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Strengthening Georgian Accreditation System with the Focus on EU Technical Regulations

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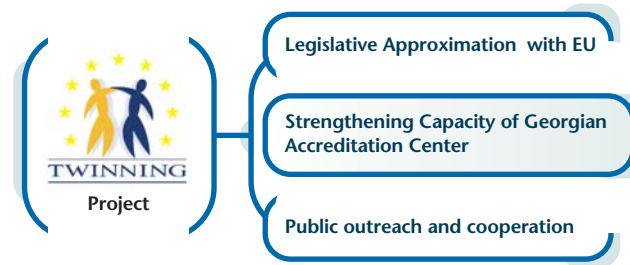
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Objective

The objective of the project is to support fulfillment of the commitments of Georgia in the context of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement (AA) and further enhance the accreditation and conformity assessment systems according to the European and International requirements, as a strategic element of the National Quality Infrastructure.

Georgia will be supported in taking the necessary steps to gradually achieve approximation with the EU's technical regulations, standards, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment, corresponding systems and market surveillance system, and in following the principles and the practice laid down in the relevant EU *acquis*.



1. Approximation of the Georgian legal framework on accreditation with relevant EU regulations

Transposition of EU technical regulations and directives at the national level, through analysis and assessment of the related primary and secondary legislation. The respective responsible authorities are identified and included into an inter-institutional working group and the relevant stakeholders will be informed.

2. Strengthening the capacity of GAC in accordance with the EU standards and enhancing best practices

GAC is supported to be fully compliant with the standard ISO/IEC 17011 for accreditation bodies and trainings carried out on accreditation of certification bodies in the field of audit of management systems as per standard ISO/IEC 17021-1, as well as on standard ISO/IEC 17043 for proficiency testing providers. Web-based management tools are developed in order to enhance efficiency and transparency of accreditation process.

3. Boosting GAC public outreach and strengthening cooperation with the EU relevant community

GAC cooperation with the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA) is further strengthened in new accreditation fields (scopes). A communication strategy is developed to increase awareness of stakeholders on accreditation and GAC in the framework on National Quality Infrastructure.

Accreditation bodies, operating in compliance with Regulation (EC) 765/2008 and technical standard ISO/IEC 17011, provide the attestation that conformity assessment bodies offering testing, calibration, certification and inspection services have the technical competence and impartiality to check the conformity of products and services with the relevant national and international standards.

Accreditation guarantees

• Competence

Attesting that the staff of the conformity assessment body is technically and professionally qualified

• Public Confidence

Independent and impartial results of conformity assessment

• Facilitation of economic development

To create competitive market internally and support export diversification



Quality Infrastructure

Accreditation is one of the pillars of Quality Infrastructure (QI) together with standardisation, metrology and conformity assessment. An efficient and effective QI is an essential ingredient for competitiveness, access to new markets, productivity improvement, innovation of new products, and environmental protection, as well as health and safety of populations.

QI is not only the key to a country's economic development, but also essential to guarantee safety of human life, health, property and environment