14 November 2014, training on escorting was organised by the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of Member States of the
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					<p>European Union (FRONTEX). A total of 25 employees of the Migration Department were retrained;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Migration Department and LELP Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs developed a retraining course for Migration Department employees. From 1-15 December 2014, 25 employees were retrained; • On 18-19 December 2014, training on expulsion procedures was organised by the ICMPD within the framework of the “Enhancing Capabilities of Georgian Government in the field of Border and Migration Management” project, funded by the EU. A total of 16 employees were retrained. <p>(Also covers 3rd bullet of №152 Activity)</p>
151	Reintegration of the returned migrants	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>With EU funding, the “Mobility Centre” has been functioning in the Ministry since 2011 to support the reintegration of returned Georgian migrants. In 2014 the “Mobility Centre” served 468 beneficiaries. In 2014 the Ministry requested funds from the state budget to implement reintegration projects. In 2015 special funds – 400,000 GEL – will be allocated from the state budget for supporting the reintegration of returned migrants to Georgia.</p>

152	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete construction of the Temporary Accommodation Center; • Approve the rules of detention and transfer of aliens to the Temporary Accommodation Center; • Gradual training of the employees of the Temporary Accommodation Center 	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Temporary Accommodation Centre (TAC) for foreigners staying in Georgia without proper legal grounds began operating on 1 September 2014. The Centre is used for the accommodation of foreigners staying in Georgia without relevant legal grounds until their expulsion or identification. Males, females and families will be placed in separate wings of the TAC. Detainees will be provided with medical and psychological support. People with disabilities will be placed in accordingly adapted rooms. The Centre also ensures protection of children’s best interests, including the right to an education and necessary conditions for leisure activities, as well as a chapel room, library, computer room and playground. The Centre provides specially assigned rooms for people deemed “at risk” and inclined to self-injury or if there was a risk of causing physical injury to others. <p>The Temporary Accommodation Centre was constructed with the support of and active cooperation of international partners and donors and is built and equipped in compliance with international standards.</p> <p>With the objective of sharing experiences on migration management, representatives of the Migration Department visited various accommodation centres (in Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order №631 of the Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia on Approval of the Procedure for
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					<p>Detaining and Accommodating Aliens in Temporary Accommodation Centres was signed on 19 August 2014 and entered into force on 1 September 2014. The order clearly defined cases when the alien(s) can be detained and/or transferred to the Temporary Accommodation Centre, rules for detention, procedural rights of the alien, accommodation at the TAC, including personal inspection, medical inspection and rights and guarantees of the alien.</p> <p>In order to regulate proper management of the facility and ensure that aliens have access to the document that clearly defines their rights and obligations, the Migration Department approved an internal regulation of the accommodation centre on 19 September 2014, which defined the accommodated person's detention conditions and rules, and their rights and obligations.</p>
153	<p>In cooperation with the EU and ICMPD, prepare following publications:</p> <p>a) Migration Handbook – a guideline document providing detailed information on all aspects of migration related issues;</p> <p>b) Migration textbook – a publication to be used at the high educational institutes for teaching a discipline on migration</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice</p> <p>LEPL Public Service Development Agency</p> <p>State Commission on Migration Issues</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Donors Assistance</p>	<p>a) In spring 2014, together with partner organisations, the Secretariat of the State Commission on Migration Issues started working on a migration guidebook, which was published at the end of 2014.</p> <p>b) In autumn 2014, together with partner organisations, the Secretariat started working on a migration textbook. The concept and authors were determined. Working on the document will be finalised by the end of 2015.</p>
154	<p>Continue work for the effective implementation and monitoring of the “Agreement between Georgia and the</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Donors</p>	<p>Agreements were implemented successfully.</p>

	European Union on Readmission of Persons Residing without Authorization” and “Agreement between Georgian and European Union on the facilitation of the issuance of visas”			Assistance	
155	Work will continue in order to include the relevant services of the European Union Member States in the Readmission Case Management Electronic System”	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	During the reporting period, Greece, Spain and Switzerland joined the system. Relevant authorities of the Netherlands, Lithuania, Czech Republic and Sweden expressed readiness to join.
156	Support the effective implementation of the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>A number of regular meetings of the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan (VLAP) working group were held under the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>On the basis of the European Commission's second progress report, issued 29 October 2014 and the EU Council's conclusions of 17 November 2014, Georgia formally moved to the second phase of the implementation of the VLAP.</p> <p>8-12 December 2014 - A group of EU experts visited Georgia on an assessment mission and were tasked to assess the fulfilment of the second phase priorities envisaged by the first block of the VLAP.</p>
157	Elaborate the relevant Action Plan of the National Integrated Border Management (IBM) Strategy	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	With regards to border security and considering the significance of integrated border management, on 14 January 2014, pursuant to Resolution №49 of the Government of Georgia, a Temporary Interagency Council was created. The Council is responsible for elaboration and coordination of a new Strategy on

					<p>Border Management and its accompanying Action Plan.</p> <p>As a result, on 13 March 2014 the Government of Georgia by Decree №226, adopted the “State Border Management Strategy for 2014-2018” and on 6 May 2014, by Resolution №335 adopted the “Action Plan for Implementation of Georgia’s Border Management Strategy for 2014-2018.</p>
158	<p>Enable receipt of applications for the issuance of biometric passports at the Georgian diplomatic representations and consular agencies</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice</p> <p>LEPL Public Service Development Agency</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Donors Assistance</p>	<p>In 2013-2014 preparatory work was completed regarding legal and technical aspects of issuing biometric passports by Georgian diplomatic representations and consular offices abroad. On 29 May 2014, the law on “Registration of Citizens of Georgia and Aliens Living in Georgia, Issuance of Identity (Residence) Card and Passport of Citizen of Georgia” was amended, and it entered into force on 28 July 2014. From this date it became possible to apply for biometric passports at consular offices and Georgian diplomatic representations abroad.</p>
159	<p>Establish working groups and hold regular meetings within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between Ministries of Internal Affairs and Finance</p>	<p>Ministry of Internal Affairs</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p>	<p>For the purpose of cooperation in the field of border management, a Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (№1628837) was signed by the Border Police of Georgia, the Patrol Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Georgia Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance in August 2013. The Memorandum foresees the establishment of working groups at central and local Government level. The first meeting of representatives of the respective agencies at central Government level was held on 21 August 2014. The current situation at the state border and the main challenges Georgia faced were discussed at the meeting. Also, the composition</p>

				<p>of the working group on the local level was defined. As of December 2014, several working group meetings were organised at regional/local level in order to enhance cooperation among representatives of the three agencies and to discuss problematic issues which arise in the course of border management.</p> <p>Container Control Programme (CCP) –The joint initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the World Customs Organization (WCO) has been implemented in Georgia.</p> <p>In April 2012, within the framework of the programme, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Georgia Revenue Service, two Departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (Patrol Police Department and Central Criminal Police Department) and UNODC on the establishment of a Joint Port Control Unit (PCU) in Poti. With the use of modern technologies and special methods, the joint unit performs inspections of containers from risky countries.</p> <p>In 2014, special equipment HazMatID 360, which ensures examination/analysis of liquid and solid chemical substances, was purchased for the operative unit and relevant staff was retrained. The first training was carried out in Poti in October 2014 and the next training is planned for March 2015.</p> <p>In June 2014, a steering committee meeting was held which was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Finance and</p>
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				<p>the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. During the meeting future activities were discussed, namely the purpose of establishing a new group based on the Customs Clearance Zone (CCZ) of Tbilisi, of which a separate meeting was planned. Parties also addressed the details of a study visit to the Netherlands for members of the Poti Container Control Group.</p> <p>Since 2013, thanks to financial support of the US Department of State, the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) has implemented “Canine Project”. Within the framework of this project, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Revenue Service and Ministry of Internal Affairs, concerning “Cooperation with regard to Revealing Illegal Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors in Georgia” was developed. The document was signed by the Georgia Revenue Service and by the Central Criminal Police Department on 18 June 2013, as well as the Patrol Police Department and the Forensic-Criminalistics Main Division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. On the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding, a Drug Task Force has been established, which operates at the Border Crossing Point “Tbilisi Airport” and aims to detect illegal movement of drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors. The Task Force consists of staff from the Customs Department (2) and Patrol Police Department (3) and acts within the scope of their competence.</p>
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160	In order to ensure control of the legal regime of maritime space of Georgia, complete construction of the Joint Operations Command Centre of executive government bodies of Georgia and elaborate rules of the Center's procedures	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	Pursuant to Decree №348 of the Government of Georgia dated 17 December 2013, the Maritime Joint Operations Management Centre was established. On 24 June 2014, the Maritime Joint Operations Command Centre was created with assistance of the Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Programme of the US Department of State. The Joint Operations Centre, in its capacity as the mechanism of intradepartmental and interagency cooperation, ensures effective fight against threats existing in the maritime space of Georgia. The major task of the
161	Determine the composition of the Council of Joint Operations Command Centre and elaborate its rules of procedures	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	

					<p>Centre is prevention, detection and interdiction of serious violations of maritime laws, maritime incidents and illegal actions that create a threat to Georgia as well as to the Black Sea region as a whole. The Centre as a coordinator of joint maritime operations was established at the Coast Guard radar base and is equipped with joint command, control, communications and maritime surveillance technologies.</p> <p>Currently, the process of defining Council composition and establishment of procedures is underway.</p>
162	Organise assessment mission/carry out wide-scale assessment on the state land border capabilities which will identify needs with regards to infrastructure, equipment and IT systems	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>Within the framework of the Border Migration Administering and Reporting System (BMARS), the infrastructure, servers, technical and communication facilities of border crossing points have been renovated, which ensures stable functioning of the local systems.</p> <p>Information on foreigners' entry and stay in the country, border crossings are kept in the system, which ensures detection of foreigners who violate their legally determined terms of stay in the country. Electronic (E-gate) systems were updated in order to bring them in alignment with BMARS.</p> <p>With regard to the development of communication and information systems, the following activities were carried out in the Border Police of Georgia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of basic broadband police communication network – an intranet was introduced at several border sectors and the

					<p>current internet speed was increased;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of short and ultra-short wave radio systems – complete modernisation of short and ultra-short wave radio systems at the land border, which made possible the transfer of voice information in closed mode. The system of tactical positioning of border patrols (reflection of location on electronic maps) was enacted between the third division (Red Bridge) and sectors; • An electronic surveillance system was introduced at the state land border and implanted in the joint information system of border police – certain border sections were equipped with camera traps; • Video-wall and other necessary equipment was purchased for the management and control centre of the border police; • Activities are planned to equip the joint command centre of Supsa with communication and information systems.
163	<p>Plan/implement activities/measures to address the needs identified by the assessment report;</p> <p>Evaluation of the existing situation and identification of the capacity building needs in the area of human resources management within the Border Police of the MIA</p>	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Donors Assistance</p>	<p>In August 2014 an intra-agency working group was established within the Ministry of Internal Affairs in order to develop the “Border Police Modernisation, Standardisation and Unification” 5 year programme.. The programme includes a 5-year modernisation plan of the Border Police, which envisages establishing common unified and standardised procedures for infrastructure development, fleet and equipment procurement and maintenance, human resource management, etc.</p> <p>On one hand the 5-year modernisation plan will help</p>

				<p>with the programme’s budgeting process in the Border Police, and on the other hand it will be an efficient tool for donor coordination, ensuring a targeted and standardised approach to donor supported projects.</p> <p>The working group conducted a number of working meetings and elaborated the final draft of the programme, which is undergoing the budgeting process. The programme will cover the following sectors: Command, Control, Communication and Surveillance (C3S), Human Resources, Infrastructure and Transportation, Personal Equipment, Aviation and Coast Guard Fleet Modernisation.</p> <p>From 2015 all infrastructural projects at the Border Police will be carried out in compliance with the mentioned program.</p> <p>It is noteworthy that within the framework of different projects, capacity development of Ministry of Internal Affairs employees in the field of border management is ensured. The EU funded project “Eastern Partnership cooperation in the fight against irregular migration - supporting the implementation of Prague Process Action Plan (EaP - SIPPAP)” launched in 2013.</p> <p>The project will be completed in September 2015. The project is being implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Hungary and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). The objective of the project is to support strategic and operative cooperation in</p>
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					<p>the Eastern Partnership region. The cooperation aims to prevent illegal migration and promote more effective and coordinated border management.</p> <p>From 1 September 2014, within the framework of the project, the following activities were implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9-11 September 2014 (Georgia): Elaboration of study module: pilot session on risk analysis (4 instructors, 15 employees participated); 2. 16-19 September 2014 (Slovak republic): Study visit (2 employees participated); 3. 28-31 October 2014 (Republic of Poland): Study visit (2 employees participated). <p>The EU funded project “Reinforcing the Capabilities of the Government of Georgia in Border and Migration Management” (more for more), aims to enhance the capabilities of Georgian authorities in the area of integrated border management and migration in line with relevant EU-Georgia agreements and action plans. Within the framework of the project, capacity building in the area of human resources management within the Border Police is envisaged.</p> <p>In this regard, on 18 December 2014, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) announced the bid to hire a company to optimise the organisational structure of the Border Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.</p>
164	Elaborate and adopt a new National Action Plan on Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry	2014	State Budget Donors	The Secretariat of the Council of Trafficking in Human Beings developed the draft 2015-2016 National Action Plan on Combating Human

		of Justice)		Assistance	Trafficking, which was approved by the council at its meeting on 14 November 2014.
165	Conduct professional trainings on trafficking for prosecutors and investigators	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>Professional trainings on human trafficking issues are being systematically provided to law enforcers - prosecutors, intern-prosecutors, investigators and intelligence servicemen. In 2014, law enforcers participated in the following events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 17-19 September 2014, trainings on human trafficking were held for prosecutors and led by an invited American trainer-prosecutor in Kachreti; 2. In 2014 fifty-seven (57) intern-prosecutors were recruited by the Chief Prosecutor's Office with the aim of their subsequent appointment as prosecutors. For them a special one-month pre-appointment studying course was created. Course curriculum includes trafficking and gender violence issues. In October 2014 all fifty-seven (57) intern-prosecutors were retrained on the above-mentioned issues; 3. On 14-17 October 2014, officers of the Division of Combating Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia participated in a training provided by the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on juvenile crime prevention and treatment of juvenile victims; 4. On 3-5 November 2014, officers of the Division of Combating Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police

					<p>Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia participated in a training on Illegal Transfer of Migrants that was organised by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in the framework of the EU sponsored project “Reinforcing the Capabilities of the Government of Georgia in Border and Migration Management”;</p> <p>5. On 6-7 November 2014, officers of the Division of Combating Trafficking and illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia participated in training on migrants’ rights organised by IOM in the framework of the EU sponsored project “Reinforcing of the Capabilities of the Government of Georgia in Border and Migration Management”;</p> <p>6. On 27 November 2014, officers of the Division of Combating Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia attended the fifth annual symposium on trafficking prevention, victim protection and conducting of criminal prosecution, in Brussels;</p> <p>7. On 12-14 November 2014, officers of the Division of Combating Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs participated in Interpol’s third global conference on trafficking which took place in</p>
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166	Increase number of mobile groups for the effective and proactive investigations	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Since 2013, four (4) mobile groups have been established and are functioning in the Office of Combating Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, each composed of two

