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

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Trade and Trade-Related Matters ⁴									
81.	Increasing the diversification of Georgia's export structure. Association Agreement Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade- Related issues; Trade in Goods	81.1	Develop the Trade Web-Portal	Improve accessibility to the information on Georgian companies and their products, Georgia's trade partners along with customs duties and procedures	Functional/launched Web Portal www.tradewithgeorgia.com	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	
		81.2	Create web-portal in accordance with the EEN guidelines as well as implement other activities in frames of existing cooperation	Establishment of new business ties between the representatives of Georgian SMEs and EU member countries	Functional/launched Web Portal	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	
		81.3	Promote the Georgian exporter companies' participation at the international trade fairs and missions throughout the EU member countries	Popularization of Georgian products as well as establishment of new business ties to diversify the market	Exporter companies, participating in trade fairs and missions	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	
		81.4	Implement the projects related to	Support to new enterprise	Agreements signed between Enterprise	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	2016	Budget of the LEPL -	

			access to financial resources in the frames of State Program “Produce in Georgia”	establishment along with upgrade/expansion of existing ones, in the scope of “Produce in Georgia” access to finance component	Georgia and its beneficiaries	Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency		Entrepreneurship Development Agency	
82.	Facilitating the preparation and adaptation of Georgian businesses for the implementation of approximated legislation. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Trade in Goods; Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures	82.1	Develop the Business Service Center for raising awareness on DCFTA as well as other different activities implemented by Enterprise Georgia	Business Service Center assists in spreading information among society on requirements, obligations and planned activities envisaged by DCFTA	Beneficiaries who were consulted regarding the DCFTA	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Entrepreneurship Development Agency	
83.	Further improvements in the area of trade statistics. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Trade in Goods	83.1	Improve the data coverage and quality on External Merchandise Trade Statistics	Improvement of the new foreign merchandise trade statistics data processing software and publishing of foreign merchandise trade data according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) and by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)	The new foreign merchandise trade statistics data processing software	LEPL - National Statistics Office	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Statistics Office’s	
84.	Development infrastructure related to administration of procedures of standards, technical regulations, metrology, market supervision, accreditation	84.1	Approximation with the Directive 94/9/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on equipment and	Approximation of Georgian legislation with the EU legislation	Prepared Draft Resolution of Government of Georgian	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for	2016	Budget of the relevant body	To be finished in 2017 Implementation of the activity

	and conformity assessment procedures. Association agenda; 2.4 Trade and trade related matters; technical regulations, standardization and relevant infrastructure		protection systems used in potentially explosive atmosphere			Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC) LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)			depends on additional funding
	84.2	Approximation with the Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment and mutual recognition of their conformity	Approximation of Georgian legislation with the EU legislation	Prepared Draft Resolution of Government of Georgian	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC) LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)	2016	Budget of the relevant body	Implementat ion of the activity depends on additional funding	
	84.3	Adopt the International and European Standards as a Georgian	Increased access for the Interested parties to the International and	Number of international and European standards adopted as a	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	2016	Budget of the LEPL - GEOSTM	Implementat ion of this activity is conducted	

		Standards	European standards	Georgian ones	LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)			annually according to Standards programme
	84.4	Upgrade the measurement standards base of renovated Metrological Labs with the new and modern equipment	Development of metrological infrastructure	Number metrological labs equipped with new instruments	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	Budget of the LEPL - GEOSTM CIB	In the framework of II phase of the CIB program the process of delivery, installation of equipment, including training of the staff will be finalised in 2016.
	84.5	Implement the principles of ISO/IEC 9001:2015 in the Standards Department of the GEOSTM	Further improvement of the quality of the work of Agency	Assessments and recommendations of relevant EU experts	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - GEOSTM CIB	To be finalized in 2017
	84.6	Full operation of "Accreditation Council" in Accreditation Center	Recommendations elaborated by "Accreditation Council" in the field of accreditation and conformity assessment	During 2016, "Accreditation Council" conducted at least two sessions; Recommendations elaborated by "Accreditation Council" with the	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation -	2016	State Budget Non-budget revenues of the LEPL - GAC	

