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

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

- **Education**
  - ESD
    - 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

- **4 Thematic Groups**
  - Social Inclusion
  - Economic Development
  - Governance and Democracy
  - Environment and Energy

- **Coordination**
  - SDG Council

- **Nationalization**
  - Government Administration
  - Line Ministries
  - Statistics Office
  - Experts (national/international)
  - IOs

- **GoG Administration**
  - NGOs

- **Cooperation**
  - 17 Goals
  - 95 Targets
  - 215 Indicators
Cooperation Mechanisms

National
- Public Institutions - Central and Local Governments
- Academia
- Private Sector
- Environmental NGOs, CSOs & General Public

International
- Global and Regional MEAs
- Bilateral Agreements
- Environmental Processes
- International Organizations

Environmental Ombudsman

Formation
- May 2019

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

Functions
- 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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