					<p>law enforcement officers. The mobile groups periodically detect and record trafficking risk-bearing areas and check and study persons working in the risk-bearing premises, including persons engaged in prostitution, for the detection of conceivable facts of trafficking. The mobile groups systematically travel to Georgia's regions. Additionally, with the assistance of the mobile groups, foreign citizens engaged in prostitution are identified and registered for preventive purposes. Besides, deported Georgian citizens are systematically interviewed by the mobile groups for detection of conceivable facts of trafficking committed against them.</p> <p>It is planned to increase the number of mobile groups. Since 1 December 2014 the number of mobile groups has been increased to four (4).</p>
167	Elaborate and adopt guidelines of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for investigators/agents	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>In 2014, a working group composed of representatives from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Chief Prosecutor's Office and Trafficking in Human Beings Council's Secretariat was established within the Trafficking Council. The working group has drafted Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) for revealing the crime of trafficking for investigators, intelligence agents and members of the mobile groups. At this stage, the final version of the SOPs has been prepared. It went through international expertise with the assistance of IOM.</p>
168	Raise public awareness on combating trafficking in persons via information meetings, seminars, TV and radio shows, distribution of leaflets	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>The Trafficking in Human Beings Council actively implements preventive activities by means of raising awareness on trafficking issues. In February 2014 the common informational strategy on combating trafficking was approved for the purpose to keep</p>

				<p>society systematically informed on the issue of trafficking. A concept of an informational campaign is aimed at raising public awareness on the dangers of trafficking and selecting the right ways and possibilities for providing information. Within the framework of the informational strategy, relevant target groups, geographic scope, methodology and resources of the information campaign were determined.</p> <p>Several activities were planned and implemented in the framework of the informational campaign: From March until the end of December of 2014, informational meetings on trafficking, dangers of illegal migration and means of self-defence were held in Tsalendjikha, Telavi, Kvareli, Gurjaani, Kutaisi, Rustavi, Batumi, Zugdidi, Gori, Marneuli, Ozurgeti, Tkibuli, Poti, Senaki, Kobuleti, Borjomi, Akhaltsikhe, Phoka, Sartichala, Tskaltubo, Mestia, Becho, Martvili, Ozurgeti, Chokhatauri, Tsalka, Sakdrioni, Lanchkhuti, Kareli, Ruisi, Khashuri, Gomi, Tserovani, at “Eruditi” school in Tbilisi and at “Ikarosi” and “Mermisi” colleges.</p> <p>Representatives of local population attended the meetings; among them were representatives of ethnic and religious minorities, pupils, students and internally displaced persons from the occupied territories. In total, 43 meetings were held with 1410 participants. Meetings were held with the close cooperation of THB Council, IOM and non-governmental organisation ‘Migration Centre’.</p>
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audio clips aired over a 3-month period (April, May, and October). - During the reporting period 5,000 informational brochures were produced by the State Fund for Protection and Assistance of (statutory) Victims of Human Trafficking. <p>The Fund, with involvement of non-governmental organisation Helping Hand and volunteers, distributed brochures among the population. During meetings with school pupils representatives of the Fund distributed the informational brochures. Around 300 brochures were handed to the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Protection that were placed on the informational stand in the building of the Ministry to make them available to the population.</p> <p>During the reporting period the State Fund for Protection and Assistance of (statutory) Victims of Human Trafficking purchased 150 t-shirts, with the image of the trafficking hotline on it (2 100 229) that were used during different social activities as informational-advertising attributes.</p> <p>The Fund, for the purpose of preventing trafficking and promoting its services, arranged informational meetings with pupils at schools:</p> <p>a) On 5 December 2014 an informational meeting on trafficking was held with pupils of public school №120;</p>
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					<p>b) On 17 December 2014 an informational meeting on trafficking and domestic violence was held with 8th, 9th and 10th grade pupils of public school №1.</p> <p>c) In accordance with paragraph 1.1.5 of the 2013-2014 Action Plan, intensive work was carried out on trafficking issues by the Georgian Tourism National Agency in cooperation with IOM.</p> <p>During April-December 2014, IOM distributed 35,000 flyers in the Adjara region, namely, in: Sarpi – including the outer perimeter of the Sarpi Border Crossing Point, Batumi Airport, the centre of Batumi, Chakvi and Kobuleti. Target group includes: tourists (both foreigners and Georgian), truck drivers, travellers on public transport (on railway and at bus stations). During the meetings of IOM, flyers were also distributed in all provinces of Georgia.</p> <p>In December 2014 IOM provided the Georgian Tourism National Agency with 40,000 flyers (in four languages: Georgian, English, Russian, and Turkish) that will be distributed in informational centres of administration during the 2015-2016 reporting period.</p>
169	Protect the victims of TIP	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>The body responsible for the protection of trafficking victims/affected persons is the State Fund for Protection and Assistance of (statutory) Victims of Human Trafficking. According to the Fund, the following services were provided to victims of human trafficking in 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 persons: Women – 5, Men– 2;

					(Accompanied persons – 2); From them: victim of sexual exploitation – 5, victim of forced labour -2; - Service: Psychological -5; Medical – 5; Shelters – 5; Compensation – 9; Legal Assistance – 7
170	Voluntary and safe return of TIP victims to the place of their habitual residence and support their rehabilitation	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	In 2014, there were no cases of return of trafficking victims/affected person to his/her state of residence due to the fact that investigations are still pending and affected persons are provided with shelter in Georgia.
171	Deepen the cooperation with non-governmental organisations	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	On 27 February 2014 a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Chief Prosecutor’s Office and the international organisation for Migration’s Mission in Georgia in the area of capacity building of law enforcement agencies in combating trafficking. The purpose of the memorandum is retraining representatives of the law enforcement bodies, development of their professional skills and, for this purpose, organise professional training. Simultaneously, the Task Force consisting of seven (7) investigators and five (5) prosecutors was established under the memorandum in order to proactively reveal, effectively investigate and conduct criminal pursuit on trafficking crimes. The Task Force is focused on the Adjara region. Furthermore, the Task Force will be responsible for ensuring the cooperation with law enforcement bodies and developing a network of enforcement agencies working on trafficking issues. Non-governmental organisations are involved in activities of the Working Groups on Children

					Working and Living in the Street, which was approved on 14 November 2014 at the Trafficking in Human Beings Council's meeting, and in victim identification groups.
172	Maintain cooperation with the relevant agencies of the Partner States	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>During 2014 the Chief Prosecutor's Office received three (3) motions on legal assistance regarding trafficking, from which two (2) have been completed and one (1) is being processed. During 2014 the Chief Prosecutor's Office received two (2) trafficking-related requests for extradition, one (1) from Turkey, and one (1) from the Netherlands. The motion received from Turkey is being processed. The process has been completed regarding the motion received from the Netherlands. In December 2014 meetings were held on future cooperation between the Migration Department of Turkey and the relevant agencies of Georgia.</p> <p><i>Bilateral Agreements</i></p> <p>A Memorandum on mutual understanding in combating crime between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the National Agency on Combating Crime of the United Kingdom and the Northern Ireland was prepared by the International Legal Cooperation Office of the Department of International Relations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and signed by the Minister of the Internal Affairs of Georgia.</p> <p>An agreement on Cooperation in Combating Crime and Security Issues was signed between the Georgian Government and the Government of Israel on 18 November 2013. This agreement entered into force</p>

				<p>on 14 September 2014.</p> <p>One of the subjects of the abovementioned agreements was the combatting of trafficking. For the purpose of deepening international cooperation, the Division of Bilateral Cooperation functions in the Department of International Relations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs provide the exchange of information via a secure network with relevant states within its competence.</p> <p><u>Cooperation with the Republic of Turkey</u></p> <p>The Ministry of Internal Affairs actively cooperates with the Republic of Turkey within the framework of the commission established under the Agreement on Cooperation in Security Matters between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey of 1994. The meetings of the commission take place alternately in Georgia and in the Republic of Turkey.</p> <p><u>Regional Cooperation.</u></p> <p>The Ministry of Internal Affairs actively cooperates with the Police Attaches of EU Member States whose offices are located in Georgia or cover Georgia from other countries. The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia also cooperates with the Police Attaches who are not representatives of EU Member States. Within the scope of cooperation, the Police Attaches help each other to obtain information on investigations instantly and efficiently. At the same time, within their competence, they facilitate sharing of the best experiences, planning of common activities, etc.</p>
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173	Monitor the implementation of the National Drug Strategy and Action Plan	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>Secretariat of Inter-Agency Coordination Council on Combating Drug Addiction, which functions in the Public International Law Department of the Ministry of Justice, at the end of each quarter of the year requests information from various agencies on implementation of the 2014-2015 Action Plan on Combating Drug Addiction from January 2014. The information is translated and sent to the EU. A report on 2014 activities had already been requested from relevant agencies by the secretariat and will be sent to the EU.</p> <p>The meeting of institutions responsible for implementation of the Action Plan was held at the Ministry of Justice on 29 December 2014. Issues regarding the implementation of the Action Plan</p>

					were discussed during the meeting.
174	Review the Law on Controlled Substances to bring them in compliance with the international standards	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>On 19-20 July 2014 a meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Combating Drug Addiction with the presidency of Minister of Justice was held in Kvareli, where Council members, among other issues, discussed the possibility of amending the laws on drug substances, psychotropic substances, precursors and new psychotropic substances, including bringing them in line with recommendations of international institutions. It was decided at the meeting to create a working group which would work on reviewing Georgia's drug-related legislation. The working group, composed of representatives from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Justice, worked on drug-related legislation, including the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review of the titles and content of the lists of substances subject to special control; 2) Definition of small, large and extremely large quantities for the most popular narcotic and psychotropic substances removed from the illegal turnover and possession; 3) Providing a legal base for the prevention of creation of health-threatening conditions and death caused by overdosing. Amendments in this respect have already been worked out by a working group and will be presented to the Council in the near future. <p>In addition, with the aim of preventing the creation of health-threatening conditions and death by overdosing, Decree №01-56/N of the Minister of</p>

					Labour, Health and Social Affairs was amended on 11 August 2014, under which medical staff are no longer obliged to notify law enforcing bodies about incidences of overdoses.
175	Develop a legislative and regulatory base and provide it with the necessary infrastructure and organizational capacities for effective functioning of the Drug Monitoring National Center	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Development of legislative basis for the operation of a National Drug Monitoring Centre, determination of its structure, functions and enhancement of cooperation between the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCCDA) and Georgia are currently in progress. Functioning of the Drug Monitoring National Agency shall be based on the sharing of experience of the EU and its Member States in the field of drug monitoring. A Georgian delegation attended the EMCCDA conference on drug monitoring that was held in September 2014 in Prague. In October 2014 EMCCDA representatives attended the meeting of Interagency Council on Combatting Drug Addiction and provided practical recommendations for the establishment of the Monitoring Centre. At the same meeting, the establishment of the National Drug Monitoring Centre was decided and the participants were provided with information about its functions and structure. At present, relevant legislative basis for the operation of the Centre is being prepared. In October 2014 a Georgian delegation attended a joint conference organised by EMCCDA and the College of Europe, where issues of drug policy of the EU and Eastern Partnership states were discussed. Representatives of Georgia participated in the meeting of EMCDDA National Rapporteurs that was held in Lisbon in November 2014.
176	Hold consultations for the purpose of cooperation and information exchange and signing the memorandum of understanding between the EMCCDA and Georgia	Relevant Interagency Coordination Commission (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	

					On 5 December 2014, in response to a written request of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, EMCDDA's Management Board made a decision to commence negotiations with Georgia for the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding.
177	Raise public awareness on the fight against organised crime; train MIA employees	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>In the second quarter (Q2) of 2014, the Ministry of Internal Affairs prepared 80,000 leaflets on organised crime. This document included information about organised crime and the results, measures implemented by the state in the fight against organised crime and the results, the necessity of cooperation between society and law enforcement agencies. In Q4 of 2014, leaflets were distributed to the population. Information on organised crime was published on the official website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (www.police.ge)</p> <p>In 2014 information about the Interagency Coordinating Council for Combating Organised Crime was published on the official website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (www.police.ge). Information included material about the activities of the secretariat of the Interagency Coordinating Council and themed working groups. Information about members and regulations of the Council, minutes of the meetings, the National Strategy and Action Plan for Combating Organised Crime was also made available on the website. The materials are provided both in Georgian and English languages.</p>
178	Refurbish MIA's structural units involved in the fight against organised crime	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	The Ministry of Internal Affairs periodically renovates material-technical base of the structural units responsible for fighting against organised crime. During 2014 different technical equipment

					<p>(computers, printers, multi-functional cameras, scanners, network recorders, tablet computers, etc.) were purchased for I and II Divisions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Central Criminal Police Department.</p> <p>In 2014, five (5) cars were granted to Central Criminal Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.</p>
179	Inform the business community about organised crime and its menaces through elaborating relevant recommendations	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>The Ministry also developed electronic informational material on cybercrime, which was oriented towards the business sector. The materials reflect cybercrime related risks that may threaten the development of business in the country. Furthermore, as well as threats and risks, the document provided information on different methods of protecting businesses from cyber criminals, and briefly overviewed the measures implemented by the state. This information was published on the website www.police.ge.</p>
180	Organise regular coordinating meetings for the agencies involved in the fight against organized crime	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>The Reforms and Development Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs organised more than 40 meetings that were attended by representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Corrections, the Ministry of Education and Science and the Chief Prosecutor's Office in order to develop the National Strategy for combating organised crime and its Action Plan; and to monitor the implementation process of the Action Plan.</p> <p>On December 25, the fourth meeting of the interagency coordinating council for combating organised crime was held. During the meeting member agencies of the Council presented an annual</p>

					<p>report on the implementation of the 2013-2014 National Strategy for Combating Organised Crime. The Council also discussed the necessity to update the National Strategy for Combating Organised Crime and its Action Plan.</p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding on Inter-Agency Cooperation on Law Enforcement Issues was signed between the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Finance, the Chief Prosecutor's Office and the Financial Monitoring Service. The MoU came into force on 16 May 2013.</p> <p>The MoU regulates the cooperation between law enforcement agencies in the area of fighting crime, especially transnational crime.</p> <p>By 31 December 2014, seven (7) working group meetings were held. Based on the working group's decision, joint trainings were conducted for representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, the Chief Prosecutor's Office and Financial Police officers of the Ministry of Finances. In the course of the trainings different topics were discussed: fight against human trafficking, corruption, drugs, organised crime, cybercrime, money laundering, interagency cooperation, etc.</p>
181	Expand the group of monitoring entities under the Law of Georgia on Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalization	LEPL Financial Monitoring Service	2014	State Budget	Relevant legislative amendments to the law of Georgia on "Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalisation" were adopted on 24 December 2014, and came into force on 31 December 2014.