					participation of interested parties.	Accreditation Center (GAC)			
		84.7	Implement the international standards in accreditation practice	For the accreditation purposes of CABs, GAC uses international standards in accordance with EA requirements	Actual versions of standards used by GAC: -ISO/IEC 17020 -ISO/IEC 17021 -ISO/IEC 17024 -ISO/IEC 17025 -ISO/IEC 15189 -ISO/IEC 17065	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC)	2016	Non-budget revenues of the LEPL - GAC	
85.	Support the preparation and adaptation of interested parties, including economical operators to ensure the implementation of approximated legislation. Association agenda; 2.4 Trade and trade related matters; technical regulations, standardization and relevant infrastructure	85.1	Conduct the seminars and trainings in the relevant field by GEOSTM	Support in preparation and adaption of stakeholders including economic operators for the implementation of approximated legislation	Number of seminars and trainings conducted	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	State Budget Budget of the relevant body CIB	Under the ongoing EU Technical Assistance project 6 regional seminars will be held in 2016 – 2017 years
		85.2	Conduct the trainings and seminars by accreditation centre	Support the preparation and adaptation of interested parties, including economical operators to ensure the implementation of approximated legislation	Conducted seminars for representatives of small and medium enterprises	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC)	2016	Budget of the relevant body CIB	
86.	Implementing Market Surveillance Strategy. Association agenda; 2.4 Trade and trade related matters; technical regulations,	86.1	Adopt the Action Plan according to the Strategy on Market Surveillance of Industrial Products	Development of Industrial Products Market Surveillance system approximated to the EU best practice	Action Plan approved by the relevant normative act	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Technical	2016	Budget of the LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency	

	standardization and relevant infrastructure					and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)			
		86.2	Elaborate the rules and procedures in the field of market surveillance according to Action Plan	Implemented new approaches and principles of product safety examination according to the EU recommendations stipulated in normative acts	Drafts of relevant normative acts	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)	2016	EU Technical Assistance Programme	To be finished in 2018
87.	In Market Surveillance field, strengthening administrative capacities of relevant Georgian state institutions and market surveillance bodies. Association agenda; 2.4 Trade and trade related matters; technical regulations, standardization and relevant infrastructure	87.1	Trainings, study visits and pilot studies for TCSA staff in the field of market surveillance related to new and global approach EU directives	Increase the capacity of staff of Technical and Construction Supervision agency	Trained staff	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA)	2016	EU Technical Assistance Programme	
88.	Further staff training for administration of responsible government bodies and agencies. Association agenda; 2.4 Trade and trade related matters; technical regulations, standardization and relevant infrastructure	88.1	Train the staff of GEOSTM in English Language, under the framework of the CIB programme	Development of qualification and skills of GEOSTM staff in standardization and metrology issues, as well as improvement of language skills.	Number of trainings conducted and Certificates issued	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)	2016	Budget of the II phase (Twinning) of the CIB	In the framework on-going EU Technical Assistance project of qualification raising activities of the staff have been started e.g. study visits, expert missions, trainings,

									seminars
		88.2	Train the staff of GAC in the field of assessment technique in accordance with the legislation approximated with the EU norms	Trained personnel in the field of assessment technique	Trained Staff	The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development LEPL - The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Center (GAC)	2016	Budget of the LEPL - GAC CIB	
89.	Completing the implementation of Georgia's current Food Safety Strategy and Approximation Programme, in particular the implementation of the Food Safety Code and progressive adoption of the implementing horizontal legislation. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	89.1	Draft and adapt of secondary legislation according to the legislative Approximation Programme	Approximation of Georgian legislation: to 13 EU legal documents in food safety field to 9 EU legal documents in the veterinary field to 3 EU legal documents in the field of phytosanitary	Adopted legal acts	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - National Food Agency LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget CIB	
90.	Further assistance to Georgia in adoption and implementation of legislation, including trainings for staff, capacity building of competent authorities and in development of laboratory capacities in line with the EU requirements. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-	90.1	Develop a training programme and provide relevant trainings for staff involved in legislative approximation process	Increasing qualification of staff involved in legislative approximation process	trained staff	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - National Food Agency LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture	2016	State Budget CIB	

