Specific Support to Georgia:
Horizon2020 Policy Support Facility, Mission II
Mission dates: February 5 - 8, 2018

Agenda

To note: Prior to the meetings a power point presentation summarising the key initial findings of the PSF panel and issues for discussion will be distributed among invited participants via the SRNSFG. This presentation will form a background for the discussions.

Monday, February 5
Venue: Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (Address: #52 Uznadze street, 0102 Tbilisi, Georgia)

12.00 – 13.30 Internal panel meeting (hotel)

14:00 – 16:30 Meeting with representatives of Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia; Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia; Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia; Georgia’s Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA)

Moderators: Krzysztof Gulda and Michael Schlicht

- Dr. Mikheil Chkhenkeli, Minister of Education and Science of Georgia
- Dr. Alexander Tevzadze, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Georgia
- Mr. Kakha Khandolishvili, Ms. Natia Gabitashvili – Strategic Planning and International Relations Department, MoES
- Mr. Valeri Gobronidze, Deputy Head of the Department of Higher Education and Science Development/Head of the Division for Students Social Support Gobronidze, MoES
- Representatives of SRNSFG
  - Mr. Giorgi Cherkezishvili – Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
  - Mr. Giorgi Zviadadze – Chairman of GITA

17.00 – 18:00 Site visit to the Institute of Earth Sciences and National Seismic Monitoring Centre (Ilia State University)

18:30– 21:30 Dinner (Hosted by SRNSFG) Restaurant Funicular
**Tuesday, February 6**

*Venue: Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia, Conference Hall (#1. Aleksi dze str. 0193, Tbilisi)*

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1. [Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia](#)  
2. [Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia](#)  
   - Tea Tarielashvili - Higher Education and Science Development Department  
3. [Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia](#)  
   - Marita Arabidze, Head of the Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Division  
   - Natalia Jamburia, Chief Specialist Energy Efficiency and renewable Energy Division  
   - David Sharikadze, Head of the Energy Department  
4. [Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA)](#)  
5. Salome Khachiauri, Head of the Department of Innovation and Commercialization  
6. [Partnership Fund](#)  
   - Tamar Asatiani, HR Officer  
7. National Intellectual Property Center - SAKPATENTI  
   - Manana Pruidze, Acting Deputy Chairperson  
8. [National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement](#)  
   - Ketevan Tsotniashvili, Head of Authorization Division for Higher Education  
9. [Georgian Industrial Development Group](#)  
   - David Bezhuashvili, Chairman, Board of Director (tbc)  
10. Scientific-Research Center of Agriculture, [Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia](#)  
    - Leila Gegenava, Chief Specialist  
11. [National Center for Disease Control](#)  
    - Paata Imnadze, Director  
12. [Georgian Cluster Collaboration Platform (GCNP)](#)  
    - Givi Kochoradze – Executive Director  
13. [Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG)](#)  
    - Mikheil Skhiereli, Associated Consultant Governance, Innovation and Investment Policy  
14. [Georgian Research & Development Foundation](#)  
    - Nikoloz Burdiashvili, Program Manager  
15. [Business Association of Georgia (BAG)](#)  
    - Nana Tsertsvadze, Manager of Sectoral Development  
16. Georgian Tourism Association (cluster)  
    - Natalie Kvachantiradze –Chairperson  
19. Business Intelligence and Valuation Group - BVG  
   - Nino Kuntseva- Gabashvili, expert

12:30 – 13:30  
**Lunch**
Thematic group #1: Measures for narrowing the gap between research and industry/business

Chair: Krzysztof Gulda / Michael Schlicht
Principal expert: Anna Kadarebkova

1. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
   - Mikheil Skhiereli, Programme Expert at GIZ
2. World Bank representation in Georgia
   - Nino Kutateladze - Senior Education Specialist, GEDDR-Education Global Practice Europe and Central Asia
3. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency –SIDA (tbc)
4. Georgian Research and Educational Networking Association
   - Ramaz Kvadadze – Executive Director
5. International School of Economics at TSU
   - Sophiko Skhirtladze – Head of Private Sector Development Research Center
6. Procredit Bank
   - Ketevan Kekelashvili, Business Clients Department
7. TBC Bank
   - Nina Akhvlediani – Senior CSR Manager
8. Bank of Georgia
   - Boris Kiknadze – Head of CSR
9. Black Sea Group (tbc)
10. Enterprise Georgia
   - Giorgi Darchia, Head of Research and Analytics Department at Enterprise Georgia
11. State Military Scientific Technical Center Delta (tbc)
12. LTD Cartlis
    - Nino Bichinashvili, Public relations department.
13. LTD "MOFER - Association “Farmer of the Future”
    - Rusudan Gigashvili, Chairwoman
    - Mikheil Chichakua, Doctor of Biological Sciences, Agro Consultant
14. Biorational Technologies Research Center
    - Nikoloz Zazashvili, Agro Consultant
15. National Environmental Agency
    - Liana Kartvelishvili, Head of the department of Meteorology and Climatology