					<p>According to these legislative amendments, the law of Georgia on “Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalisation” was extended to payment service providers (including electronic money) (Article 3).</p> <p>The text of the law is available on the official website of the LEPL FMS: http://www.fms.gov.ge/uploads/files/AML_Law_24.12.2014_Geo.pdf</p>
182	Improve provisions of the Law of Georgia on Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalization concerning the identification and verification of clients (beneficial owners) by monitoring entities	LEPL Financial Monitoring Service	2014	State Budget	<p>According to amendments to the law of Georgia on “Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalisation”, provisions on identification and verification of clients (beneficial owner) reporting entities were revised (Article 6).</p> <p>The text of the law is available on the official website of the LEPL FMS: http://www.fms.gov.ge/uploads/files/AML_Law_24.12.2014_Geo.pdf</p>
183	Improve provisions of the Law of Georgia on Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalization concerning the protection and dissemination of information	LEPL Financial Monitoring Service	2014	State Budget	<p>Pursuant to the requirements of international standards, amendments to the law of Georgia on “Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income” revised provisions on protection and dissemination of information (Article 12).</p> <p>The text of the law is available on the official website of the LEPL FMS: http://www.fms.gov.ge/uploads/files/AML_Law_24.12.2014_Geo.pdf</p>
184	Improve provisions of the Law of Georgia on Facilitating the Prevention	LEPL Financial Monitoring Service	2014	State Budget	<p>Pursuant to the requirements of international standards, amendments to the law of Georgia on</p>

	of Illicit Income Legalization concerning unusual transactions				<p>“Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income” revised the definition of “unusual transaction” (Article 2).</p> <p>The text of the law is available on the official website of the LEPL FMS: http://www.fms.gov.ge/uploads/files/AML_Law_24.12.2014_Geo.pdf</p>
185	Improve provisions of the Law of Georgia on Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalization concerning shell banks	LEPL Financial Monitoring Service	2014	State Budget	<p>Pursuant to the requirements of international standards, amendments to the law of Georgia on “Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income” revised requirements related to shell banks (Article 111).</p> <p>The text of the law is available on the official website of the LEPL FMS: http://www.fms.gov.ge/uploads/files/AML_Law_24.12.2014_Geo.pdf</p>
186	Adopt new and/or improve existing regulations governing activities of monitoring entities under the Law of Georgia on Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalization	LEPL Financial Monitoring Service	2014	State Budget	<p>In 2014 the amendments were introduced to the various normative acts of the LEPL FMS.</p> <p>The process of harmonisation of by-laws of the FMS stemming from the amendments to the law of Georgia on “Facilitating the Prevention of Illicit Income Legalisation” is ongoing.</p>
187	Sign international agreements and memorandums of cooperation in the area of the fight against organised crime	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>On 7 August 2014, two (2) video conferences were held between Europol and the Georgian side, where the parties discussed and agreed on the future steps of the negotiation process. Information on the measures adopted for the purpose of personal data protection was exchanged.</p>
188	Elaborate rules for filling out for submission of the request on international law enforcement	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>With the aim of implementing the law of Georgia on “International Law Enforcement Cooperation”, in the beginning of 2014 the International Relations</p>

	cooperation				Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia developed a draft order of the Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia on “Approving the Rule for Drawing Up and Sending Requests on International Law Enforcement Cooperation”. The Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia approved the rule on 15 October 2014 (Order №787).
189	Develop the Anti-corruption Strategy and Action Plan	Anti-Corruption Interagency Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>The Anti-corruption Strategy and 2015-2016 Action Plan was approved by the Anti-corruption Council at a meeting on 4 February 2015.</p> <p>Drafting of both strategic documents was conducted within nine (9) thematic groups created by the Anti-corruption Council on the basis of 13 strategic priorities of fighting against corruption, which were prepared by the intensive work of the expert-level working group of the Anti-corruption Council. In order to guarantee active involvement of the civil sector in the process of anti-corruption document preparation, a representative of the Government as well as of the civil sector were identified as a speaker of each working group.</p> <p>In order to improve the work process, the Secretariat prepared a plan of the detailed process of the Strategy renewal and Action Plan elaboration, as well as the list of the sources of the anti-corruption documents. As a result, new strategic documents were created based on recommendations and research of non-governmental and international organisations, including Anti-corruption Network of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD-ACN), GRECO, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), best practices</p>

					<p>of the states and thematic publications. In addition, the evaluation report of the 2010-2013 Action Plan implementations was taken into account by the Secretariat while elaborating the documents. In the working process, consideration was given to the information received from the responsible authorities regarding the anti-corruption activities planned during 2014-2016, which was requested by the Secretariat within the standard reporting process at the end of 2013.</p> <p>Additionally, the Secretariat prepared the analysis of main international rankings related to anti-corruption issues, which was reflected in the Evaluation Report and Draft Strategy.</p> <p>Six (6) expert-level working group meetings, 17 meetings of thematic working groups, one (1) seminar regarding the issues of strategic planning with participation of international experts, and one (1) meeting of the Anti-corruption Council were held in order to refine the Anti-Corruption Strategy and develop the new 2015-2016 Action Plan.</p> <p>The new Anti-corruption Strategy and 2015-2016 Action Plan will be presented to the Government of Georgia for approval by the end of February 2015.</p>
190	Improve monitoring mechanism of implementation of the anti-corruption policy	Anti-Corruption Interagency Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>In 2014, based on international recommendations, the Secretariat of the Anti-corruption Council began working on a new methodology of monitoring the implementation of the Anti-corruption Policy. The monitoring and implementation methodology aims at evaluating the implementation process of the activities envisaged by the Anti-corruption Strategy and the Action Plan of its implementation, as well as</p>

				<p>the results achieved their effectiveness, and reveal existing gaps. Accordingly, the new mechanism of monitoring and implementation includes the following three components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) An annual report regarding the progress and a framework of monitoring of the Anti-corruption Action Plan where the information provided by the public entities to the Secretariat of the Anti-corruption Council once every six (6) months, the process of achieving the targets determined by the Plan, and the results achieved during that period should be reflected; ii) A report of monitoring where the process of performance of activities of the responsible bodies during the reporting year, as determined by the Action Plan, and achieved results will be evaluated by the Anti-corruption Council; iii) An evaluation report, which aims at evaluating the achievement of the objectives determined by the responsible entities during the two reporting years and their effectiveness by using result-oriented indicators. <p>In order to ensure the objectivity and preciseness of the evaluation, the monitoring and evaluation methodology includes the data of international research and indexes (including Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer, Worldwide Governance Indicators of the World Bank, Doing Business research, Global Business</p>
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191	Increase the secretariat of the Anti-corruption Council with human resources and raise capacity of the staff	Anti-Corruption Interagency Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>The position of one (1) sociologist and one (1) legal adviser was added to the Secretariat.</p> <p>The members of the Secretariat of the Anti-corruption Council underwent the following types of vocational trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional seminar - Regarding the review of the best practices of processing and verification of financial declarations within the framework of the Eastern Partnership Project Good Governance and Fight Against Corruption; - Seminar on the topic of corruption prevention,

					<p>trends and best practices of Eastern Europe and Central Asia;</p> <p>- Study visit with the invitation of the Mexico Federal Institute for Access to Information and Data Protection, within which the Mexican side shared experience with Georgia regarding the legislative regulation of the freedom of information sphere, regarding the structure, work and on-going reforms of the institution as an independent body.</p>
192	Facilitate compliance with the recommendations of international organizations (GRECO, OECD, UNODC/UNCAC)	Anti-Corruption Interagency Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>Cooperation of the Secretariat of the Anti-corruption Council with international organisations actively progressed during 2014.</p> <p>In April 2014, Georgia presented information regarding the fulfilment of recommendations provided by Georgia's Third Round evaluation report according to the new reporting methodology of the Secretariat of the Anti-corruption Network of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD-ACN). According to evaluation of the organisation, progress has already been achieved regarding the fulfilment of 10 out of 15 recommendations.</p> <p>In October 2014, Secretariat of the Anti-corruption Council presented the OECD-ACN with the progress report of fulfilment of the recommendations provided by Georgia's Third Round evaluation report. Simultaneously, the Anti-corruption Council created a working group at its meeting on 14 April 2014, in order to support the fulfilment of recommendations provided in Georgia's evaluation report of the 2014 Third Round of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and recommendations of the</p>

					<p>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The report regarding the fulfilment of recommendations should be submitted to GRECO by end of February 2015.</p> <p>Recommendations from international organisations (GRECO, OECD, UNODC/UNCAC) were discussed by the thematic working groups created within the Anti-corruption Council and the majority of recommendations were reflected in the 2015-2016 Anti-corruption Action Plan.</p>
193	Elaborate the draft law on freedom of information	Anti-Corruption Interagency Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>The process of working on the draft law on Freedom of Information was conducted under the direct supervision and participation of the Ministry of Justice, as well as in the regime of consultations, roundtables, and focus groups.</p> <p>Three thematic groups were created in the framework of the Freedom of Information legislation reform with the following work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group I: Definition of public information, information disclosure and proactive publication; - Group II: Exceptions and limitations, relationship of the freedom of information to the State, Commercial, Personal and Professional Secrets. - Group III: Freedom of information disputes, supervisory body, administrative and judicial appeals. <p>The draft law, developed by the legislative group of the draft law on Freedom of Information (working group) envisages best practices existing in Europe in terms of freedom of information, practice of</p>

					<p>Constitutional and General Courts, requirements established by the acts of the European Union and current approaches related to the freedom of information.</p> <p>In August 2014, a Georgian delegation (involving representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Parliament and civil society) led by the First Deputy Minister of Justice paid a study visit to Mexico Federal Institute for Access to Information and Data Protection (IFAI). Within the framework of the study visit, the Mexican side shared experience with the Georgian delegation regarding the legislative regulation of the freedom of information sphere, regarding the structure, work and ongoing reforms of the institution as an independent body.</p> <p>The Ministry of Justice will finish working on the draft law after the final recommendations of the Director of Scotland's Centre for Freedom of Information, the former freedom of information commissioner Kevin Dunion and of three (3) thematic working groups are processed.</p>
194	Provide cooperation mechanism with civil society and ensure effective work of the Open Government Partnership Georgia Forum in the framework of the Open Government	Anti-Corruption Interagency Coordination Council (Ministry of Justice)	2014	State Budget	<p>An Open Government Forum was established within the Anti-corruption Council and was administered at national level by the Secretariat of the Interagency Coordination Council of Fight Against Corruption. The non-governmental sector was also involved in the coordination mechanism.</p> <p>The 2014-2015 Action Plan for Open Government Partnership of Georgia was developed, a large part of the community participated in its development by the way of public consultations held across the country. The Government of Georgia 2014-2015</p>

					<p>Action Plan for Open Government on 18 September 2014.</p> <p>Activities and directions of the Open Government Partnership were determined by the Governing Committee, which was formed by the way of elections with equal amount of representatives of the member Governments and non-governmental organisations. In 2014, Georgia was elected as a member of the executive committee for two years.</p>
195	Start cooperation and hold negotiations with those states which have not recognised Georgia's accession to the Hague 1980 Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	<p>Negotiations concerning recognition of Georgia's accession to the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of international Child Abduction was commenced with the US through diplomatic channels, based on which, it is planned to recognise Georgia's accession to the convention by the US and commence processing of abduction cases with the latter, which is impossible without such recognition.</p>
196	Start work on the practical guidelines for the implementation of the Hague 1980 Convention on Civil Aspects of international Child Abduction	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	<p>Development of an initial draft version of the guidelines for the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of international Child Abduction of 1980 was finished in December 2014.</p> <p>In 2015, it is planned to review the document and distribute it to the City Court's civil chamber judges for review and comments. In addition, it is planned to arrange meetings/training with judges on this issue.</p>
197	Elaborate and approve the Referral and enforcement mechanism for child abduction cases	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget	<p>Working on a referral and enforcement mechanism was finalised and a draft version was developed. The discussion between participant state agencies is ongoing regarding final review of the document and its approval.</p>
198	Draft legislative amendments in relation	Office of the Chief	2014	State Budget	<p>The process of drafting the set of amendments to be</p>

	to the implementation of the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition and initiating in the Parliament	Prosecutor			made into the Act of Georgia on International Cooperation in Criminal Matters has been finalised. Currently, the set of amendments are subject to procedures related to its initiation before the Parliament.
199	Hold consultations and meetings with the Representatives of Eurojust to enhance further cooperation	Ministry of Justice	2014	State Budget EU	<p>Two significant meetings took place between Georgian delegation and EUROJUST representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Georgian delegation composed of representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Chief Prosecutor's Office and Office of Personal Data Protection Inspector of Georgia visited EUROJUST in July 2014. The Georgian delegation received information on the activities of EUROJUST, international relations and its cooperation with third states, protection of personal data, instruments of legal cooperation, joint investigative groups. The Georgian delegation made a presentation about existing legal and institutional mechanisms regulating cooperation in criminal law matters and data protection issues. During the meeting, special importance was attached to the prospects of direct cooperation between Georgia and EUROJUST. The representatives of EUROJUST expressed readiness for cooperation with Georgia in the spheres of information exchange via focal points and the carrying out of study visits. They also expressed willingness to cooperate with the Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector. 2) In October 2014, representatives of the Ministry

					<p>of Justice of Georgia and the Chief Prosecutor's Office of Georgia participated in the meeting of focal points.</p> <p>In addition, representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia have systematically raised issues of assistance in enhancing cooperation between Georgia and EUROJUST during bilateral meetings and negotiations with European colleagues.</p>
200	Improve the legislative and normative base under the competence of the National Bank of Georgia	The National Bank	2014	The National Bank Budget	Amendments were made to a number of normative acts; new acts were issued that aimed to improve the legislative framework of the National Bank of Georgia.
201	Prepare and adopt the Public Internal Financial Control Strategic Vision (PIFC) Policy Paper (2015-2017)	Ministry of Finance	2014	OECD/SIGMA A Kingdom of the Netherlands	Before adopting the strategy, gap analyses must be performed. Gap analyses should become the basis of the document. In this regard, work has been delayed by the OECD/SIGMA. This activity will be completed in 2015.
202	Elaborate and adopt the Rules and Procedures for Financial Management and Control (FMC)	Ministry of Finance	2014	EU Support project	A draft of the modernised FMC Manual has been prepared with the OECD/SIGMA. The FMC Manual will be adopted in 2015.
203	Elaborate draft law on PIFC	Ministry of Finance	2014	State Budget	Amendments to the PIFC law have been discussed at the Internal Control Council. An amendment package will be sent to Parliament and discussed during the spring sessions and will be adopted accordingly.
204	Strengthen and ensure independence of the Central Harmonization Unit (CHU)	Ministry of Finance	2014	State Budget	Relevant provisions are present in the amendments package to the PIFC law and will be executed after the amendments are adopted.
205	Elaborate and adopt the Methodology of Internal Audit	Ministry of Finance	2014	GIZ	The Internal Control Council decided to use the draft Internal Audit Manual in "testing mode". Will amend

					if necessary, based on the results of testing and the manual will be approved by a Governmental decree.
206	Ensure the understanding of system-based and performance audit and its practical implementation in the line ministries (conduct trainings on system audit; conduct pilot auditing)	Ministry of Finance	2014	GIZ	Relevant training was held. A pilot system-based audit was carried out in the Ministry of Finance and the next pilot system-based audit launched in December 2014 in the Ministry of Defence.
207	Staffing of Internal Audit Department of the Ministry of Defence; Staff training; Development conceptual base in the department	Ministry of Defence	2014-2015	State Budget	The Internal Audit department was established and manned in the Ministry of Defence of Georgia in order to improve the internal monitoring system. The development of conceptual basis for the department is on-going.
208	Draft relevant regulation based on international practice concerning procedural issues of exchange of information in tax matters	Ministry of Finance LEPL Revenue Service	2014	State Budget IFC Technical Assistance	Work on the draft of regulation is finished, the current draft was modified and the Georgia Revenue Service will introduce a corresponding Decree in the near future. (This has already been sent for approval).
209	Extend the EOI treaty network and complete the Global Forum phase 1 and phase 2 reviews	Ministry of Finance LEPL Revenue Service	2014	State Budget IFC Technical Assistance	Georgia successfully passed the Global Forum Phase 1 review in June 2014, which includes a detailed analysis of the legal framework and moved to the Phase 2 review. Work on Phase 2 related issues has started, and a corresponding questionnaire has been filled. Experts will visit Georgia to examine the practical implementation of the Phase 2 review in spring 2015.
210	Introduce automatic exchange of tax information (including implementation of relevant systems and software solutions)	Ministry of Finance LEPL Revenue Service	2014	State Budget	A system for automatic exchange of information concerning foreign residents' income was put in place in August 2014, which is based on the OECD platform STF. Within the framework of automatic exchange, information was provided to Estonia, Israel and Germany. The next phase will involve initiating and concluding a memorandum/agreement for automatic exchange of

					information with partner tax administrations.
211	<p>Further development of Risk Analysis System for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit selection • Current control procedure • Debt management 	<p>Ministry of Finance</p> <p>LEPL Revenue Service</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>TWINNING</p> <p>International Monetary Fund</p>	<p>At this stage, within the TWINNING project and in close cooperation with IMF experts, study of the current situation with regard to a risk analysis system is being conducted and corresponding recommendations will be drafted. In order to improve the risk management automated programme, a new section was added to it where the current market type enterprises were accounted. The programme aims to identify the types of activities of taxpayers, as well as study and have electronic control of the taxes paid by them. The electronic programme for test purchases was developed, which selects an enterprises based on the different types of risk criteria.</p> <p>At this stage the programme is ready to run in test mode and tax officers using electronic tabs will be able to reflect the performed processes and to issue a fine, which will automatically be reflected on the Georgia Revenue Service webpage.</p> <p>At the same time, data reflected by the enterprises in the 2013 corporate profit tax return is being processed and new risk criteria is being determined. In order to increase tax compliance, in close collaboration with IMF, a tax compliance risk management strategy for 2015-2016 was developed by the relevant structural unit of the Georgia Revenue Service and has since been sent for approval.</p>
212	Cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of Austria within the framework of the EU Twinning Project	<p>Ministry of Finance</p> <p>LEPL Revenue Service</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>TWINNING</p>	The TWINNING project was launched and the activities are performed according to the contract.
213	Sign the agreement between the	Ministry of Finance	2014	State Budget	Negotiations regarding the text of the agreements