	Related Matters; Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures								
91.	Organising information campaigns with relevant agencies, businesses and NGOs on the requirements for accessing the EU market, as well as with civil society on the relevant consumer aspects of food and feed safety. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	91.1	Carry out meetings, discussions, media campaigns on requirements for accessing EU market, on the relevant consumers aspects of food and feed safety, and regarding efficient implementation of newly adopted or revised legislation	improvement of awareness of stakeholders	Conducted meetings	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - National Food Agency Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget CIB	
92.	Further providing technical advice and support to Georgia in drafting and implementing the legislation, including training the relevant staff, providing capacity-building to the competent authority and supporting the improvement of the laboratory capacity, in line with the EU requirements Association agenda; 2.4. trade and trade-related matters; Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures	92.1	Accreditation of the methods of diagnostics of plant diseases	Providing the laboratory dimension of the government phytosanitary program	Addition of diagnostic methods of plant diseases in the sphere of accreditation	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture	2016	State Budget CIB Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	
		92.2	Introduce the new methods of analytical chemistry for food analysis	Food testing according to the EU's requirements	Addition of the methods of analytical chemistry in the sphere of accreditation	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture	2016	State Budget Own funds CIB Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	
		92.3	Introduce of the laboratory dimension in food	Conducting Food Micro-biological and physical and	Conducting analysis/tests with appropriate	Ministry of Agriculture	2016	State Budget Own funds	

			safety, according to the regulations of the approximation programme	chemical analysis according to the EU's norms	accredited methods in the head and regional laboratories	LEPL - Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture		CIB Food and Agriculture organization (FAO)	
93.	Ensuring that veterinary, phytosanitary and food safety checks at the border inspection posts be carried out by the competent authority. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	93.1	Provide trainings, workshops and study visits related to veterinary, phytosanitary and food safety checks for the staff of BIPs	Skill development for veterinary and phytosanitary officers from the Revenue Service	Trained staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service CIB EC Eastern Partnership IBM pilot project on "Support to the development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Georgia and Azerbaijan" Additional funding required	
94.	Facilitating the preparation and adaptation of Georgian businesses for the implementation of approximated legislation. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Sanitary and	94.1	Cooperate and assist the private sector regarding fulfilment of new legal requirements	Prepared private sector regarding fulfilment of new legal requirements	Conducted actions (seminars, meetings)	Ministry of Agriculture LEPL - National Food Agency Ministry of Economy and Sustainable	2016	CIB	

	Phytosanitary Measures				Development				
		94.2	Infrastructure and proper equipment provision for BIPs	Border Inspection Posts in Kartsakhi, Adlia and Poti are fully equipped according to EU standards.	Assessment of the experts in regards with the compliance of the BIP equipment with the EU standards	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service CIB Additional funding required	To be continued in 2017
		94.3	Conduct the needs assessment of the required infrastructure	Existing BIP infrastructure (Buildings) on the "Red Bridge" with relevant equipment in accordance with EU standards	To starting construction of the buildings	LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service EC Eastern Partnership IBM pilot project on "Support to the development of Red Bridge Border crossing point between Georgia and Azerbaijan"	To be continued in 2017
95.	The Parties will cooperate in preparing for the approximation to EU acquis and international standards listed in the relevant Annex to the envisaged Association	95.1	Elaborate the Customs legislation aimed at the approximation with the relevant EU legislation	Approximation of Georgia's customs legislation with appropriate EU legislation	Draft of new customs legislation	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service	To be continued in the upcoming years

	<p>Agreement. Association Agenda: 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Customs and Trade Facilitation Association Agreement; Annex XIII Approximation Of Customs Legislation</p>							<p>GIZ USAID G4G</p>	
<p>96.</p>	<p>Approximating Georgia's Authorized Economic Operator system to that of the EU with the prospect of mutual recognition as envisaged by the Association Agreement. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Customs and Trade Facilitation</p>	<p>95.2</p>	<p>Capacity Building of the Revenue Service's staff</p>	<p>Increased awareness of Customs staff of the Revenue Service concerning the implementation of the provisions of new customs legislation</p>	<p>Trained customs staff</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service</p>	<p>2016</p>	<p>State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service USAID G4G Additional funding required</p>	
		<p>96.1</p>	<p>Draft the legislation regulating the Authorized Economic Operator programme</p>	<p>Legislation regulating Authorized Economic Operator programme has been drafted</p>	<p>Appropriate legislative acts - drafted</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service</p>	<p>2016</p>	<p>State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service USAID G4G Additional funding required</p>	
		<p>96.2</p>	<p>Capacity Building of the Revenue Service's staff through means of organize the trainings/seminars</p>	<p>Increased awareness of Customs staff of the Revenue Service concerning the implementation of the provisions of Authorized Economic Operator programme</p>	<p>Trained customs staff</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service</p>	<p>2016</p>	<p>State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service USAID G4G Additional funding required</p>	

