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Promoting Environmental Security & Stability

- Effective & Sustainable Policy
- Access to Environmental Information
- Relevant Legal Framework
- E-governance
- Transparency
- Public Participation in Decision-Making
- Environmental Supervision
- Environmental Education & Awareness Raising

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### Policy Framework

#### 3rd National Environmental Action Programme (NEAP-3)
- EU-Georgia AA
- SDGs
- MEAs
- National environmental sectoral strategies

#### Integration of Environment into other Policy Areas
- Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy of Georgia 2021-2027
- Regional Development Programme 2018-2021
- NEHAP 2018-2022
- CBRN Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2019
- SME Development Strategy of Georgia 2016-2020
- Culture Strategy 2025

### Environmental Supervision

- Environmental pollution prevention, detection and suppression
- Poaching prevention, detection and suppression
- Issued licenses, permits and environmental decision conditions Control
- International obligations in the field of environmental protection Control
Key Legal Framework

Environmental Assessment Code
- Effective Public Participation procedure
- Introduction of Screening and Scoping procedures
- Establishment of SEA System
- Introduction of Transboundary Procedures

Environmental Liability
- Draft Law on Environmental Liability
- Hierarchical System of Remediation
- New Methodology on Calculation of Environmental Damage
- Polluter Pays Principle

Collection and Dissemination of Environmental Information

Policy
- Development of unified information systems
- Supporting access to environmental information
- Promoting international environmental indicators
- Supporting implementation of the Aarhus Convention

Mechanisms
- Information systems
- Web pages
- Information campaigns
- Trainings
- Media
**E-governance & Information Systems**

**Air Quality Portal**
- Automatic, non-automatic stations and indicative measurements
- 5 more automatic stations & modeling (planned)
- Georgia is at European Air Quality Portal
  - [air.gov.ge](http://air.gov.ge)

**Waste Management and EPR System**
- Registration of business activities
- Submission of three-year waste management plans
- EPR online system (under development)
  - [wms.mepa.gov.ge](http://wms.mepa.gov.ge)

**Environmental Information**

**Information Management**
- Access to information
- Dissemination of environmental information

**Environmental Assessment System**
- Development of Environmental Assessment system
- Development of user-friendly web portal

**Forest and land Use Atlas**
- Provides access to data (national and global) on forest and land use
- Standardized platform with consolidated data and analytical tools
  - [atlas.mepa.gov.ge](http://atlas.mepa.gov.ge)

**Forest Information and Monitoring System (FIMS)**
- Software modules are under development (FMP and NFI)
- FIMS will cover forest Cadaster and land registration, inventory, site mapping, etc.

**Air Quality Portal**

- Access to air quality information in unified space
- Open platform, easy and user-friendly tool
- Free access to constantly renewable and reusable data
- Validated reports & healthcare recommendations
- Data from monitoring stations of recent 48 hours via slider

**Georgia is at European Air Quality Portal**
- [Air.gov.ge](http://Air.gov.ge)
Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making

- Aarhus Convention
- Cooperation with media, business & academia
- Environmental Assessment Code
- Cooperation with local municipalities
- Public hearings
- Questionnaires
- Hot line (MEPA)
- E-notice (EIEC)

Trainings on Environmental Democracy - Human Rights and Obligations

- Access to Environmental Information
- Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making
- Environmental Supervision and Access to Justice

That benefits to:
- Increased transparency
- Restored distrust
- Decreased corruption risk
- Increased security and stability

Whole Country: 475

Local Governments: 11 Regions
- Whole Country: 475
- Local Governments: 257
- Media: 218
- Parliament: 60
- Business Sector: 33
- NGOs: 32
- CSOs: 27
- Municipalities: 77
- Schools: 42
- Ministries: 36

Broad Audience

Increased transparency
Restored distrust
Decreased corruption risk
Increased security and stability
Environmental Education

Integration of environmental aspects into pre-school and secondary education (3363 person)

- **Environmental Manager** course (400 person)
- Trainings on **Environmental Democracy** - Human Rights and Obligations (475 person)

- Informational-educational **Campaigns** (-7000 person)
- **Radio Program**, „Green Broadcast“ (16 shows)

- **Accreditation** of the Educational Programs
- **Retraining** of the Primary School Teachers
- Creation of **Peer Educators Network**

National ESD Strategy and Action Plan - Draft

Pre-school environmental education

- **EDUCATORS AND METHODISTS**
- **PRESCHOOL INSTITUTIONS**

**Key Topics**

- Biodiversity around us
- Water and energy saving
- Waste management

PRE-SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
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