	Ministry of Finance of Georgia and Tax Inspectorate of Lithuania on technical cooperation	LEPL Revenue Service			between the Georgia Revenue Service and the tax inspectorate of Lithuania are completed. The mentioned agreements were signed by the parties in Tbilisi on 21 October 2014.
214	Analyse gaps and necessities in administration of Value Added Tax and draft an action plan for further legislative and procedural changes	Ministry of Finance LEPL Revenue Service	2014	State Budget TWINNING	<p>At this point nine (9) workshops were held, and within the framework of these workshops, a detailed analysis of VAT directives and the Tax Code, as well as a detail analysis of draft amendments prepared by the Georgia Revenue Service, were performed.</p> <p>From 2014 to 2016 it is planned to increase excise rates on tobacco and its approximation to the level required by the directive. Regarding this issue, amendments to the Tax Code were passed on 12 December 2014, according to which excise rates had increased since 1 January 2015.</p> <p>From 1 July 2015, tobacco products will be subject to both an ad valorem excise duty, which will amount to 5% of the retail selling price and also to a specific excise duty which is already in place.</p>
215	Conduct the Population Census which includes an agricultural component	LEPL National Statistics Office	5-19 November 2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Fieldwork of the General Population Census (including an agricultural component) was completed.
216	Revise the Law on Official Statistics	LEPL National Statistics Office	2014	State Budget	Amendments to the law on "Official Statistics" was prepared and sent to the Government for approval.
217	Adopt a national nomenclature of economic activities	LEPL National Statistics Office	2014	State Budget	The national classification based on NACE rev.2 was developed; Activities related to official adoption are under way.
218	Introduce/improve the modern data dissemination methods	LEPL National Statistics Office	2014	State Budget	This is an on-going activity.

219	Elaborate the Action Plan for the implementation of obligations of Georgia as envisaged by EU-Georgia Common Aviation Area	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL Civil Aviation Agency	2014	Budget of Civil Aviation Agency State Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decree №389 of the Georgian Government on “Creation of the Interagency Board authorised for elaboration and coordination of the Action Plan for implementation of the obligations imposed under the EU-Georgia Common Aviation Area Agreement and approval of the Board’s Regulation” was approved on 11 June 2014; • The first meeting of the Interagency Board took place on 11 July 2014, where the decision to elaborate the Regulation Matrix by the Agency was made; • The Regulation Matrix identifying relevant Agencies and priorities was developed by the Agency. The Matrix was submitted to the Agencies and members of the Board for review, and discussed at the second meeting of the Interagency Board; • The Georgian Government approved the Action Plan, which was developed by the Interagency Board for implementation according to the obligations imposed under the EU-Georgia Common Aviation Area Agreement (Government Order №2497, on 26 December 2014).
220	Reinforce the aviation legislation for the purpose of prohibition of registration of aircrafts from so called “black list countries” and for establishing certain age restrictions	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL Civil Aviation Agency	2014	Budget of Civil Aviation Agency State Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency initiated the recertification process of Air Companies recertification process which must be completed by 27 February 2015 for the companies involved in international operations, while for local operators this is extended until 1 May 2015; • The Agency suspended admission and processing of the initial applications for an AOC until 1

					<p>May 2015;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific amendments were made to aviation regulations, according to which Air Companies from so-called “black list countries” were banned from operations on behalf of the Georgian Air Companies; • The Agency mitigated the certificate evocation/suspension process for the Air Companies that/which have violated aviation safety regulations.
221	Introduce the improvement measures on the limitations found during the 2013 audit conducted by International Organization of Civil Aviation (ICAO) in compliance with adopted correction plan	<p>Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p>LEPL Civil Aviation Agency</p>	2014	<p>Budget of Civil Aviation Agency</p> <p>State Budget</p>	<p>The ICAO Audit Final Report was delivered in June 2014 and the Correction Action Plan was submitted by the Agency in turn.</p> <p>At this stage, the Agency is waiting for the response from the ICAO Secretariat concerning each submitted measure. Along with that, rectification of the deficiencies found during the Audit is an on-going thing, according to the submitted Action Plan, and the status of the deficiencies is regularly being updated through the ICAO relevant online portal.</p>
222	Test the 220 kV electricity transmission line “Senaki 1,2”	Ministry of Energy	2014	<p>USAID</p> <p>GSE</p>	The final testing, commissioning and energisation phases of the transmission line and relevant substations were successfully performed in 2014.
223	Rehabilitation of the 220 kV electricity transmission line “Paliastomi-1” and 110 kV electricity transmission line “Kokhra-1”	Ministry of Energy	2014	GSE	<p>Sixty five (65) corroded towers were repaired, 2,835 km-length wire was replaced on Paliastromi-1;</p> <p>In 2014, 110 kV OHL Kokhra-1 was put into operation, 23,640 km-length wire was strung in between spans 1-37.</p>
224	Conduct preventive works on regional grid of electricity transmission lines of	Ministry of Energy	2014	GSE	Preventive works were carried out on OHLs:

	JSC "GSE" in accordance with maintenance rules				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9370 insulators were replaced • 1854 dampers were installed • 587,16 m angle pieces were rehabilitated • 41,375km of wire was rehabilitated/replaced
225	Implement preparatory and planning works for the "Jvari-Khorga" 500/220 kV transmission line and 500/220 substation line	Ministry of Energy	2014	EBRD KFW	For construction of the 220 kV Electricity Transmission Line (60 km) from "Jvari" Substation to "Khorga" Substation and existing 500kV electricity transmission line "Caucasus" as tie-in "Jvari" Substation (8km), negotiations have been conducted in 2014 and on 29 April 2014 the agreement was concluded with Jyoty Structures (India). Effective dates of the contract – 11 August, 2014. The contractor is now preparing a detailed design.
226	Facilitate land acquisition permissions issuance process required for construction activities on the territory of Georgia	Ministry of Energy	2014	State Budget	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable development have approved the Construction Permit Phase I documentation (according to the amendments). Considering this package the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development submitted the Construction Permit Phase II package, including the design and ESIA Addendum. Progress has been made regarding the acquisition of some lands, also negotiations and other relevant works are in progress on the acquisition of remaining lands.
227	Facilitate timely conclusion of negotiations on the timelines related to energy efficiency and renewable energy directives/regulations in line with the Association Agreement	Ministry of Energy	2014	State Budget	The terms for fulfilment of directives/regulations are negotiated within the membership of the "Energy Community". The resumption of talks is scheduled in the near future, according to the directions.

228	Begin work on drafting the law and improving the regulations in line with this directive	Ministry of Energy LEPL State Agency of Oil and Gas	2014	State Budget LEPL State Agency of Oil and Gas Budget	<p>In April, the 1999 Georgian law on “Oil and Gas” came into force.</p> <p>In January, the 2002 “Regulations of Operations of Oil and Gas” were approved by order of the head of the Georgian State Agency for Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources.</p> <p>In order to improve the above mentioned regulation, a number of amendments were made to the document. The recent ones made in January 2012 and December 2013 aimed at clarifying certain terms and improving report forms that provide the Agency with information necessary to regulate and manage the oil and gas field according to principal directions of state policy.</p> <p>In order to continue the harmonisation process with Directive 94/22/EC, the Agency will continue working on amendments to the existing regulations.</p>
229	Develop and adopt a new legislative base plan on environmental health	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget	<p>An inventory on a legislative basis in environmental health was carried out by a number of ministries (the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Environment Protection and the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs), NGOS and experts of profiled scientific institutions, and from this, an Action Plan was determined. Order No. 01-299/o issued on 19 November 2014 on “Approval of 2014-2017 Action Plan on elaboration/revising draft regulatory acts and policy defining documents in the public health sector” was approved by the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.</p>
230	Elaborate the indicators associated with the environmental diseases for the shared environment information system	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>The list of indicators has been developed and an agreement procedure is underway between the Department of Statistics and the Department of</p>

		LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health			Communicable Diseases of the LEPL National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health.
231	Create an interagency working group on the National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP) and launch work on the plan	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	An interagency working group on the New Environmental Health Action Plan (NEHAP) was formed and the Plan was approved under Order No. 06-213/o by the General Director of the LEPL National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health, issued on 14 November 2014.
232	Start preliminary works for harmonisation of legislation, designate competent authorities and elaborate mechanism for public awareness	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	UNECE EaP Green	The review of Georgian legislation on Environmental Impact Assessment was completed in January 2014. Gaps in the existing legislation were identified and recommendations on necessary amendments were prepared. Currently, the new law on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is being developed in order to harmonise the existing permitting system with relevant EU directives. The new law will define the public consultation procedure in the decision-making process.
233	Continue harmonisation of legislation and initiate procedures to decide which plans and programmes should be subject to strategic environmental assessment	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	UNECE EaP Green	The procedures to decide which plans and programmes require strategic environmental assessment are prescribed in the draft law on EIA and SEA (The first draft law is already developed).
234	Continue harmonisation of legislation and establish practical mechanism on the environmental information accessibility to the public	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	UNECE EaP Green	The procedures to develop the practical mechanism regarding public accessibility to environmental information are prescribed in the draft law on EIA and SEA (the first draft law is already developed).
235	Continue harmonisation of legislation and establish effective mechanism for disseminating environmental	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	2014	UNECE EaP Green	Establishment of an effective mechanism for disseminating environmental information to the public is ensured by the new draft EIA and SEA law

	information to the public	Protection			(the first draft law is already developed).
236	Amendments to the Law on Environmental Protection: The term of “environmental information” to be defined	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	State Budget	After discussions with stakeholders, the first draft of the amendment has been elaborated. The amendment is planned to be finalised for submission to the Parliament of Georgia during the 2015 spring session.
237	Draft the Law on Species and Habitates	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	GIZ	The first draft of the law has been developed. At present, consultations with stakeholders are being held. It is expected that the law will be adopted by the end of 2015.
238	Continue inventory of Emerald Network sites	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	EU	Georgia is participating in the joint “Emerald Network for Nature Protection Sites” programme. Currently, Phase II of this process is taking place in seven (7) countries in Eastern and Central Europe and the South Caucasus through a joint pilot programme implemented by the Council of Europe. Designation of the Emerald sites will contribute to the implementation of the Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (The Habitats Directive). In 2014 one additional site was selected in addition to the already existing 20 sites.
239	Draft the law on Water Resources Management and conduct discussion with relevant stakeholders	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	State Budget UNECE	At present stakeholder discussions are being held. In 2015 the draft law is planned to be finalised for submission to the Parliament of Georgia during the 2015 spring session.
240	Prepare draft analysis of existing legislation in line with the SEVESO III Directive requirements	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	State Budget Czech Development Agency	On 24 October 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Czech Development Agency for the implementation of the “Capacity Building in the Major Accident Prevention in Georgia” project. Analysis of the legislation is being conducted in accordance with the

					requirements of the Seveso III Directive.
241	Submit the Waste Management Code to the Parliament	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia	2014	State Budget EU	The Waste Management Code of Georgia was adopted by Parliament on 26 December 2014. The new law came into force on 15 January 2015.
242	Draft the Law on Import, Export and Transit of Waste	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	State Budget	A draft version of the law has been developed, which will be submitted to Parliament during the 2015 spring session.
243	Develop the draft resolution of Government on “Construction, Operation, Closure and after-care of Landfills”	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection “Solid Waste Management Company of Georgia” Ltd	2014	State Budget EU	A draft resolution of the Government of Georgia was elaborated. (negotiations with SIDA are in the final phase regarding the pilot project on conservation of the existing landfills)
244	Develop the draft resolution of Government “On Import and Export of Certain Hazardous Chemical Substances and Pesticides”	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection Ministry of Agriculture	2014	State Budget EU	The draft resolution by the Ministry of Agriculture has been sent to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection for further suggestions and agreement. A draft version of the Governmental Decree has been developed, which will be submitted to the Government in spring 2015.
245	Establish training and certification system of technicians. Submit relevant legislative changes on Ambient Air Protection law	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2014	Montreal Multilateral Fund State budget	A draft version of amendments to the Georgian law on “Ambient Air Protection” was prepared. Based on the new amendments refrigeration and air conditioning technicians’ mandatory certification system will be established from 1 July 2015.
246	Decrease HCFCs consumption by 10% in 2015 according to Georgia’s	Ministry of Environment and	2014	State budget	A draft version of the Minister’s Order on the establishment of an annual HCFC import quota for

	obligation under the Montreal Protocol. Prepare and adopt Minister's Order on the establishment of annual HCFC import quota for 2015	Natural Resources Protection			2015 was prepared and adopted.
247	Technical assistance in preparation of compliance plans for existing landfills, in line with the international experience	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure "Solid Waste Management Company of Georgia" Ltd	2014	State Budget EU	Negotiations on an agreement with SIDA about the pilot project on closing existing landfills entered the final stage.
248	Technical assistance and capacity building for the elaboration of legislation on waste placement procedures in line with the EU's best practices and relevant international experience	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure "Solid Waste Management Company of Georgia" Ltd	2014	State Budget KfW EBRD	With assistance from the German Government (KfW): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical-economic research of the integrated management project of solid waste of Imereti has been carried out; - Loan and grant agreements have been signed; - Project implementing consultants have been selected; - Agreement on issuing €800,000 for carrying out technical-economic research for the integrated management project of solid waste of Kakheti and Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti has been signed; - As part of the preliminary EBRD grant, baseline research of solid waste of the Kvemo Kartli project has been carried out.
249	Start activities for the implementation of the Directive (2009/138/EC), which aims to: Oblige insurance companies to form into joint stock companies (carry out changes in the "insurance law");	LEPL Insurance State Supervision Service	2014	State Budget	Amendments have been prepared to the law of Georgia on "Insurance", where according to the draft amendments, insurance companies must be established only in the form of JSC.