97.	Assisting Georgia in its accession to the Convention on a common transit procedure and in drawing up a roadmap for this purpose. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Customs and Trade Facilitation	97.1	Draw up a roadmap for accession to the Common Transit Convention	Preparation for the accession to the Common Transit Convention	Developed Roadmap	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service	
		97.2	Train the customs employees in order to implement provisions of Common Transit Convention	Acquiring of required knowledge and information for implementation of provisions of Common Transit Convention	Trained Staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	
		97.3	Introduce and implement the common transit procedures via electronic system	Simplified transit procedures with member countries.	New Computerised Transit System (NCTS)	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	To be continued in the upcoming years
98.	Co-operating on risk-based customs control and sharing of relevant information that contributes to improved risk management and security of the supply chains, facilitation of legitimate trade and safety and security of goods imported, exported or in	98.1	Draft Advanced Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record API/PNR regulations	Capacity building and further development of customs risk management systems	Appropriate legislative acts - drafted	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	
		98.2	Implement the	Increased	Effective customs	Ministry of Finance	2016	State Budget	To be

	transit. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Customs and Trade Facilitation		advance customs data exchange programs with the partner countries including EU member states	effectiveness of customs control procedure based on the risk assessment	control procedure based on the risk assessment	LEPL - Revenue Service		Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	continued in the upcoming years
99.	Approximating Georgia's legislation on customs enforcement of IPR to EU acquis, as envisaged by the Association Agreement. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Customs and Trade Facilitation	99.1	Develop the new legislation/legislative amendments in the field of Customs enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights at the border	Protection of Intellectual Property Rights at the Georgian border in accordance with EU standards	Prepared draft of legislative amendments	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service LEPL - National Intellectual property Center "Sakpatenti"	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	Intra-Agency working group within the Georgia Revenue Service has been created in order to approximate Georgian legislation with corresponding EU regulations. Gradual approximation plan of approximation has been developed by the working group. To be continued in the upcoming years
		99.2	Develop the operational procedures on customs enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights at the border	Improved quality of Intellectual Property Rights protection at the border	Elaborated operational procedures	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	
		99.3	Train the customs employees in the field of Intellectual property rights protection at the border	Improved quality of Intellectual Property Rights protection at the border	Trained staff	Ministry of Finance LEPL - Revenue Service	2016	State Budget Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	
100.	Providing training to the	100.1	Organize the	Customs officers of	Customs officers of	Ministry of Finance	2016	State Budget	

	Georgian customs authorities on certification and verification of preferential origin. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Rules of Origin		trainings for the customs officers of the Revenue Service concerning the certification and verification of preferential origin	the revenue service have been trained in certification and verification of preferential origin	the Revenue Service trained	LEPL - Revenue Service		Budget of the LEPL - Revenue Service Additional funding required	
101.	Basic standards regulating awarding of the contract. Association Agreement; Article 144 Initiation of the elaboration of the comprehensive roadmap, in compliance with Association Agenda, that ensures accurate and timely information about the development of the Georgian legislation, especially concerning planned legislative works on the procurement policy and its implementation. Association Agenda; 2.4. Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Public Procurement	101.1	Commence the gradual legislative approximation to the basic standards on contract awards set out in Article 144 of the Association Agreement	Approximation of the Georgian state procurement legislation with EU standards	The elaborated and adopted relevant legislative amendments to the identification of the winner	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	
		101.2	Launch the implementation of the comprehensive roadmap for the gradual approximation of the state procurement legislation with the relevant EU legislation	Approximation of the state procurement regulatory legislation and institutional framework of Georgia to the EU standards	The elaborated draft amendments to the legislation	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	
102.	The parties shall enhance cooperation through exchange of experience and information relating to their best practices and regulatory frameworks. Association Agreement; Article 149, paragraph 1	102.1	Carry out training sessions to the employees of the procuring entities involved in state procurement	Capacity building for the relevant employees involved in state procurement	At least 800 trained employees of the procuring entities	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding

