

Follow-up expert meeting on: Institutionalised citizen participation: an instrument for democratic governance

Rooms Hotel (Kostava Street 14)

Tbilisi, Georgia

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Draft programme

9:30 – 9:45 *Introduction of the aims and agenda of the expert meeting*

David Melua, Executive Director of the National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia (NALAG)

9:45 - 10:30 *Expert discussions on the background paper on citizen participation*

Moderation: Nino Tvaltvadze, national expert

*Presentation of the feedback and main conclusions from the conference on the Report
“Assessment of the mechanisms of citizen participation in Georgia”*

Discussion on how to reflect this feedback in the final version of the document

→ *Coffee break (10:30– 11:00)*

11:00 - 12:00 *Defining and fine-tuning the recommendations and legal amendments to be submitted to the Government and Parliament on improving citizen participation mechanisms in Georgia*

Moderation: David Melua, Executive Director of NALAG

Reflection on the recommendations made during the conference, on the draft legislative proposals prepared by NALAG experts

Concrete proposals aimed at improving the prepared amendments

Inputs from:

- Martina Trettel, International expert
- David Zardiashvili, Expert of NALAG
- Nino Zurabishvili, Expert of NALAG
- Kakha Gurgenedze, Expert of NALAG
- Michael Djibuti, Professor, PhD in Economics, Expert of NALAG
- Alexander Svanishvili, United Nations Development Programme designated expert to the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure

Feedback from representatives of the Congress

12:30

Conclusions and next steps

- David Melua, Executive Director of NALAG
- Marité Moras, Head of Unit, Department for Co-operation and External Relations, the Congress of Regional and Local authorities of the Council of Europe

List of participants

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