	Set insurance companies solvency limits (margin); Elaborate a procedure for calculation (issue normative act by the LEPL Insurance State Supervision Service)				
250	<p>Start activities for the implementation of the recommendation (92/48/EEC), which aims to:</p> <p>Determine (to specify) the status of insurance intermediaries, issue of their registration (possibly licensing), prerequisites and necessary conditions and qualifications (professional) requirements (carry out changes and amendments to the “insurance law”);</p> <p>In addition, to issue normative act (acts) by the LEPL Insurance State Supervision Service covering the regulation of insurance intermediaries’ activities. (In case the registration implies licensing, the law of Georgia on Licenses and Permits” will be amended)</p>	LEPL Insurance State Supervision Service	2014	State Budget	The LEPL Insurance State Supervision Service has prepared the draft amendment to the law of Georgia on “Insurance”, which envisages regulation of insurance intermediaries (Brokers) in the general regulation scheme.
251	Start works to determine compulsory civil liability insurance schemes of vehicle owners and responsible institution	LEPL Insurance State Supervision Service	2014	State Budget	A draft law on “Insurance Against Civil Liability in Respect of the Use of Motor Vehicles” has been prepared.

252	Start work to approximate Georgian legislation with that of EU in the area of postal services		2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	<p>Work is in progress to improve some paragraphs of the draft “Postal” law in accordance with EU suggestions.</p> <p>In the framework of the Universal Postal Union’s (UPU) technical assistance, work has started to develop the Integrated Postal Reform and Development Plan (IPDP).</p>
253	Review/Revision of existing Georgian legislation and directives envisaged by the Association Agreement	National Communication Commission (GNCC)	2014	GNCC Budget Donors Assistance	<p>Decision №676/2002/EC of the European Parliament and European Commission regulates the main directions and legislative framework of the country’s radio frequency policy, referring to making strategic decisions on the radio frequencies within the EU, develop harmonised technical norms and coordination in the EU and internationally (neighbours, non-EU countries), in order to create a single and un-fragmented radio frequency market, which will ensure distribution and use through Europe through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One and the same radio frequency bands; b) With same technical norms c) For same services. <p>Based on the mentioned decision, the Georgian law on Electronic Communications was amended, which enables the regulatory body to introduce solutions according to the procedures and norms defined by the above European Commission decision with regard to the specific range of the radio spectrum. As Europe is oriented on development of broadband services, currently it is considered to provide new radio frequency bands for mobile/wireless broadband</p>

					systems and liberalisation of bands belonging to specific mobile technology (GSM/UMTS) in accordance with technology and service neutral principles.
254	Participate in international fairs	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL National Tourism Administration	2014	State Budget	<p>During 2014 the Georgian National Tourism Administration participated in 10 expo-fairs throughout Europe, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17-19 January - Ferie & Fritid, Copenhagen, Denmark; • 22-26 January - FITUR, Madrid, Spain; • 7-9 February - BALTTOUR Riga, Latvia; • 13-15 February - BIT, Milan, Italy; • 14-16 February - TOUREST, Tallinn, Estonia; • 5-9 March - ITB, Berlin, Germany; • 20-22 May - IMEX, Frankfurt, Germany; • 23-25 October - Poznan International Travel Fair, Poznan, Poland; • 3-5 November - WTM, London, Great Britain; • 18-20 November - EIBTM, Barcelona, Spain.
255	Organise marketing campaigns in the EU Member States, including advertisements in foreign media	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL National Tourism Administration	2014	State Budget	<p>During 2014, the Georgian National Tourism Administration conducted marketing campaigns in the following countries: Poland (June-December), Germany (April-December), the Netherlands (April-December), Austria (April-December), and Hungary (August-December). Marketing campaigns included: internet, print, television and outdoor advertisements.</p>
256	Develop tourism infrastructure in Gudauri	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	2014	State Budget	<p>With the purpose of developing mountain biking tourism in Georgia and to diversify the tourism potential for ski resorts Gudauri and Bakuriani, the Georgian National Tourism Administration, in close</p>

		LEPL National Tourism Administration			cooperation with Mountain Resort Development company and Slovenian company Zavod Allianz, developed the concept of a bike park for both resorts.
257	Involve Georgian Diaspora and representatives of Diaspora Organizations residing in Europe and share their experience in the field of tourism	The Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues	2014	State Budget	Georgian diaspora representatives living in five European countries were provided with informational brochures about Georgia in English, French and Russian languages and they were asked to spread the brochures in their countries of residence.
258	Elaborate and implement bilateral and multilateral scientific and technological programmes in cooperation with European research centers, such as CNRS (France), CNR (Italy), and etc. as well as donor organisations in order to create a solid base for close collaboration between European and Georgian researchers	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation	2014	State Budget EU	<p>Within the framework of the “Protocol on Scientific Cooperation” the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation (SRNSF) launched the call for project proposals in March aiming:</p> <p>a) To further strengthen cooperation in scientific research between Georgia and France and raise the level of research conducted by Georgian scientists;</p> <p>b) To assist in active involvement of young scientists in joint research activities and their integration into the European Research Area.</p> <p>In the frame of the call, nine (9) projects proposals were submitted. Local independent experts have evaluated the projects and the ranking list of proposals that scored higher than 80 was sent to CNRS for selection of three (3) projects to be approved for funding. On 14 February 2014, CNRS officially notified the Georgian side by letter about the three (3) selected projects. On 25 February 2014, the Scientific Council at the Session N3 approved the</p>

				<p>projects. The projects' duration is 24 months and all three (3) projects are underway.</p> <p>CNR (Italy) Based on the "Agreement on Scientific Cooperation" the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and LEPL - Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation announced the joint call in July 2013. The aim of the call is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To promote cooperation between Georgian and Italian scientists and research centres; b) To support the mobility of researchers of two countries and to provide funds for joint research projects and joint workshops. <p>The selection of the project proposals took place in Georgia and Italy by a commission composed of field experts. Based on the analysis and evaluation results, five (5) excellent projects were selected for co-funding by CNR and SRNSF. The duration of the projects is 24 months, with an estimated completion as of 2015.</p> <p>Forschungszentrum Jülich (JÜLICH) (Germany) The Forschungszentrum Jülich (JÜLICH) and LEPL - Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation (SRNSF) have opened the call for project proposals 2014 in the frame of the "Joint Research and Education Programme".</p>
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259	Identify the benefits and challenges that may arise from Georgia’s association to the Horizon 2020 Programme by analysing science and research potential. Based on the analysis develop recommendations for joining Horizon 2020 programme as an associated member	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	The Ministry of Education and Science filed a formal request to the Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission to become an Associated Member to the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020. After Georgia received an official affirmative answer from the EU regarding its request, the Ministry launched negotiations and preparation procedures on acceding to the Horizon 2020 as an Associated Member. The process related to the accession of Georgia as an Associated Member to the Horizon 2020 will be finalised in the begging of 2015.

260	Create a nationwide system of contact persons for Horizon 2020 and organise their trainings	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	On 27-28 November 2014, within the framework of the European Union's technical assistance programme (TAIEX), a workshop aiming to raise awareness of the Georgian National Contact Points on the Horizon 2020 was organised. The goal of the workshop was to raise awareness of Georgian National Contact Points on the issues related to the Horizon 2020, which will significantly contribute to increasing the participation of Georgian scientists and researchers in the Horizon 2020.
261	Promote affiliation of Georgian scientific researchers institutions with the similar European and Eastern European institutes under the auspices of Horizon 2020	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	On 11-12 September 2014, the Eastern-Horizon and Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, jointly with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, and with a view to facilitate the promising research organisations of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), organised an Information Day-Seminar on the topic of Information Communications and Technologies i.e. one of the directions within the Horizon 2020.
262	Create a sub-directory on the official website of the Ministry on planned and on-going activities related to Horizon 2020	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	A new webpage www.horizon2020.ge dedicated to Horizon 2020 was purchased by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia with the support of its LEPL - Education Management Information System. The banner of the webpage is placed on the official website of the Ministry of Education and Science. As a next step, with a view to raise awareness and reach the wider circles of science, research and innovation of Georgia, it is planned to publish information related to the Horizon 2020 in Georgian language on the webpage. During 2015, some work will be carried out with

					regard to the technical design and content of the webpage.
263	Elaborate/develop the Education Strategy for 2014-2024	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	The Ministry of Education and Science developed and presented to the general public its 10-year vision for development of the education system in Georgia. With support of the World Bank, a comprehensive survey of the existing system was conducted and recommendations were produced. These recommendations were used to define the strategic directions for further development of the education sector. The analytical document contains all levels of education and science – preschool, general, vocational and higher education and development of science. Also, it enshrines such principles as quality and accessibility to education and the principle of lifelong learning. All of this complies not only with requirements of the Bologna Process, but also with recommendations of the European Parliament and the European Council.
264	Facilitate access of Georgian PhD students to the research activities in local and international research institutions	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	On 12 November 2014, the LEPL - Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation announced the grant call for PhD educational programmes. Through financing, the costs envisaged for facilitating the implementation of PhD programmes, the purpose of the grant call is to stimulate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Development of intellectual potential and preparation of highly qualified scientific personnel in the country; b) Targeted use of the intellectual potential existing in universities;

					<p>c) Creation of proper conditions for scientific research;</p> <p>d) Cooperation of PhD students and universities with foreign higher education and research and scientific institutions as well as enhancement of higher education quality in Georgia through this process.</p>
265	Increase financial support for PhD students	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	Compared to 2013, funding for PhD students increased by half a million GEL, which amounted to 1,500,000.00 GEL in 2014.
266	Ensure access to international databases for Georgian researchers	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	As a result of an agreement concluded on 28 May 2014 between the LEPL Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation and publishing company “Elsevier”, Georgian scientists now have access to the “Elsevier” - the largest international scientific database.
267	Elaborate recommendations for participation in Marie Skłodowska-Curie in coming years	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation	2014	State Budget EU	It is planned to prepare a digital “Passport” on Marie Skłodowska-Curie projects, which will be uploaded to the Georgian language website www.horizon2020.ge in 2015.
268	Elaborate draft laws on Employment, Labour Protection and Hygiene, and Regulation of the Labour Migration	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	A draft law on “Employment” was developed. The legal draft was revised by the International Labour Organisation and comments, recommendations have been provided. Refinement of the legal draft in compliance with provided recommendations is planned within the scope of the EU Budgetary Assistance Programme “Employment, Professional Education and Training”, which will start in 2015 and ensure provision of technical assistance for

					<p>elaboration of legal frameworks in compliance with EU legal norms;</p> <p>A draft law on “Labour Safety and Health Protection” was developed. The legal draft was revised by the International Labour Organisation and final comments have been provided. In accordance with these comments the legal draft will be refined and presented to a special wide-scale working group by the end of 2015;</p> <p>A draft law on the “Regulation of the Labour Migration” has been developed. All comments and recommendations provided by different Ministries have been adopted. The legal framework was initiated into Georgian Parliament by the Georgian Government on 31 December 2014.</p>
269	Implement the project for technical assistance on employment and professional training reform within the scope of the EU Budgetary Assistance Programme “Employment, Professional Education and Training”	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget EU	Activities planned for 2014 within the scope of the EU Budgetary Assistance Programme “Employment, Professional Education and Training” were accomplished.
270	Implementation of the U.S Department of Labour financed project - “Improvement of protection of labour legislation in Georgia”	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget US Department of Labour	Activities planned for 2014 within the scope of the US Department of Labour financed project “Improvement of protection of labour legislation in Georgia” were accomplished.
271	Facilitate implementation of projects on small businesses that leads to creation of new jobs within its competence in partnership with different international	The Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues	2014	EU USAID	Thirty five (35) small business projects were funded within the framework of the foreseen activity.

	and non-governmental organisations			DRC	
272	Elaborate Governmental Action Plan for 2014-2016 on “Providing Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities”	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	The “Governmental Action Plan for 2014-2016 - Providing Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities” was developed and approved on 20 January 2014 by Decree №76 of the Government of Georgia.
273	Elaborate Georgia’s Health Care System Strategic Plan for 2014-2020	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget	2014-2020 Georgian National Healthcare System Concept was developed, allowing the “Universal healthcare and quality control for patient rights and protection” to be submitted for approval to the Government of Georgia.
274	Gradual improvement of the existing legislative framework (Order of the Minister N27/n annex 7, issued in 2012) on Epidemiological surveillance and control	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget	In Annex 7 of Order №27/N, dated 23 May 2012 of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, amendments to the “Communicable disease surveillance and control recording and notification forms, the rules of filling out and analysis procedures and reporting terms” were adopted by Order № 01-82/N, on 3 December 2014 of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.
275	Gradual improvement of the functioning of epidemiological surveillance, control, laboratory research and disease response systems in accordance with the decisions of the European Commission	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget Donors and International Organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The "List of Especially Dangerous Pathogens" has been developed and approved; 2. The notifiable disease list was reviewed and adjusted to the European Union's demands. (Its further review is scheduled to take place in 2015); 3. ILI (Influenza-Like Illness) data is now entered into the TESS - The European Surveillance System – on a weekly basis.
276	Elaborate the national strategies and relevant five-year Action Plans on the Prevention and Control of Non-	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors	Projects were developed, local and international expertise has been ensured.

	communicable diseases. Carry out local and international expertise	LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health		Assistance	
277	Implement the activities related to the enforcement of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget	Activities planned in 2014, within the scope of the National Strategy of Tobacco Control included three (3) nationwide surveys, which were carried out with support of Emory University. Surveys assessed the adults' level of tobacco-use and beliefs, a survey noting the prevalence of smoking among healthcare workers, a survey about smoking knowledge, as well as attitudes and beliefs among women. With the assistance of The World Health Organisation (WHO), a global survey was conducted on prevalence of tobacco use among youth.
278	With the support from the WHO Tobacco Control Secretariat and WHO Regional Office for Europe, maintain active communication between the parties	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	In 2014, with support of WHO Europe Regional Office, two important stakeholders meetings were organised with participation of WHO experts. With financial support of the WHO framework convention secretary, the following activities were planned: 1. Having a World Lung Foundation expert visit Georgia in December 2014, with the aim of planning a wide-scale awareness campaign. 2. Having an expert from the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease provide trainings for primary health care workers about giving up smoking in January 2015.

