

EU-GEORGIA ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

Trade and Sustainable Development

Work Plan 2021-23

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

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Association Agreement; Article 230; paragraph 2"	1. Illegal wildlife Trade	Adoption, implementation and effective enforcement of the Georgian legislation for fighting wildlife trafficking; Implementation of the CITES convention.	Legal Framework	Activities to support implementation of the legislation on CITES are carried out. Trade between Georgia and the EU in CITES-listed species meets the obligations under CITES;	Effective system of implementation of CITES is in place for species traded with the EU in high numbers, such as Galanthus spp.; Submission of the law "On Biodiversity" to the Parliament of Georgia and the development of secondary legislation.	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	2021-2023	German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)
		Strengthening capacity of Revenue Service and Environmental Supervision Department in order to fulfill the obligations under the CITES Convention	Capacity building/Human Resources	Relevant trainings are conducted for employees of the Department of Environmental Supervision and Customs Department of the LEPL Revenue Service	Customs department and Department of Environmental Supervision are better enforcing provisions of the convention	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture	2021-2023	Fauna & Flora International Further donor support to be explored

Association Agreement; Article 233; paragraph 2, a''	2. Sustainable Forest Management	Start the implementation of the New Forest Code of Georgia		Ensuring sustainable management of forest through legal mechanisms and effective separation of responsibilities	Finalisation of the National Forest Inventory and maintenance of the database	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	2021-2023	German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)
		Development of the final drafts of main by-laws of the Forest Code of Georgia	Legal Framework	Detailed regulations on forest developed in accordance with the new Forest Code	Main by-laws are adopted by the Government	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	2021-22	German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)
				To work towards the transformation of the existing forest management body into the economically viable institution.		Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	(to be discussed)	
			Institutional Framework	Strengthening the capacity of the Department of Environmental Supervision by conducting trainings for forester-inspectors and employees of other relevant services of the Department	Number of trainings and workshops; Number of trained employees	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	2021-2023	GCF project
Association Agreement; Article 230, Paragraph 4''	3. Effective implementation of UNFCCC	Implementation of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement	Policy Framework	Adopt an updated NDC	Revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) adopted by the Government and submitted to the UNFCCC	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia	Asap in any case well before COP26 to be	Different donors including EU through EU4Climate

				<p>Submit the annual implementation report on the Climate Action Plan 2021-2023 (CAP) under the NDC</p> <p>Start the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)</p> <p>Start implementation of Georgia's 2030 Climate Strategy and 2021-2023 Action Plan</p> <p>Climate Action Communication Strategy and Action Plan conducted</p>		<p>held in Nov 2021</p> <p>2021-2023</p> <p>2021</p> <p>2021 - 2022</p>	
			<p>Finalisation and adoption of the Long-Term Low-Emission Development Concept 2050</p> <p>Finalisation of the 7th national GHG inventory report.</p> <p>Development of an Adaptation Strategy</p> <p>Ratification of the Kigali amendment to Montreal Protocol</p>	<p>Adoption of the Strategy by the Government and submission to the UNFCCC</p>	<p>2021-2023</p>	<p>EU4Climate</p>	

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Article 229 - Multilateral labour standards and agreements	1. Effective implementation of core labour standards - strengthening labour inspection	Strengthening the enforcement mechanism for inspection on OSH in line with international standards	Legal framework	Program of Accreditation of OSH managers in force Legal acts necessary to implement the OSH law (including those of the scope of the application of the law and the functions of the labour inspectorate)	Legal acts are adopted	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	2021-2023	EU twinning project International Labour Organisation (ILO) EU TAIEX support (workshop with AA countries, individual requests) EU Socieux + facility
		Strengthening the enforcement mechanism for all core labour standards and rights		Legal acts to give effect to new Labour Code	Legal acts adopted			
		Transformation of the Labour Inspection Department into a Legal Entity under Public Law and its Institutional Strengthening Functioning of the Labour Inspectorate in accordance with the extended mandate defined by the legislation	Institutional development/Capacity-building	Set up the Labour Inspectorate on the basis of the new Labour Inspection Law with broad mandate and ensure sufficient capacity including adequate staff, organization, training, equipment, etc. adequate financial resources etc., for the inspection of all working conditions and labour relations	Labour Inspection staffed with relevant human resources; Number of measure to increase capacity labour inspectors Number of companies inspected and recommendations issued; Number of recommendations implemented	LEPL – Labour Inspection Service set up.	2021-2023	EU twinning project EU, ILO, Other donors / international organizations (e.g. the Danish government) EU Socieux + facility
		Awareness raising	Promoting awareness among employers of the benefits of labour inspection	Number of meetings with employers in order to raise awareness on		2021-2022	EU, Other donors / international organizations	

					labour inspections			
				Consider ratifying ILO Convention 81.	Minutes of the TSPC meetings; relevant decisions of the Commission		2021-2023	
	2. Effective implementation of core labour standards	Strengthen the operational framework regarding Child Labour Enhance non-discrimination in the workplace; promote equal pay for work of equal value	Policy/Capacity building	Ensuring enforcement of new rules on hazardous work and light work (by Labour Inspectorate) Awareness raising of employers, municipalities, educational providers (schools) on Child Labour issues Work undertaken in the framework of EU-Georgia Sub-Committee On Employment, Social Policy, Equal Rights and Public Health on legislative amendments to fully incorporate the equal pay for equal work " principle and on developing tools to prevent discrimination, notably gender-based in the whole recruitment process. Develop guidelines for employers to ensure equal pay for equal work	Number of companies inspected Number of meetings with stakeholders Discussed under TSD sub-committee Guidelines are discussed with stakeholders and elaborated	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	2021-2023	ILO, EU, Other donors / international organizations UN Women ILO
	3. Effective implementation of core labour standards - strengthening social dialogue	Strengthen the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission (TSPC) at national and regional level		Ensure involvement of trade unions and employers organizations in regular TSPC meetings; Adequate tripartite consultation on improvement of labour standards. Continuing tripartite social partnership commission at regional level, at least in one region.	Number of meetings at working group and TSPC level Number of issues discussed by TSPC according to Strategic plan	Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia	2021-2023	ILO, EU