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Strengthening Good Environmental Governance and Ensuring Sustainable Development

Co-operation Frameworks for Promoting Good Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development

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□ | Promote Good Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development



Develop Appropriate Policy



Develop Relevant Legislation



Introduce Effective Implementation Instruments



Enhance Cooperation Mechanisms



□ | Environmental Policy in Georgia

In line with European Environmental Standards

- EU-Georgia AA
- AA Agenda
- EU Directives
- MEAs

Integration of environmental aspects into other policy areas

- Rural Development Strategy
- Regional Development Programme
- Agriculture Development Strategy
- NEHAP
- NEEAP
- CBRN
- ENPARD
- SME Development Strategy
- Georgian Cultural Strategy – *Culture 2025*

Third National Environmental Action Programme (NEAP-3)

Elaborated on the bases of:

- The EU - Georgia AA
- UN SDGs
- MEAs Georgia is a Party to
- National policies and strategic framework for environmental protection and management



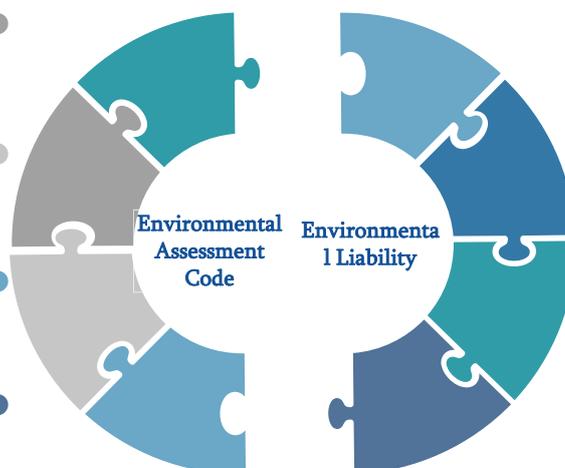
□ | Legal Framework

Increased public participation & information dissemination ●

Establishment of Strategic Environmental Assessment System ●

Introduction of Screening and Scoping procedures ●

Introduction of Transboundary Impact Assessment procedures ●



● Draft Law on Environmental Liability

● Hierarchical system of remediation

● New methodology on calculation of environmental damage

● Polluter Pays Principle



Implementation Instruments

Law Enforcement

Environmental Supervision Department (DES)

- State control over env. protection & use of natural resources
- Inspection of the regulation sites
- Calculation of environmental damage
- Establishment of protocol for administrative offenses
- Issue a penalty cheque

Monitoring

Air Quality Assessment and Monitoring System

- NAP on Improvement of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System
- Automatic monitoring stations
- Quarterly Passive Sampling in 25 cities
- Ambient Air Quality Portal
- Electronic Air Pollution Reporting System

Access to Information

Aarhus Convention

- EIEC - *eiec.gov.ge*
- Env.Info.&Knowledge Management System
- ENI SEIS II
- Rule of Pro-active Dissemination of Public Information – *Ministerial Order*
- Rule of Access to Environmental Information - *Draft Government Resolution*

Public Participation

Aarhus Convention

- Environmental Assessment Code
- Aarhus Convention
- E-Notice - *distribution of news on legislation and public hearings*
- MEPA hotline - *inform on environmental problems*

Education

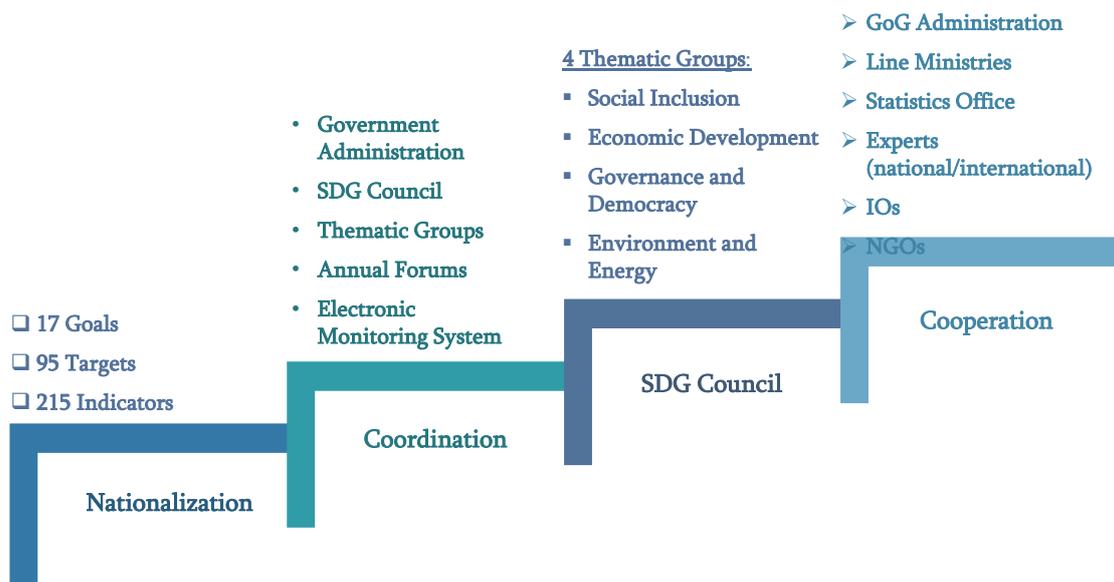
ESD

- ESD - Georgian National Strategy and Action Plan – *Draft*
- Environmental aspects are integrated into formal education
- Awareness raising & educational campaigns
- Training & Retraining
- Study Courses – *Env. Manager, Radiation Safety in Medical sphere*



Sustainable Development Goals in Georgia

- 17 Goals
- 95 Targets
- 215 Indicators



□ | Cooperation Mechanisms



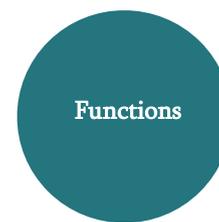
□ | Environmental Ombudsman



- Formation of Env. Ombudsman platform
- Subordinated to the PM's office
- New structure – Secretariat for reviewing environment related issues



- Strengthening E-governance
- Guarantee citizens rights protection
- Creation of institute of public-private cooperation



- Support development & implementation of environmental policy
- Support sectoral cooperation & coordination
- Preparation of recommendations
- Support green economy & green technology
- Ensure active public/private sector participation
- Discussion & evaluation of environmental interests of specific projects

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