					3. Within the framework of the Bloomberg philanthropist grant, funding has been obtained to implement the project - “Ensure a favourable environment for raising the prices of tobacco products”.
279	Monitor Georgian legislation and the fulfilment of international requirements	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget	Within the framework of the Bloomberg philanthropist grant, educational and medical institutions were monitored for their compliance of execution of imposing tobacco control legislation requirements, which implies a total ban of tobacco consumption.
280	Elaborate the National Strategy on the Reduction of Harmful Use of Alcohol and the Action Plan for 2014-2018	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget	The first working paper of the National Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol and the Action Plan for 2014-2018 was elaborated, which has been evaluated by World Health Organisation (WHO) experts. Based on the recommendations by WHO experts, adequate amendments have been made to the Strategy paper.
281	Implement activities to raise public awareness on harms caused by the use of alcohol	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget	Educational materials on the effects of alcohol consumption were prepared. Based on World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendations, development of a guideline on harmful alcohol use is in progress.
282	Elaborate the National Strategy on cancer control with a five-year Action Plan and start its gradual introduction	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The National Strategy for cancer control with a five-year Action Plan was developed and its implementation steps have been introduced, in particular an amendment related to the implementation of a cancer population registry was adopted by Order №01-72/N, on 23 May 2012 of the

		Public Health			Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, and “Rules of Medical statistical information recording and reporting” (Order №01-72/N, on 7 October 2014 of the Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs).
283	Pilot introduction of organised screening of cervical cancer in selected regions of Georgia	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget UNFPA	A programme was approved on 2 December 2014 by Decree №650 on “Approval of State Healthcare Programs” of the Government of Georgia. Under the State Program “Early Disease Detection and Screening” (a pilot project of cervical cancer) screenings were organised in the Gurjaani Municipality. Within the scope of this component, a service provision launched on 2 December 2014.
284	Introduce cancer population registry	Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs LEPL National Center for Disease Control and Public Health	2014	State Budget	Constant revision of software has been ensured, with the aim of improving/refining technical support. From 1 August to 1 December 2014, trainings were conducted. During the trainings, 305 oncologists, surgical oncology professionals, chemotherapeutics, and radiologists from 44 medical facilities were retrained. Implementation of the cancer population registry launched as a pilot, and 51 medical facilities are already involved in the reporting system. Currently the system has already obtained information on 4,857 oncology patients. Constant consultation of medical personnel and reporting forms improvement/correction are ensured. Based on amendments adopted in Order №01-72/N, 23 May 2012 of the Minister of Labour, Health and

					Social Affairs, from 1 January 2015, medical institutions that provide oncology services, were obligated to submit a completed registration form on each cancer case to the LEPL National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health.
285	Revise the National Qualifications Framework	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL National Examinations Center	2014	State Budget EU	<p>Since June 2014, the project “National Qualifications Framework Development and Ensuring its Compliance with European Qualifications Framework” has been implemented, which intends to develop the draft of unified National Qualifications Framework, that is in compliance with the European Qualifications Framework with due regard to the qualifications framework of the European Higher Education Area. It will promote developing curriculum and quality enhancement in the country as well as the transparency and recognition of qualifications outside Georgia:</p> <p>According to Order №324 (26 June 2014) by Director of the LEPL – National Center for Education Quality Enhancement, a working team of the project was created and workshops were arranged regularly;</p> <p>An informational meeting was organised for representatives of higher education institutions about the progress and future activities of the project;</p> <p>On the basis of the descriptors of the current three qualification frameworks and European meta-frameworks, the draft of eight-level qualifications framework was formed, which was transferred to educational institutions for further feedback;</p>

					<p>A public hearing of the project on Georgian eight-level qualifications framework was arranged with stakeholders;</p> <p>The project “National Qualifications Framework development and ensuring its compliance with European Qualifications Framework” was completed in 30 December 2014, which resulted in preparation of the package of legislative amendments necessary for the implementation of the National Qualifications Framework.</p>
286	Revise the evaluation mechanisms (authorization and accreditation) in the higher education system and development of the relevant international models	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL National Examinations Center	2014	State Budget EU	<p>Within the scope of the project, to review the authorisation and accreditation standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan has been worked out; • A working group was formed in order to improve the Authorisation Standard. <p>According to 11 courses of qualifications framework, 12 thematic groups were set up and +1 for Authorisation Standards review. The aim of thematic groups is to review the programme accreditation standards and develop the relevant characteristics for 11 courses.</p>
287	Capacity building of authorization and accreditation experts, respective councils and higher education institutions	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL National Examinations Center	2014	State Budget EU	<p>A conference titled "The challenges and ways of improving education quality assurance system" was organised by the LEPL - National Center for Education Quality Enhancement. At the conference, European Council experts reviewed the current quality assurance mechanisms in Georgia. The representatives of higher education institutions were</p>

					<p>also present at the conference;</p> <p>Currently, negotiations are underway with quality assurance agencies of other European and American countries with the purpose of recognising their accreditation in Georgia. With a view to engage international experts, some work in applicable evaluation mechanisms (authorisation/accreditation) was implemented;</p> <p>The LEPL – National Center for Education Quality Enhancement signed a cooperation agreement with the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education of Lithuania. Cooperation could include the exchange of information and experts.</p>
288	Inform and consult with interested parties in Georgia (higher educational institutions, governmental and non-governmental organisations, individuals)	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	<p>A new information website www.erasmusplus.org.ge with interactive functions was established;</p> <p>A page on social network Facebook “Erasmus+ Georgia” was set up;</p> <p>A channel on YouTube and Georgian video about the programme was established;</p> <p>Information Seminars: 21 October in Tbilisi, 23 October in Telavi, 27 October in Kutaisi and 28 October in Batumi were held;</p> <p>Thematic Training: 17 November – 15 December 2014, where individual consultations for the representatives of universities</p>

					and non-governmental organisations were held.
289	Provide information to European partners on Georgian Higher Educational institutions	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	New informative website www.erasmusplus.org.ge with the function of Partner Search; Presentations on Georgian higher education system and universities Erasmus+ informational events in France (Bordeaux, 20-21 November), Turkey (26-27 November) and Austria (2 December) were held. Individual meetings and consultations with European partners were also held.
290	Revise the quality assurance mechanisms in the vocational education to have it better aligned with the EQARF Introduce inclusive vocational education and its promotion/development	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement	2014	Sector Policy Support Programme (SPSP)	Research and consideration of the relevant recommendations based on the research are planned; In 2013, the introduction of Inclusive Vocational Education was started with the support of the Ministry of Education and Research of Norway. At the first stage, six (6) vocational education colleges were selected, in which 51 persons with special educational need were enrolled. All necessary conditions were created for students to become proficient. Inclusive education specialists were involved in the studying process; assistants in colleges were financed by the Ministry. Infrastructural projects were implemented in order to adapt the physical environment of colleges and equip them with supportive means. The qualification enhancement of vocational education teachers, in terms of inclusive education, was started. As a result, in 2014, more than 150 people with special educational needs and disabilities enrolled in the system of vocational education. In 2014, educational materials were adapted in order to direct study-

				<p>teaching process for students with special educational needs properly. In addition, projecting of five (5) vocational education colleges with universal design is in process, construction and rehabilitation works are planned to be implemented in 2015;</p> <p>In 2014, a memorandum of cooperation was signed with the Ministry of Justice for the purpose of re-socialisation of former prisoners. As a result, more than 100 beneficiaries were involved in vocational preparation programmes in penitentiary system. As well, approximately 50 beneficiaries were trained in the Crime Prevention Centre under the Ministry of Corrections and Legal Assistance. For the first time in 2014, the Government began implementation of vocational trainings for re-socialisation and facilitation of employment and self-employment opportunities for former prisoners. At the first stage, 40 prisoners were involved in the programme. Respective programmes will be continued in the future;</p> <p>Within the process of developing the concept for providing vulnerable groups with access to vocational education, implementation of situational analysis on accessibility of vocational education to vulnerable groups was defined as a first step to be taken, in order to ensure that concept will be developed based on actual, real challenges. Within the scope of the current study, the vulnerable target groups include: people with disabilities and special educational needs,</p>
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					<p>IDPs/refugees, street children, beneficiaries out of the care of the social programs, veterans, representatives of national minorities, repatriated Meskhetians;</p> <p>The aim of the study on vulnerable groups' access to Vocational Education are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To identify vocational system barriers for access of vulnerable groups; (2) To prepare recommendations about overcoming the barriers, as a basis for the concept on vulnerable groups' access to Vocational Education. The study is going to be implemented via two stages: first stage ended on 29 December 2014 and the deadline of the second stage is defined as 29 January 2015.
291	Revise/develop occupational standards and design vocational education modular programmes using DACUM methodology	<p>Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement</p>	2014	Sector Policy Support Programme (SPSP)	<p>Revision of occupational standards are underway, based on DACUM methodology recommended by the EU, which implies involvement of stakeholders and consideration of their demands;</p> <p>Projects of 101 occupational standards were prepared according to the abovementioned methodology in 2014;</p> <p>Sixty two (62) modular vocational education programmes were developed.</p>
292	Provide regular assistance of Sunday Schools/Educational Centers abroad by the provision of learning materials	The Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues	2014	Reserve fund	A total of 21 Sunday schools functioning in twelve countries were provided with books and teaching materials.
293	Organise online learning (Online	The Office of the State	2014	EU	The first stage of the project was finalised in 2014. It

	School) programmes for compatriots residing abroad	Minister for Diaspora Issues		Reserve Fund	aimed to set up and test a pilot programme for conducting lessons. Lessons (A1 level) and corresponding simulations in Georgian language and literature are already prepared.
294	Develop a model for integration of general education component into Vocational Education – support Continuous Education	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL National Center for Teacher Professional Development	2014	State Budget EU	The approach of integration of general education components into vocational education was reflected in a draft law on “Vocational Education”. Enactment of the above mentioned law (in the first quarter of 2015) will enable the system to eliminate the barriers and to develop a continuing education approach.
295	Develop and implement a system of career planning	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL National Center for Teacher Professional Development	2014	State Budget EU	Professional orientation and career planning programme methodology has been developed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialists have informed parents about the programmes; • In the first stage of piloting (second semester of the 2013-2014 academic year) 107 schools were selected throughout Georgia, and in the second stage of piloting (first semester of 2014-2015 academic year) 487 public schools were selected; • 170 teachers were retrained in professional orientation and career planning issues, in the first stage and 699 teachers in the second stage; • Introduction of professional orientation and career planning programmes have been started in pilot public schools; • The skills and interests of 3,897 pupils were

				<p>identified in the first stage of piloting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) lessons of professional orientation and career planning have been conducted for 9th graders of public schools in the first stage of piloting; • 168 trips were carried out for students involved in the programme, based on their interests; • 122 large meetings were organised; <p>Works carried out in summer of 2014 was estimated and analysed;</p> <p>Action Plans for the 2014-2015 academic year were formed;</p> <p>A programme development strategic plan with long-term goals was formed;</p> <p>Trainings regarding the registration procedures in vocational colleges were conducted for specialists of professional orientation and career planning;</p> <p>A professional orientation and career planning division was formed on 11 August 2014. Professional orientation and career planning specialists consulted with applicants wishing to register in vocational colleges and registered applicants;</p> <p>Professional orientation and career planning lessons</p>
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					<p>were conducted for all ninth (9th) graders of public schools in October of the 2014-2015 academic year;</p> <p>Enlarged meetings and study trips were organised for students based on their interests;</p> <p>Professional orientation and career planning managers necessity research was organised and conducted;</p> <p>According to survey results, workshops with professional orientation and career planning managers was conducted; they were informed about the activities of the professional orientation and career planning division, and provided with materials about professional orientation.</p>
296	Develop a concept for the professional development of teachers	<p>Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>LEPL National Center for Teacher Professional Development</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>EU</p>	<p>Teachers activity launch, professional development and career advancement scheme project was developed. Teachers will be involved in the scheme from September 2015;</p> <p>In a primary review process of a new document, “Professional Development Scheme”, presentations were held in February and March 2014 in all regions as well as in regions with ethnic minorities;</p> <p>Four (4) working meetings in Tbilisi and two (2) workshops in Bazaleti (May) and Telavi (November) were organised for monitoring specialists of the current “Professional Development Scheme”. Seventy (70) participants were involved in those workshops; A total of 357 trainers and consultants participated in</p>

				<p>a four-day workshop in Tbilisi on 21-24 of July 2014;</p> <p>A conference on “Teachers training, professional development and career advancement” scheme was organised in September 2014, in which the Prime Minister, Minister of Education and Science, representatives of higher education institutions, governmental and non-governmental organisations participated. Overall up to 250 participants were involved in the event;</p> <p>Within the scope of programme, two (2) workshops were organised in Bazaleti and in Telavi and subject consultants from the Centre and external experts were involved in the workshops. Participants were from the Ilia State University, the Department of National Curriculum of the Ministry of Education and Science, the National Assessment and Examination Center, G-PriEd, experts of publishing house “Macmillan”, NGO ‘EPPM’, and the Teachers’ Trade Union. A total of 30 participants were involved in the workshops;</p> <p>Directors and teachers of public schools were involved in the working process of the document. As a result, draft documents were developed for the state commission, with the amendments to the law on “General Education” approved by Parliament. According to the law, the “Teachers activity launch, professional development and career advancement” scheme would be approved in February 2015; The concept on “Vocational Education Teachers</p>
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					Training and Professional Development” was prepared as well.
297	<p>Infrastructural development, rehabilitation and equipment of selected VET institutions with modern equipment</p> <p>Adapt infrastructure according to the needs of SEN students</p>	<p>Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement</p>	2014	State Budget	<p>Pursuant to the 2014 Action Plan, out of 1,684 units, 1,532 educational institutions (among them public schools, vocational institutions and higher education institutions) were equipped with the relevant equipment; construction of six (6) new schools were completed; the Zugdidi teacher house and eight (8) new public schools were designed and projected. The construction work is expected to be completed in 2015. The issues regarding the repairs of 30 public schools were studied. Different rehabilitation works were conducted in 479 educational institutions, also 12 vocational institutions were rehabilitated;</p> <p>In 2014, with a view to carry out rehabilitation works, eight (8) higher education institutions were funded, and with the purpose of installing a gas heating system and conduct rehabilitation works, 204 public schools were respectively funded. Moreover, 14 public schools were funded in order to arrange sports grounds. Within the scope of the pilot sub-program on “Restoration of Medical Units on the premises of general educational institutions (schools)”, in 2014 the arranging/equipping of 98 medical units was completed at public schools. Additionally, within the framework of the same sub-program, 50 public schools in Tbilisi were financed. Gas heating systems were installed in 53 educational institutions. Considering the needs of pupils with special educational needs, relevant infrastructure was arranged, among them in newly built public schools.</p>

				<p>Furthermore in 2014, adapted sanitary units were arranged in 43 public schools, and access ramps were installed/repared in 88 public schools;</p> <p>Based on needs, learning-teaching and office equipment and computers were renewed in all vocational institutions;</p> <p>In 2014, the Educational and Scientific Infrastructure Development Agency under the Ministry of Education and Science handed over 279 units and an additional 400 unit portable computers to vocational institutions. In addition, the Agency provided 1,331 school desks, chairs, 895 office chairs, and 368 office chair wheels. Furthermore, different infrastructural projects targeted to meet the demands of the people with special educational needs were carried out;</p> <p>Rehabilitation projects for 10 state vocational institutions were funded, among them the complete rehabilitation process was started in four (4) vocational institutions.</p> <p>Office and learning-teaching equipment and computer technologies were renewed in all state colleges, according to the needs. As a result, the state colleges successfully passed mandatory authorisation procedures;</p> <p>Also, the student dormitory at the “Iberia” public college in Kutaisi was rehabilitated; with a view to facilitate the implementation of agricultural educational programmes, cattle-breeding farms that</p>
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					comply with the modern standards were projected for the colleges situated in the regions (Akhaltzikhe, Baghdati, Senaki).
298	Revise existing legislative framework on vocational education	Ministry of Education and Science LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement	2014	State Budget	A working group was set up and the existing wording of the law of Georgia on “Vocational Education” was analysed. On the basis of the Georgia-EU Association Agreement, documents of the Copenhagen Process and the best practices existing in Europe in the field of vocational education, a draft law was prepared.
299	Increase the quality and the accessibility of General Education	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	<p>The revision of subject standards for grades one to four (I-IV) with due regard to international experience and local needs has been finalised;</p> <p>Monitoring to introduce the National Curriculum at primary level is completed. A presentation on the monitoring outcomes was organised for representatives of the schools engaged in the monitoring and all other interested persons;</p> <p>The monitoring to introduce the National Curriculum at the primary level is completed.</p> <p>The monitoring to introduce the National Curriculum at basic level is underway. An alternative curriculum model was developed The website for the National Curriculum was developed (www.ncp.ge), in which the educational resources necessary for teachers and other interested persons are uploaded;</p> <p>The reports of ‘The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study’ (PIRLS) and ‘Trends in International</p>

