Promoting Security, Stability and Economic Growth in the OSCE Area by Preventing and Combating Corruption through Innovation, Increased Transparency and Digitalization

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Promoting Environmental Security and Stability

Effective Policy Framework
Appropriate Legal Framework
Transparency of Environmental Activities
Access to Environmental Information
Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making
Environmental Education and Awareness-raising
Business Integrity
Involvement of Youth
Enhanced Cooperation
Policy Framework

In line with European Environmental Standards
- EU-Georgia AA
- Association Agenda
- MEAs
- UN SDGs

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

Third National Environmental Action Programme (NEAP-3)
Elaborated on the bases of:
- EU-Georgia AA
- UN SDGs
- MEAs
- National environmental policies and strategic frameworks

Main Legal Framework

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

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

Environmental Liability
New EIA Code has introduced the screening and scoping procedures

The number of decisions issued by the Ministry has increased by 355% during 2018-2019 in comparison to 2016-2017

In total 195% increase in issuing both decisions in 2019 compared to 2018

Access to Environmental Information

- Environmental Assessment Code
- Rule of Pro-active Dissemination of Public Information
- LEPL Environmental Information and Education Center (EIEC)
- Air Quality Assessment and Monitoring System
Air Quality Portal [air.gov.ge]

Launched in January 2019

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

Number of unique visitors exceed 95,000

Public Participation

Aarhus Convention
Environmental Assessment Code
E-Notice EIEC
Hotline MEPA
The Ministry is responsible for organizing and conducting public hearings.

Two public hearings have been held during the EIA process, one at the scoping stage and at EIA stage.

66% increase in the number of public hearings in 2019 compared to 2018.

In total 153% increase in number of attendees at both stages (Scoping and Environmental Decision) in 2019 compared to 2018.

Environmental Education


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

- Environmental Manager Course (400 person)
- Training on Environmental Democracy – Human Rights and Obligations (475 person)
- Informational–educational Campaigns (more than 7000 person)
- Radio Programm „Green Broadcast“
- Accreditation of the Educational Programs
- Retraining of the Primary School Teachers
- Creation of Peer Educators’ Network
Pre-School Environmental Education

- **1963 Educators and Methodists**
- **1600 Preschool Institutions**

**KEY TOPICS**
- Biodiversity around us
- Water and energy saving
- Waste management

Trainings on Environmental Democracy – Human Rights and Obligations

**Whole Country except occupied territories**
- 11 Regions
- 475
- 257

**Broad Audience**
- Local Governments
- Municipalities
- Schools
- Media
- NGOs
- CSOs
- Business Sector
- Parliament
- Ministries

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