		102.2	Capacity building for the employees of LEPL - State procurement Agency	Capacity building for the employees of LEPL - State Procurement Agency on EU public procurement Directives and on the relevant best practices	Approximately 10 trainings/workshops	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016		Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding
		102.3	Organize study tours, seminars, informative meetings for the suppliers, business associations and other parties interested in state procurement	Capacity building in state procurement for the representatives of private sector	At least 150 trained employees from private sector	LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	2016	Budget of the LEPL – the State Procurement Agency	Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding
103.	Ensuring right holders from both Parties a high level of protection of IPR and adequate measures to enforce such rights. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	103.1	Approximate Georgian legislation to the relevant EU legislation in accordance with the commitments made according to the Association Agreement Introduce amendments in the following directions: - Patent Law - Trademark Law - Law on Copyright and Neighbouring Rights	Introduction of effective enforcement mechanisms on intellectual property objects	Adopted legislative amendments	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	

			<p>- Law on Design</p> <p>- Law on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Activity</p> <p>- Law on Pesticides and Agrochemicals</p>						
		103.2	<p>In accordance with the recommendations of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ Article 34), ensure popularization and provision of the service of statements of facts through spread printed materials and/or organize informational meetings with various potential stakeholders</p>	<p>Public is informed about this specific service, wide application of which will support lessening the case burden on court system, strengthening the rule of law and enhancement of civil relationships.</p> <p>For Georgian citizens, easing the process of collecting evidences for the purposes of improved protection of copyrights and in other common circumstances to better support their legal interests</p>	<p>1000 brochures printed about the service of the statements of facts for the purpose to be deployed in Public Service Halls.</p> <p>Informational meetings conducted (2 media seminars for journalists (each for the 30 representatives from various media))</p>	LEPL - National Bureau of Enforcement (Ministry of Justice)	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Bureau of Enforcement	
104.	Ensuring proper functioning of the judicial system to guarantee access to justice for rightholders and availability and effective implementation	104.1	Provide trainings for judges and attorneys on issues related to Intellectual Property Rights	Capacity building of judges and lawyers in the field of intellectual property and improved functioning of	Trainings organized for judges and lawyers High School of Justice	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of	

	of sanctions. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade- Related Matters; Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)			judicial system				Georgia – Sakpatenti Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP)	
105.	Taking measures to increase public awareness in the field of intellectual property and ensuring effective dialogue with right holders. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade- Related Matters; Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	105.1	Held seminars and workshops to raise public awareness	Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property	Up to 50 meetings held for up to 500 participants	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti International Organisations	
		105.2	Establish the IP Training Center at the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti	Sakpatenti staff members, students and other target groups, including SMEs will be trained and built capacity	200 persons trained	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti International Organisations	
		105.3	Organize a regional conference on “Geographical indications”	In the process of establishment of control system on geographical indications and appellations of origin, sharing experience of the European Union and	Conference held	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	

				raising awareness of relevant target groups				World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	
		105.4	Publish information bulletins and booklets	Raising public awareness in the field of intellectual property	About 15000 items of published information materials	LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia - Sakpatenti	2016	Budget of the LEPL - National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia – Sakpatenti	
106.	Ensuring that Georgia's institutional framework and relevant administrative capacity guarantee the effective implementation of the relevant legislation. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Competition	106.1	Conduct trainings for public and private sector representatives on different competition-related issues	Raising awareness of public and private sector	Conducted trainings	LEPL – Competition Agency	2016		Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding
107.	Enhancing dialogue on the experience in enforcement of the legislation in this area, as well as on other legislative developments related to competition. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Competition	107.1	Organize trainings and study tours for the staff of the Competition Agency on different competition-related issues and their participation in international conferences	Increase qualification of the staff of the Competition Agency	Number of the trained employees	LEPL – Competition Agency	2016		Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding
108.	Each Party shall designate independent regulatory authorities empowered to regulate the gas and electricity markets. These	108.1	Prepare and adopt the Distribution Network Code	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management,	Distribution Network Code approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC	