				<p>Mathematics and Science Study' (TIMSS) were prepared in 2014;</p> <p>The reports reflect revealed the problems and challenges currently facing the school education system; among them there are two major challenges: pupil's achievements and equal access to education. The problem regarding access to education is especially singled out on the basis of comparative analysis of school pupil achievement in private and public schools in villages and cities. The appropriate recommendations, based on the studies, were developed;</p> <p>The National Curriculum Department at the Ministry of Education and Science completed work on developing an alternative model that is based on the National Curriculum Plan, which is intended for the pupils with grave and multi-disorder of brain development;</p> <p>Since 2012, all public schools in Georgia have started the implementation of inclusive education;</p> <p>In 2014, the Master degree programme for special teachers was opened at Ilia State University in Georgia;</p> <p>The National Centre for Teachers Professional Development under the Ministry of Education and Science is running a special teacher preparatory program; a consultation group is functioning, training</p>
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				<p>4) Medical rooms were arranged in 100 schools in the framework of the sub-program for Medical rooms on the territory of general educational institutions (public schools) and school doctor activity. Additionally, 50 public schools were selected to join the programme in 2015;</p> <p>5) School children who go to public schools, school children from socially unprotected families who go to private schools and children of the soldiers who died in the war in 2008 were provided with school textbooks free of charge;</p> <p>The following activities were carried out in the framework of summer schools programme in 2014: English language summer school in Georgia, English language summer school in Great Britain, Georgian language international school in Georgia and Future Leaders summer school in Georgia;</p> <p>Access to general education is available in №11, №8 juvenile establishments, №5 Women's and №2 Kutaisi penitentiary establishments. teachers and administrative technical personnel of occupied regions,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National school subject Olympiads were organised, 148 school children were awarded, 58 teachers were provided with a certificate of acknowledgement; 2. Georgian national team members (in
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					<p>Mathematics, Physics, Informatics, Chemistry, and Biology) took up relevant trainings and participated in the world Olympiad. Eight (8) school children who had won gold, silver and bronze medals, were awarded with cash prizes;</p> <p>3. 2,080 school children with the highest academic achievements were awarded with gold and silver medals;</p> <p>4. In the framework of school initiative sub-program, 30 projects were funded;</p> <p>5. Various thematic competitions were organised for school children; the winners were acknowledged and awarded. A Georgian delegation comprised of nine (9) school children and three (3) teachers were supported to participate in international educational excursion to CERN, Switzerland. These school children and teachers won a national competition in Exact and Natural Sciences;</p> <p>6. Educational excursions were organised for school children in different public institutions.</p>
300	Design the concept for recognition of non-formal/formal vocational education	<p>Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement</p>	2014	<p>State Budget</p> <p>EU</p>	In 2014, with the support of ETF, a concept of recognition of non-formal vocational education was drafted.

301	<p>Share the best Estonian experience to support raising competitiveness of the Georgian Vocational Education System</p> <p>Modernise the Vocational Education and Training Systems in the framework of UNDP-SDC project</p> <p>Revise the social partnership format in VET</p> <p>Encourage/support SEN students in finding employment</p>	Ministry of Education and Science	2014	State Budget EU	<p>Within the scope of the joint Georgian–Estonian project “Sharing Estonian Experience to Support Enhancement of Georgian Vocational Education System”, representatives of Estonian side paid a four-day visit to Georgia and trained vocational college directors and educational program specialists;</p> <p>In May 2014, a two-day seminar was organised in Georgia attended by representatives of Estonian and Georgian vocational educational institutions. Offering support to vocational education students, strengthening their competencies, development of new modular curricula were discussed during the conference;</p> <p>In June 2014, negotiations were conducted between Georgian and Estonian sides on the launch of the new project in 2016 as the current project will be finalised in 2015;</p> <p>From 29 September to 3 October 2014, a study visit was organised in Estonia on the theme of enhancement of social partnerships and collaboration with the private sector.</p>
302	<p>Internship for diaspora - annual initiative for successful students studying abroad to be involved in internship programmes and get acquainted with Georgia’s state institutions</p>	The Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues	2014	State Budget	<p>In the framework of the activity, 40 students participated in an internship programme in the public sector.</p>
303	<p>TRQN III Programme on Temporary Return of</p>	The Office of the State Minister for Diaspora	2014	International Organization	<p>Within the framework of the project, 14 qualified Georgian diaspora representatives from EU Member</p>

	Qualified Migrants	Issues		for Migration	States were invited to their homeland to work temporary on specific topics in the public and non-governmental sector. This programme will be on-going until the end of 2015.
304	Support Georgian folk ensembles abroad to popularise Georgian culture in Europe and facilitate the development of dialogue	The Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues	2014	Reserve Fund	Six (6) folk ensembles functioning abroad were provided with national dance costumes and musical instruments.
305	Sign the Agreement for Georgia's official accession to the network of Creative Europe and implement other relevant activities	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection	2014	State Budget	The legal internal procedures for Georgia to sign up and participate in the Creative Europe programme, are in the final stages.
306	Georgia's participation in International Book Fairs (Frankfurt, London, Leipzig)	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection LEPL Georgian National Book Center	2014	State Budget	On 8-12 October 2014, Georgia participated in the Frankfurt Book Fair with a national stand.
307	Support the translation and publication of Georgian literature into foreign languages	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection LEPL Georgian National Book Center	2014	Budget of the Georgian National Book Center	<p>On 9-14 September, a seminar on Georgian poetry translation was organised in Tbilisi with the participation of Georgian and British poets. In the framework of the seminar six (6) works of Georgian poets were translated, which will be published by Arc Publishing as an anthology in 2015;</p> <p>Two translation programmes were announced in November-December 2014. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Georgian literature in translation”, which is designed for foreign publishers willing to translate and publish Georgian literature; • “Foreign Literature in Georgian translation” is

					<p>designed for Georgian publishers to translate and publish foreign literature in Georgian;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Tbilisi Book Days” was organised in the 11th Pavilion of “Expo Georgia” on 27-30 November. The event combined educational, informational and creative activities, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions of the ways to develop book and publishing system; - Exhibitions of book art and Georgian and international unique book editions; - Workshops on book art; - Educational and fun activities for youth; - Book Fair of Georgian publishers; • “The King in the Panther’s Skin” has been published in the German language by Reichert Verlag with the support of the Ministry and National Book Centre; • Fewer than 30 books by Georgian authors have been translated to different languages with the support of the Ministry and National Book Centre in 2014.
308	Exhibit the Georgian National Museum’s archive material of Dimitri Ermakov (Photographer 1846-1916) in the Netherlands Photo Museum	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection	14 July - 31 August 2014	State Budget	From 14 July to 31 August 2014, an exhibition of over 100 prints from Dimitri Ermakov’s archive (1846-1916) was presented at the Netherlands Photo Museum.
309	Organise culture days in the EU Member States and in Georgia	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection	2014	State Budget EU	<p>The Berlin Museum of European Cultures hosted Georgian Cultural Days from 31 July to 30 August 2014. Within the scope of the event, the Georgian side planned various activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live show of Georgian band “Shini”, and at the

					<p>end of the concert the public had a chance to taste Georgian wine and cuisine;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abkhazian evening, with shadow theatre “Budrugana Gagra” as the main guest; • A Georgian wine evening led by the Georgian Wine Club president, Malkhas Kharbelia. The Georgian National Wine Agency was the main sponsor of the event; • Georgian National Orchestra – Georgian Simfonieta – performed with pianist Dudana Mazmanishvili; • Presentation by Professor Manfred Navrota with a specific focus on German-Georgian relations taking place centuries ago; • Public reading of “Kertayvaniscema” by Rusudan Gorgiladze; • Public discussion on “Youth and History in the South Caucasus”; • Presentation of Rolf Shrade about an icon painting in Svaneti; • Literature evening of writer Nino Kharatishvili; • Screening of the Film “In Bloom”; • Concert of ensemble “Suliko”, where during the
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					<p>event the audience had a chance to learn about Georgian polyphony and ancient Georgian traditional qvevri-wine, both named on the UNESCO Intangible Heritage List;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance show by Georgian traditional dance ensemble “Khorumi”; <p>On 16 September 2014, the Musée Maillol in Paris launched an exhibition of Davit Kakabadze’s works. The Musée Maillol will be hosting 40 paintings by Davit Kakabadze, including decorative collages, graphical works of various periods and paintings in oil and watercolour for five (5) months;</p> <p>On 24-27 September 2014, Georgia hosted Latvian Culture Days. The event consisted of opening the exhibition of famous Latvian artist Julius Straume, which was dedicated to his 140th birthday. The concert of the State Academic Choir "Latvia" was held in the Big Concert Hall of the V. Sarajishvili State Conservatoire.</p>
310	Implement the EU funded Twinning Project “Support to the Institutional Development of the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia”	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection	2014	State Budget TWINNING	<p>A two module training course on the effective activities of Museum-Reserves was organised on 9-18 September 2014;</p> <p>A seminar on “Media and Communication in the Field of Cultural Heritage” was held on 12 September 2014.</p> <p>Remark: <i>The project was implemented in cooperation with an Italian-Danish consortium. Due to the new goals, the project will last until April 2015.</i></p>

311	Cooperate with the Council of Europe in Regional Project – “Community-led Urban Strategies in Historic Towns”	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection LEPL National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation	2014	State Budget	An interagency group was created and tasked with managing the project. The visit of the Project Coordinator took place from the Council of Europe’s side. Official implementation of the project is planned in January 2015. During the preparatory phase of the project, a report on “Heritage Evaluation” was revised, which was sent to the relevant agencies for their comments. On 16-17 December 2014, the conference on “Heritage and Space Planning” was held in Poti, where municipalities and local governors became familiar with the initiative.
312	Elaborate guidelines on the Management of Intangible Cultural Heritage	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection	2014	State Budget	UNESCO's co-financing to involve an international expert is an obligatory prerequisite for the project. An application form was sent in early 2014. UNESCO has already approved the application and a draft of management principles have been prepared by the tender winners, Culture and Management Lab.
313	Elaborate draft Law on World Heritage	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection	2014	State Budget	The National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia started working on developing the law on “World Heritage” in April 2014. An expert from the Ministry for Heritage and Cultural Activities of Italy and the Agency of Protected Areas (APA), under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia, are consulting the process of developing the law. The discussion of the draft law is scheduled in the beginning of 2015.

314	Involve the EU experts in the elaboration process of Georgian Policy on Culture in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Culture Programme	Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection	2014	State Budget	<p>An expert from the European Commission paid a visit to Georgia on 1-2 September 2014. The aim of his visit was to conduct a strategic plan regarding the development of the Culture Policy Document of Georgia. During the visit, Mr. Ragnar Siil held several introductory meetings with officials, experts, cultural institutions, NGOs, and more.</p> <p>A working meeting with the Latvian delegation led by Latvia's Minister of Culture, Ms. Dace Melbarde, was held on 26 September 2014, where parties discussed the process of developing the Culture Policy Document. The Latvian side expressed readiness to share its experience related to creation of the document.</p>
315	Create a state programme of non-formal education for developing lifelong learning key competencies, creating professional standards for youth workers and supporting youth organisations in non-formal education programmes	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	2014	State Budget Council of Europe	The framework document of the Key Competencies for Non-formal education was elaborated in 2014, based on which, it is planned to launch a non-formal education pilot programme in youth centres.
316	Foster collaboration among organisations working in the field of youth	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	2014	State Budget EU Member States International Organizations	An electronic database of youth , as well as its integrated communication system was developed. The Youth NGO forum is taking place annually, where around 200 youth organisations are actively participating.
317	Elaborate draft law on youth	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	2014	State Budget United	The Ministry, together with individual experts, developed the draft version of the "Law on Youth" - the hearing of which is planned to be held in the

				Nations Population Fund	Parliament of Georgia next year.
318	Develop Georgia's State Youth Policy Action Plan	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	2014	State Budget United Nations Population Fund United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund	The state's Youth Policy Action Plan was developed in 2014.
319	Develop the Action Plan of the State Sports Policy	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	2014	State Budget	The Action Plan on Developing Sport Infrastructure 2015-2020 was drafted. This is one of the main directions of the state's Sport Policy. The document will be submitted to the Government of Georgia at the beginning of 2015.
320	Experts' visit for consultation purposes within the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) Implement provisions set in State's Sport Policy, European Sport Charter and Code of Ethics in Sport	Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	14-17 October 2014	State Budget Council of Europe	The "EPAS" Consultative Team paid a three (3) day official visit to Georgia on 13-15 October 2014. The delegation of the consultative team was led by the "EPAS" (Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport) Executive Secretary. The "EPAS" Consultative team's visit aimed to study the situation in Georgia in the field of sport, the state's Sports Policy and sports law, state funding of sports and provisions of implementation of European Sports Charters, as well as the issues related to the effective implementation of the provisions of

					<p>the Code of Ethics.</p> <p>In the scope of the consultative visit, the team's experts will draft a report and recommendations for the Georgian side, which will be approved in May 2015.</p>
321	<p>Conduct consultative visit in Georgia of the Standing Committee of the Council of Europe's Violence Reduction Treaty's in order to analyse and make recommendations on existing situation in security of sporting events, public order and service sphere</p>	<p>Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs</p>	<p>9-10 December 2014</p>	<p>State Budget</p> <p>Council of Europe</p>	<p>On 20-23 May 2014, the T-RV consultative team visited Tbilisi. The visit aimed at drafting a report and recommendations for the executive and legislative authorities, as well as for other stakeholders dealing with safety, security and service at sports events. The T-RV Standing Committee adopted the report and recommendations at its 39th session on 10 December 2014. The report was presented and discussed in Tbilisi on 15 December 2014.</p>
322	<p>Sign on behalf of Georgia the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions</p>	<p>Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs</p>	<p>17-19 September 2014</p>	<p>State Budget</p> <p>The Government of Switzerland</p> <p>Council of Europe</p>	<p>In the scope of the Council of Europe Conference of the Ministers responsible for Sport, a signing ceremony of the convention took place in Macolin (Switzerland) on 18 September 2014. Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia signed the convention on behalf of the Government of Georgia.</p>
323	<p>Regular support of Georgian sports teams abroad and promote their participation in sports events</p>	<p>The Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues</p>	<p>2014</p>	<p>Reserve Fund</p>	<p>With the support of the Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues, the Davit Kipiani football match was held in the Kakhi region of Azerbaijan. The winning team was awarded a cup and medals.</p> <p>With the support of the Office of the State Minister for Diaspora Issues, a chess championship for Georgian youth diaspora living in Europe (namely in the UK, Hungary, Latvia, Czech Republic, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and France) took place in</p>

