



Memorandum of Cooperation
between
the Government of Georgia and
the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum's National Platform of Georgia

The Government of Georgia and the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum's National Platform of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Affirming their willingness to strengthen cooperation among the executive authorities of Georgia and the civil society in support of Georgia's European integration process;

Confirming their commitment to the shared European values;

Affirming the important role played by civil society in the reforms and political dialogue related to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part (hereinafter "Association Agreement");

Understanding the importance of democratic consolidation of the country through development of respective institutional mechanisms for cooperation;

Willing to promote transparency in the implementation of the Association Agreement;

Stressing the significance of the Association Agreement including DCFTA for the economic development of Georgia;

Recognizing the need for the promotion of European values and raising public awareness on the European Union and European integration Agenda;

Acknowledging that effective implementation of the Association Agreement will bring Georgia closer to the EU membership;

Recognizing the need for the involvement of the EU-Georgia Civil Society Platform, envisaged by the Association Agreement in the future cooperation;



The Parties agree:

1. To advance cooperation among the executive authorities of Georgia and the National Platform that will accelerate the process of deepening Georgia's political association and gradual economic integration with the European Union;
2. To support engagement of the civil society in the process of European Integration, including involvement of the civil society in planning and monitoring of the National Action Plan for the implementation of the Association Agreement;
3. To strengthen cooperation within the framework of Articles 412 and 413 of the Association Agreement through following major activities:
 - Organizing the joint annual high-level conference of the Georgian Government and the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum's National Platform of Georgia;
 - Organizing semiannual sectorial meetings of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum's National Platform of Georgia and the representatives of executive authorities, to discuss particular issues of sectoral cooperation;
 - Ensuring the discussion of important proposals and policy documents, prepared by the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum's National Platform of Georgia and directly connected to the Association Agreement by the Governmental Commission of Georgia on European Integration.

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