<p>regulatory authorities shall be legally distinct and functionally independent from any other public or private enterprise, market participant or operator. Association Agreement, Article 215; paragraph 1</p> <p>Access to energy transport facilities and trade promotion. Association Agreement, Article 217</p>			availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined					
	108.2	Adopt the Uniform System of Accounting (USoA)	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Uniform System of Accounting (USoA) approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC	
	108.3	Prepare the Outline of Monitoring Rules for Energy Markets	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Prepared Outline of Monitoring Rules for Energy Markets	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Twinning	
	108.4	Prepare the Outline of Regulatory Audit	Procedures, terms, principles and	Prepared Outline of Regulatory Audit	Georgian National Energy and Water	2016	Twinning	

			Rules	standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Rules	Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)			
	108.5	Prepare and adopt the Electricity Supply Reliability Rules	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Electricity Supply Reliability Rules approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC		
	108.6	Prepare and adopt the Commercial Service Quality Rules for Natural Gas Sector	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be	Commercial Service Quality Rules for Natural Gas Sector approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC		

				determined					
		108.7	Approval of Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection	Procedures, terms, principles and standards of network development, management, availability and secure usage by electricity system participants and applicants seeking to connect to the transmission network will be determined	Standard Conditions for Transmission Network Connection approved by GNERC	Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC)	2016	Budget of the GNERC	
109.	Each Party shall ensure that energy markets are operated with a view to achieving competitive, secure and environmentally sustainable conditions and shall not discriminate between enterprises as regards rights or obligations. Association Agreement; Article 216; paragraph 1;	109.1	Electricity power market simulations	Development of Electricity Market Model in line with EU standards	Simulation Phase II is Carried out	Ministry of Energy	2016	USAID	
		109.2	Announce a tender for implementation project of Wholesale Power Exchange development Platform	Promotion of electricity market development platform project implementation	Announced tender of project implementation	GSE	2016	World Bank	
110.	Obligations in relation to transit operators. Association Agreement; Article 214	110.1	Develop long-term plan for natural gas transmission network	Promote risk reduction of natural gas transmission	a long-term natural gas transmission network development plan elaborated	JSC Oil and Gas Corporation Ltd. Georgian Gas Transportation Company	2016	Budget of the JSC Oil and Gas Corporation Budget of the Ltd. Georgian Gas Transportation Company	

		110.2	Coordination group for the Emergency situations	In emergency situations coordinated work of transmission network operators	Coordination Group formed by the Ministry of Energy	Ministry of Energy	2016	State Budget	
111.	Each Party shall ensure on its territory the implementation of a system of third party access to energy transport facilities and Liquefied Natural Gas and storage facilities applicable to all users and applied in a transparent, objective and non-discriminatory manner. Association Agreement; Article 217.1	111.1	Capacity Allocation Tool (GCAT) upgrade	Simplified process of Trans-boundary Networks capacity allocation	Upgraded Capacity Allocation Tool (GCAT)	Georgian State Electrosystem JSC (GSE)	2016	Budget of the Georgian State Electrosystem JSC (GSE)	
		111.2	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrade	Improved electricity system management/control , which will contribute to access to the network	Upgraded Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)	Georgian State Electrosystem JSC (GSE)	2016	World Bank	
112.	Preparing for the implementation of commitments on transparency in trade-related policy-making and consideration of necessary mechanisms to be put in place in this regard. Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Transparency	112.1	Further develop the DCFTA web-portal	Public awareness rising on DCFTA and also providing public information on implemented and planned activities within DCFTA	Functional web-portal	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	2016	State Budget	Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding
113.	Conducting seminars and other events for the wider public, aimed at explaining the implementation of the envisaged Association Agreement and the approximation process. Association Agenda; 2.4	113.1	Thematic meetings with representatives of business, NGOs, local government, academics and other stakeholders on DCFTA related issues in Tbilisi and	More active involvement of every segment of society in the process of DCFTA implementation	Meetings conducted with stakeholders	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development	2016	State Budget USAID G4G	

	Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Transparency		in the regions of Georgia						
114.	Exchange of information on the implementation of the Labour Code, as well as on the obligations related to sustainable development. Association Agenda 2.4 Trade and Trade-related issues; Trade and Sustainable Development	114.1	Raise awareness of employers and employees on labour legislation, regulations related to occupational health and safety	Raise awareness on occupational health and safety norms, as well as on trafficking and labour discrimination	Printed and distributed information brochures Running social advertisements on TV	Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs	2016	State Budget	
115.	Promoting trade in forest products derived from sustainably managed forests, harvested in accordance with the domestic legislation of the country of harvest, which could include bilateral or regional agreements to that end. Association Agreement; Article 233.2.a	115.1	Develop the new Forest Code	Ensuring sustainable forest management by creating legal instruments and effective separation of functions Promoting improvement of quantitative and qualitative indicators of forests	Developed draft of the new Forest Code	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	State Budget World Bank GIZ	
		115.2	Revise and harmonize the respective legislative acts and by-laws	Regulation of forest use, forest maintenance and reforestation, inventory, planning and monitoring with adopted by- laws in accordance with the New Forest Code	Adopted respective legislative acts and by-laws	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	World Bank GIZ	
		115.3	Elaborate national criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management	Ensuring of a sustainable forest management	The elaborated national criteria and indicators for Sustainable Forest Management are	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	

		115.4	Elaborate the risk assessment standards for controlled timber resources	Improvement of illegal logging control Prevention of blending illegal timber resources with certified timber resources	The elaborated risk assessment standard The identified specific forest districts and quantity of exploitable timber	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	
		115.5	Finalize the draft document “Strengthen the forest supervision under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection (MoENRP) to ensure sustainable management of Georgian forests and the control of illegal activities in the forest sector “ under the EU TWINNING project and send the project documents to the EU for approval	Capacity building of the Department of Environmental Supervision to control illegal activities in the forest sector	The developed project fiche “Strengthen the forest supervision under the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection (MENRP) to ensure sustainable management of Georgian forests and the control of illegal activities in the forest sector“	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	EU Assistance	
		115.6	Analysis of economic potential of utilization, production and realization of timber, fuel wood and non-timber forest products	Access to the information concerning economic potential of timber, firewood and non-timber forest products production and realization and rational use of forest resources	The conducted economic analyse and the prepared recommendations	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	

116.	Promoting the listing of species under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) where the conservation status of those species is considered at risk. Association agreement; Article 232; Paragraph 2 (c)	116.1	Fulfill recommendations given by the Scientific Review Group in order to implement CITES related obligations	Promote conservation of endangered species of wild fauna and flora in Georgia	The assessed list of the species for inclusion in the CITES appendices The prepared justification for inclusion of the assessed species of fauna and flora in the CITES appendices	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	
		116.2	Cooperate in the framework of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), including cooperation in preparations for CBD COP13 and CITES COP17	Active participation and increased involvement in international initiatives	At least 3 meetings conducted	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	
117.	Adopting measures to promote the conservation of forest cover and combat illegal logging and related trade, including with respect to third countries, as appropriate. Association Agreement; Article 233.2.c	117.1	Establish the new forest monitoring system	Ensuring access to the information on forest monitoring for Governmental and non-governmental sector and other stakeholders	The elaborated test version of the new forest monitoring system	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	Austrian Development Agency (ADA) GIZ United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Global	To be continued in 2017

								Environment Fund (GEF) World Resources Institute (WRI)	
118.	Exchanging information on actions for improving forest governance and where relevant cooperating to maximise the impact and ensure the mutual supportiveness of their respective policies aiming at excluding illegally harvested timber and timber products from trade flows. Association Agreement; Article 233.2.d	118.1	Exchange of relevant information between the partner countries under the framework of ENPI / FLEG II	Main problems, aims and future development plans in forest sector are discussed during meetings under ENPI/ FLEG II	Held at least 2 meetings	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	ENPI FLEG II World Bank	
119.	Cooperating at the regional and the global levels with the aim of promoting the conservation of forest cover and the sustainable management of all types of forests. Association Agreement; Article 233.2.f	119.1	Participate in regional (RECC), European (Forest Europe) and global (UNFF) initiatives Share of information on regional and international level, concerning protection of forest cover, best practice and reforms	Support Sustainable Forest Management, establishment of criteria and indicators for the maintenance, reforestation and conservation Implementation of Sustainable Forest Management activities	Held at least 3 meetings	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	FOREST EUROPE United Nations Forest Forum (UNFF) GIZ	
120.	Discussing the future implementation of the commitments under the Chapter with regard to stakeholder involvement and civil society dialogue.	120.1	Organize working group meetings under national Forest Program (NFP)	Involvement of stakeholders, included the EU, in forest sector institutional and legislative reform is	Held 40 meetings	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	GIZ	