					Brussels, Belgium. The State Minister of Georgia for Diaspora Issues awarded the winner.
324	Develop international police cooperation between the parties in order to ensure public order, safety, prevention and elimination of spectator violence at the sports events	Ministry of Internal Affairs Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	2014	State Budget EU Council of Europe	On May 20-23, 2014 the consultative group of the Standing Committee of the “European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sport Events and in particular at Football Matches“ (T-RV Standing Committee) and UEFA paid an official visit to the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The visit aimed at getting familiarised with the situation regarding public order and safety at sporting events in Georgia, and development of recommendations for the responsible agencies. The Standing Committee of the European Council held meetings with the units responsible for public order and safety at sporting events of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia, with representatives of the Special Objects Protection Department of the Special and Emergency Measures Centre, and was introduced to the current situation in Georgia. On the basis of the visit, the consultative group of the Standing Committee of the European Council and UEFA developed and presented a report, with the draft Action Plan in October, envisaging relevant recommendations. Presented recommendations will be considered in the elaboration process of the regulatory provisions of the issue. In order to eliminate a legislative gap regarding public order and safety at sporting events, elaboration of the relevant regulatory draft law commenced in 2014. In order to protect public order during sporting events at stadiums on the territory of Georgia, the
325	Build effective internal state mechanism and ensure its approximation with international standards in order to assure public order, safety, prevention and elimination of spectator violence at the sports events	Ministry of Internal Affairs Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs	2014	State Budget EU Council of Europe	

				<p>draft law aimed at establishing regulatory rules for organisers, public order security protection services, owner/ renter of the stadium, spectators and other individuals.</p> <p>In the framework of the TAIEX instrument, an expert mission on crowd management issues was organised in Tbilisi, Georgia. The Latvian experts from the College of the State Police shared their experience in the following directions: Police units responsible for crowd management issues, managing sporting events, trainings for Latvian police officers, etc.</p> <p>Representatives from the Special Objects Protection Department of the Special and Emergency Measures Centre, Patrol Police, Central Criminal Police Department and Ministry of Internal Affairs Academy participated. The event took place on 24-27 February 2014.</p> <p>Representatives of the Special Objects Protection Department of the Special and Emergency Measures Centre participated in the 39th TR-V Standing Committee meeting of the “European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sport Events and in particular at Football Matches”.</p> <p>The meeting was also attended by representatives of the National Football Information Points (NFIP). During the meeting a report of the TR-V Standing Committee based on their visit to Georgia was discussed.</p> <p>On 15 December 2014, representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia attended a meeting with the TR-V Standing Committee at the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs. Chairman of the</p>
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326	Start works to conclude agreement on mutual assistance during emergency situations	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	<p>An agreement between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus on “Cooperation in the Field of Prevention and Elimination of Emergencies” was signed in Tbilisi on 11 March 2014;</p> <p>Within the framework of the cooperation agreement on “Prevention of industrial accidents, catastrophes, natural disasters and elimination of the consequences” between the executive Government of Georgia and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, a joint Action Plan for 2014-2016 for the Emergency Situations Management Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Service of Emergency Situations of Ukraine was prepared and signed. Within the framework of the Action Plan, the Emergency Situations Management Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs methodologically assisted the State Service of Emergency Situations of Ukraine regarding the problem of refugees that had risen during the military conflict in Ukraine.</p>
327	Allocate resources and ensure the readiness to provide assistance in case of major emergencies	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget	

					Representatives of the Emergency Situations Management Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs shared its experience and presented recommendations to their Ukrainian colleagues in this regard.
328	Develop the software and appropriate hardware capacities to ensure national disaster risk assessment mapping based on the GIS technology	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	As for the activities to improve the Natural and Man-made disaster risk management and prevention mechanism, sub-regional and regional seminars/trainings were implemented within the framework of EU-funded programme “Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Man-made and Natural Disasters in the ENPI East Region (PPRD East)”, related to the GIS system.
329	Participate in the regional trainings related to the developing of the Electronic Regional Risk Atlas (ERRA)	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	
330	Organise regional exercises in disaster prevention, preparedness and response	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	Within the framework of the Eastern Partnership platform financed regional program, PPRD East, regular workshops and study visits were organised. On 5 September 2014, the Ministry of Internal Affairs Emergency Situations Management Agency organised a large-scale international training - “Safe Caucasus 2014” – which was held on the basis of an agreement between the Government of Georgia and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan regarding cooperation in the area of prevention, limitation and mitigation of emergency consequences, and an agreement between Georgia and British Petroleum on joint activities in case of an oil spill in water and on land.
331	Organise visits to the EU Member States to enhance cooperation on the policy aspects of disaster prevention, preparedness and response	Ministry of Internal Affairs	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance	The training envisaged improving and enhancing coordinated cooperation in emergency situations between two countries. Furthermore, during the training, a joint response of rescue forces of British

				<p>Petroleum and its contacting BRIGGS Company was tested.</p> <p>On 2-5 December 2014, with the aim of CBNR threat reduction, the Emergency Situations Management Agency with support of DTRA, organised a training on “strengthening transnational sustainability”. Representatives of Georgia, the US, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Poland and the United Kingdom participated in the training. During the training different topics were discussed: Development of regional cooperation in the field of bio monitoring, raising bio sustainability and bio potential during natural disasters, identification of the reasons causing zoonotic infections and pandemics blasts, response to such infections, methods of international response during large-scale bio disasters, cross-border connections and joint border control of resources; vital methods of sustainability, depopulation and neutralisation. Furthermore, issues of international cooperation and future capabilities were defined during the course.</p> <p>On 3-5 December 2014, the Emergency Situations Management Agency and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection with support of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) organised meetings on “Capacity Building at Local Level in the Sphere of Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change” for representatives of the municipalities at the Ministry of Internal Affairs Academy.</p> <p>The aim of the meetings was to contribute to the enforcement of capacities in the sphere of risk</p>
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					<p>reduction in towns and municipalities, development and implementation of the Action Plan, exchange of information and experience between the towns and integration of risk reduction activities in the local programs and initiatives.</p> <p>On 1 December 2014, within the framework of Phase II of the Eastern Partnership Flagship Initiative, the project on “Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Man-made and Natural Disasters” officially launched, which will be in place for four (4) years. The total budget of the project is €5.5 million. One of the beneficiaries of the project is the Emergency Situations Management Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.</p>
332	Prepare the Regional Development Programme (RDP) for 2015-2017 by Inter-agency working group	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure	2014	State Budget EU Technical Assistance Project	<p>In 26 June 2014, Decree №1215 of the Government of Georgia approved the Regional Development Programme of Georgia for 2015-2017 (RDP). The programme was prepared on the basis of the Decree №1315 of the Government of Georgia dated back to 10 September 2013. The relevant ministries, Governmental Commission on Regional Development and independent experts were extensively involved in the process.</p>
333	With due involvement of the regional administrations, governors, regional consultative councils (RCs), local municipalities and other key stakeholders, prepare the respective action plans for the effective implementation of the Strategy of Government of Georgia on the Regional Development	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure Regional Administrations-Governors, Regional consultative councils (RCs), Local	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance (UNDP/SDC/ADA; GIZ)	<p>The respective Action Plans were developed and approved by the Regional Consultative Councils with active participation of various stakeholders at local, regional and national level.</p>

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334	Train the civil servants of local municipalities and state governor administrations	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure LEPL Vano Khukhunaishvili Center for Effective Governance System and Territorial Arrangement Reform (CEGSTAR)	2014	State Budget Donors Assistance (UNDP/SDC/ADA; GIZ)	LEPL – The System of Effective Management and Territorial Reform Centre carried out the following trainings in 2014 for public servants at the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure on the following topics: a. Project management, effective communication, legislative basis of local-self-governance, public procurement, HR management, fundraising, basis of management, strategic planning, budgetary procedures and civic services; b. For public servants at state trustee-governor offices (222 officials in total) on the following topics: legislative basis of local-self-governance, public procurement; c. For public servants at municipalities responsible for HR management (19 participants) on the following topics: HR management, training needs assessment (TNA).
335	Actively cooperate with the Georgian government agencies and the relevant EU intuitions, in order to facilitate Georgia’s involvement in the new EU community programmes and the EU agencies	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget European Commission	On the basis of the work carried out together with the corresponding institutions of Georgia and the European Commission, significant progress has been made in the following directions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia (Ministry of Education and Science) expressed its readiness to sign the following agreement in 2015 regarding its participation as an associate member in the program – HORIZON 2020; • Georgia (Ministry of Culture and Monument

					<p>Protection) expressed its willingness to sign the corresponding agreement regarding the affiliation of the Ministry with the initiative of the European Union “Creative Europe”;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of consultations have been carried out with the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development concerning the possibility of joining Georgia to the small and light industry program – COSME.
336	Overall coordination of planning and implementation of institution building instruments, thematic, cross Border cooperation and regional programmes in the framework of the EU assistance	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget EU	<p>Two TWINNING projects have been completed in the reporting period and the implementation of one project has begun. Three Twinning project proposals have been prepared. Selection regarding the project partners from EU Member States has been announced and completed.</p> <p>Following the consultations with Georgian line Ministries, priority areas of cooperation for 2014 in the framework of SIGMA has been agreed together with the experts of SIGMA. The project description documents have been prepared and the visits of SIGMA experts to Tbilisi have been planned and organised.</p> <p>During the reporting period, 50 TAIEX proposals have been sent to the State Ministry on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration for consideration, 24 of which have been sent to relevant European Commission unit for review and approval. As of now, 21 projects have been approved.</p>

					<p>Within the framework of the programme - EU Black Sea Cross – Borders Cooperation – a joint operation programme has been prepared and cooperation priorities for the period 2013–2020 have been determined. Within the program relevant work has been carried out aiming at elaborating the conception of the control and audit of the projects.</p> <p>Within the framework of the European Eastern Partnership and Territorial (integrity) cooperation programme, four (4) negotiation rounds were held. The rounds were in the context of bilateral Georgia-Armenia and Georgia–Azerbaijan programmes. As a result, the 2013–2020 Strategy was created and future cooperation priorities had been determined. The first competition for the best projects has also been announced to select the best projects within the limits of the Georgia–Armenia programme.</p>
337	Promote the cooperation with the financial institutions of the EU with the aim to mobilise the EU resources as well as plan and implement joint projects	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget EU	Consulting events were held with the European Commission and European Neighbourhood Investment Facility. It was held with the support of European Financial Institutions and was done within the framework of the assistance mobilisation and future collaboration priorities (2014–2020) concerning to the private sector as well as small and light industry development.
338	Finalise and sign the relevant financing agreements of the priority areas envisaged by the 2014 Annual Action Plan of the EU Assistance	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget EU	During the reporting period, in the framework of the EU assistance, five (5) financing agreements under the 2014 AAP have been prepared, out of which one has been signed, providing an additional €12 million to the €40 million agriculture development project (ENPARD I). Signing of the remaining four (4)

					financing agreements are planned in the first quarter of 2015.
339	Coordinate negotiations between the Government of Georgia and the European Commission on the priority areas envisaged by the 2015 Annual Action Plan of the EU Assistance and preparation of relevant documents	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget EU	As a result of consultations, the AAP 2015 of the EU assistance, priorities have been agreed with line Ministries: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sector Reform Contract (ENPARD II) for the agricultural development (€50 million); 2. Sector Reform Contract with the aim of supporting the implementation of the Public Administration Reform (€30 million); 3. Support to the implementation of the EU-Georgia agreement (€20 million); 4. Support to CSOs development in Georgia (€6 million). <p>In addition, the preparation of relevant documents for the abovementioned projects has begun.</p>
340	Conduct consultations with the government agencies on the procedures for access and utilisation of the existing and new instruments in the framework of the EU assistance	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget EU	During the reporting period, presentations regarding the structure, aims and projects and programmes available for Georgia have been carried out by employees of the Office of the State Minister in four line Ministries.
341	Cooperate with the Office of the Prime Minister of Georgia and the Ministry of Finance of Georgia in the process of elaboration and launch of an electronic database on the coordination of donor assistance	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget EU	In cooperation with the Government Administration and the Ministry of Finance, an electronic database regarding the coordination of donor assistance has been developed and activated in test mode.

342	Coordinate the participation of Georgia in the EU Eastern Partnership initiative	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget	Georgia continued active engagement in both, bilateral and multilateral formats of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) cooperation. Georgia has become one of the most attractive meeting spots for events within the EaP. In the framework of the multilateral dimension, the Government of Georgia hosted the Annual Meeting of the CORLEAP on 29 September in Tbilisi; the seventh (7 th) meeting of the Panel on Public Administration Reform on 16 October in Tbilisi; a meeting of the Trade Panel on 21-22 October in Tbilisi; the fifth (5 th) meeting of the SME Panel on 23-24 October in Kvareli; the sixth (6 th) EaP Civil Society Forum on 20-21 November in Batumi and the Regional Torino Process Meeting to assess progress in VET reforms 2012-2014 on 3-4 December in Tbilisi.
343	Support in holding the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum in Tbilisi	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget	On the initiative of the Georgian side, the sixth (6 th) EaP Civil Society Forum was held on 20-21 November in Batumi, which was addressed by State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Mr. David Bakradze.
344	Coordinate the EU-Georgia cooperation within the framework of “Mobility Partnership”	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration	2014	State Budget	During the reporting period presentations on goals, implementation and future plans of current Mobility Partnership projects were held. The spheres of possible assistance from EU Member States to support the Mobility Partnership were studied through their Embassies in Georgia.
345	Coordinate the implementation of the EU Integration Communication and Information Strategy of the Government	Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic	2014	State Budget	During the reporting period the Government of Georgia continued successful implementation of the “EU Integration Communication and Information

	of Georgia for the period of 2014-2017	Integration		<p>Strategy of the Government of Georgia for the period of 2014-2017” elaborated in close cooperation with civil society representatives and relevant international organisations and coordinated by the Office of the State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration;</p> <p>The Strategy aims to raise public awareness of Georgian citizens on the EU in general, and the EU-Georgia cooperation, in particular as well as expose the opportunities and challenges of the European integration process as well as provide objective information on the EU integration related reforms. At the same time, the Strategy aims at increasing Georgia’s visibility in the EU and promote the European image of the country;</p> <p>During the reporting period, in four months, in the framework of the Communication Strategy, the following important activities took place, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration published the 3rd edition of the quarterly journal - “Georgia’s European Way”; • The Information Centre on EU and NATO, together with involved state institutions, international and non-governmental organisations, held a number of meetings in Tbilisi and in the regions with public officials, private sector representatives, Governmental
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					<p>and non-governmental organisations, ethnic minorities, teachers, public school pupils and students in Universities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LEPL Training Center of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs undertook trainings on “capacity building in International relations for diplomats and other public servants”; • Brochures concerning the most important topics of the Association Agreement and DCFTA in a Q&A format, written in an easily understandable language in Georgian, Azeri, Armenian, Ossetian and Abkhazian languages were disseminated by the Information Centre on NATO and the EU in the capital as well as in the regions of the country.
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