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Balanced Territorial Development in Georgia

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

Reducing the economic and social gap between urban areas and the rest of the country.

Developing tourism infrastructure and services.

Improving entrepreneurship

Enhancing local competitiveness and quality of life in remote areas promoting inclusive and evidence-based policy making at regional/local levels.

Enlarging access to user-centric, high quality and accountable public services.

Fostering public participation in:
- Planning and implementation of regional/local development projects.
- Supporting the implementation of the Decentralisation Strategy.

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Direct, indirect and shared management

Financial instruments:
- Budget support
- Technical assistance (TA)
- Grants
- Services
- Capacity building
- Twinning
- Taiex
- Loans
- Guarantees
- Other (EFSD+)

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in proress

KEY DELIVERABLES

Circular economy
1. Water Supply and Sanitation plants.
2. Plastic recycling industries; Green PPPs infrastructures (e.g. markets).
3. Companies creating green jobs (e.g. sisal, milk, fisheries...).

Sustainable mobility

BRT bus rapid transit Dar es Salaam - financing of phase 6 of BRT (discussions ongoing with EIB).

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL
- To reduce regional disparities in Georgia, supported by the decentralisation reform, and to stimulate economic development.
- Equal access to quality health, education and other social services for minorities and other vulnerable groups.
- To reduce digital exclusion and factor in the new opportunities offered by digital transformation.

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NATIONAL CONTEXT

Visa free regime (2017) - mobility and people-to-people contacts (EU and GE).

Before COVID-19 pandemic - 5 % average annual GDP growth.

Deep recession in 2020: lockdowns led to a contraction of ca. 6.2% of GDP.
- Strong recovery (April – September 2021) - additional tax revenues.

MIP 2021-2027 – 5 priorities:
- Resilient, sustainable and integrated economy
- Accountable institutions,
- Rule of law and security,
- Environmental and climate resilience,
- Resilient digital transformation,
- Resilient, fair & inclusive society.

Challenges linked to its democratic consolidation and political polarisation:
- Parliamentary elections (2020).
- Local elections (October 2021).
- Governing party withdrawal (April 2021).

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
1 NO POVERTY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

EU Green Deal

Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)

Association agreement

COVID-19 pandemic,

Development (EU4ITD) programme

EU4 Integrated Territorial

**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)