	Association Agenda; 2.4 Trade and Trade-Related Matters; Trade and Sustainable Development			increased					
		120.2	Start implement the self-monitoring and electronic reporting systems	Online access to the fishing process and the composition and quantity of caught fishes	Comprehensive self-monitoring and reporting system	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016	State Budget	
121.	They commit to cooperate on the development of the future international climate change framework under the UNFCCC and its related agreements and decisions. Association Agreement; Article 230.4	121.1	Start develop the climate change action plan “Climate 2021-2030”	Identification of the commitments for the implementation of the requirements under the Paris Agreement and defined in the INDC of Georgia	Draft version of the climate change action plan “Climate 2021-2030” prepared according to the needs assessment	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016		Potential Donor – EU Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding To be finalized in 2018
		121.2	Plan the Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions taking into consideration economic, social and environmental factors	Fulfilment of the conditional and unconditional commitments under the Paris Agreement	Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection	2016		Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding
122.	Approximating Georgia’s legislation to the relevant EU regulations. Association Agreement;, CHAPTER 6- Establishment, Trade in Services and Electronic Commerce; Section 6: Electronic Commerce	122.1	Develop the eCommerce legislation	Development of eCommerce system relevant with the EU standards	Elaborated eCommerce Law of Georgia	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	It will be possibly extended in 2017. Draft document should be elaborated with EU expert’s assistance,

									therefore donor's assistance is required Activity performance depends on finding additional funds
123.	Approximation of Georgia's legislation with EU acquis defined in Association Agreement. Association Agreement; Annex XV-B; RULES APPLICABLE TO TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES	123.1	Based on gap analyses between the Georgian legislation and the Directive No 2002/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2002 concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (Directive on privacy and electronic communications) as amended by Directive No 2009/136/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009	Approximation of the relevant legislation of Georgia to EU acquis	Prepared draft amendments	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC	It will be possibly extended in 2017

			preparation of subsequent amendments within the secondary legislation					
	123.2	Based on gap analyses between the Georgian legislation and the Directive No 2002/20/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services (Authorisation Directive) as amended by Directive No 2009/140/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 - preparation of subsequent legislative amendments	Approximation of the relevant legislation of Georgia to EU acquis	Prepared draft amendments	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC Twinning	It will be possibly extended in 2017
	123.3	Approximation of Georgian legislation to the Directive No 2002/19/EC of the European Parliament and of	Review and comparison of existing legislation of Georgia with the directives envisaged by the Association	Report on gap analyses between the legislations.	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC Twinning	It will be possibly extended in 2017

			the Council of 7 March 2002 on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities (Access Directive) as amended by Directive No 2009/140/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009	Agreement					
		123.4	Approximation of Georgian legislation to the Directive No 2002/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 March 2002 on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Framework Directive) as amended by Directive No 2009/140/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009	Review and comparison of existing legislation of Georgia with the directives envisaged by the Association Agreement	Report on gap analyses between the legislations.	Georgian National Communications Commission (GNCC)	2016	Budget of the GNCC Twinning	It will be possibly extended in 2017
124.	Directive 97/67/EC of the	124.1	Submit Law on	Postal regulations	Adopted Law on	Ministry of Economy	2016	State Budget	

	European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service, Directive 2002/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 amending Directive 97/67/EC with regard to the further opening to competition of Community postal services and Directive 2008/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 amending Directive 97/67/EC with regard to the full accomplishment of the internal market of Community postal services. Association Agreement; Article 103; Annex XV-C; Rules applicable to postal and courier services		Postal Services to the Parliament	approximated to the EU legislation	Postal Services	and Sustainable Development of Georgia			
		124.2	Develop the Postal sector Policy Document	Determination of long-term vision for the development of the postal sector, provision of universal postal services, as well as modernization of postal market by Government	Developed draft Postal sector policy document	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	The project should be developed with the assistance of European experts, that would require donor funding. Implementation of the activity depends on additional funding
125.	Coordination of the DCFTA implementation.	125.1	Organize meetings of the DCFTA implementation interagency working groups	Improved coordination between government authorities for effective implementation of DCFTA with EU	Conducted meetings	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	

		125.2	Prepare DCFTA implementation Action Plan for 2017	Facilitation to the implementation of the actions stipulated by the Georgia – EU Association Agreement and Association Agenda	Adopted Action Plan for 2017	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia	2016	State Budget	
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