

BACKGROUND

The socio-economic circumstances of a large percentage of the population in Georgia require continuous focus on social and economic rights. The project builds on the results achieved under the Council of Europe's previous action and aims to enhance the protection of social rights in line with international standards and best practices.

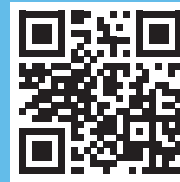
For this reason, the project focuses on strengthening the capacities of Georgian authorities, National Human Rights Institutions, Civil Society Organisations, and other relevant stakeholders for better provision and promotion of social and economic rights, with a particular focus on social rights of persons with disabilities and older persons.

In addition, the project aims to promote and raise awareness of social rights and the European Social Charter among target groups and the public in general, addressing, among others, the non-take-up of rights.



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FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN GEORGIA

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PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE - "Further Enhancement of Social and Economic Rights in Georgia"

IMPLEMENTED BY- Council of Europe –Social Rights Department, Co-operation Unit

BUDGET - EUR 1,000,000

RELEVANCE FOR THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTION PLAN AND PRIORITIES - Council of Europe Action Plan for Georgia 2024-2027

DURATION - 24 months (January 2024 – December 2025)



OBJECTIVES

Overall objective:

- Vulnerable groups and the public at large in Georgia have enhanced knowledge of social rights and enjoy improved protection of social and economic rights that are in line with European standards.

Specific objectives:

- Georgian authorities are taking steps to align the legislation in the area of social and economic rights protection, with a primary emphasis on labour rights, in a gender-sensitive manner, in line with the relevant Council of Europe and international standards.
- Relevant government authorities and non-governmental sector representatives (Public Defender's Office of Georgia, trade unions, and other respective institutions and civil society organisations) improve the quality of the national and alternative/shadow reports that are submitted to the European Committee of Social Rights.
- National authorities and non-governmental sector representatives (policymakers, labour inspectors, staff of the Public Defender's Office of Georgia, legal professionals and other respective institutions and civil society organisations) promote and improve protection of social rights with a special emphasis on vulnerable groups in line with European standards and best practices.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Georgian authorities, decision-makers and parties of the tripartite social dialogue understand further needs for integrating a comprehensive, gender-sensitive policy and legislative framework on the protection and promotion of employment and labour rights, with a special emphasis on persons with disabilities and older persons.
- Lawmakers, parties of the tripartite social dialogue and relevant non-governmental sector representatives have knowledge and understanding of the procedural aspects and the possibility to accept the additional provisions of the European Social Charter, as well as the ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Charter Providing for a system of Collective Complaints.
- Relevant government authorities have the necessary skills and capacities in terms of data management for preparing good-quality national reports for submission to the European Committee of Social Rights.
- Public Defender's Office of Georgia, trade unions, and other respective institutions and civil society organisations further enhance their skills and capacities in terms of data management for preparing the alternative/shadow reports for the European Committee of Social Rights.
- Knowledge on the European Social Charter, case law of the European Committee of Social Rights, and the relevant European standards is enhanced among different professional groups, including legal professionals, students of law and social sciences.

- Knowledge on international and national labour norms, interpersonal skills and organisational development is enhanced and consolidated among the representatives of Labour Inspection Office.
- National authorities and non-governmental sector representatives have the knowledge and capacity to promote social rights and the European Social Charter.

NATIONAL PARTNERS

Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs; Healthcare and Social Issues Committee of Parliament of Georgia; Civil Integration Committee of Parliament of Georgia; Labour Inspection Office; Ministry of Justice; Public Defender's Office of Georgia.

TARGET GROUPS

- Staff of the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs;
- Staff of the Labour Inspection Office;
- Legal Professionals;
- Staff of Public Defender's Office of Georgia, Civil and public servants.

END BENEFICIARIES

- The public at large, persons in vulnerable situations (persons with disabilities, older persons), employers and employees.

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