16:00 – 17:30 Site visit to the George Eliava Institute of Bacteriophage, Microbiology and Virology

18:00- 19:00 Pannel wrap-up meeting
**Wednesday, February 7**

**Venue:** Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia, Conference Hall (#1 Aleksidze str. 0193, Tbilisi, Georgia)

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**Chair:** Krzysztof Guda / Michael Schlicht  
**Principal expert:** Maria Nedeva

1. SRNSFG  
2. [Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University](#) – Vice rector Mr. Aleksandre Tsiskaridze (tbc)  
3. [Iliia State University](#) – Development office  
4. [Georgian National Museum](#)  
5. [Georgian National Academy of Sciences](#)  
6. Dr. David Lordkipanidze, Director (tbc)  
7. [Center for Social Sciences (CSS)](#)  
8. [Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GAAS)](#)  
9. Dr. Guram Aleksidze, President (tbc)  
10. [Center for Social Sciences (CSS)](#)  
11. [Ivane Beritashvili Center for Experimental Bio-Medicine](#)  
12. [The Institute of High Energy Physics, TSU](#)  
13. [Andrea Razmadze Mathematical Institute](#)  
14. [Maia Svanadze, Chief Researcher](#)  
15. [R. Agladze Institute of Inorganic Chemistry and Electrochemistry (TSU)](#)  
16. [LEPL G.Tsulukidze Mining Institute](#)  
17. [LEPL Ferdinand Tayade Metallurgy and Materials Science Institute](#)  
18. [LEPL Rafiel Dvali Institute of Machine Mechanics](#)  
19. [Giorgi Tumanishvili, Lead Researcher](#)  
20. [National High Technology Centre of Georgia](#)  
21. [The Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC)](#)  
22. [Tinatin Zurabishvili, Research Director](#)  
23. [Cartu Bank](#)  
24. [Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG)](#)  
25. [Giorgi Khishtovani, Research Director](#)

**11:15- 11:30**  
**Coffee Break**
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1. Institute of Chemistry and molecular Engineering ([Agricultural University of Georgia](#))
   - Prof. Vladimir Elisashvili, Head of Laboratory

2. S. Durmishidze Institute of Biochemistry and Biotechnology ([Agricultural University of Georgia](#))
   - Prof. Ramaz Katsarava, Head of Laboratory

3. Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development ([Ilia State University](#))
   - Kakha Karchkhadze, Lead Researcher

4. Institute of Applied Physics ([Ilia State University](#))
   - Prof. Ivane Museridze, Director

5. TSU-San Diego State University (tbc)

6. G.Chubinashvili National Research Centre for Georgian Art History and Heritage Preservation
   - Mzia Janjalia, Scientific Department, Deputy Chair

7. Ilia Vekua Institute of Applied Mathematics ([VIAM](#))
   - Natalia Chinchaladz, Deputy Director

8. LEPL National Environmental Agency
   - Nato Kutaladze, Head of Hydrometeorological Forecast Models Adaptation and Implementation Administration of Hydrometeorological Department

9. Scientific Research Center of Agriculture ([LEPL of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia](#))
   - Lali Moisashvili, Head of the Research Division of Plant Micro-Clonal Reproduction (In Vitro) and Virus Free Planning Materials

10. Georgian National Tourism Administration ([LEPL of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia](#))

11. GeoSteel LLC (Private Sector)

12. Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association (GSMEA)

13. United Global Technology (UGT)

14. EU-Georgia Business Council (tbc)

15. Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

16. World Experience Georgia

| 13:15-14:00 | lunch |
14:00 – 16:00  Thematic Meeting #3 - Performance-based funding of research entities

**Chair:** Krzysztof Gulda/Michael Schlicht  
**Principal expert:** Maria Nedeva

1. Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia  
2. Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia  
3. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia  
4. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University  
   - Tamar Gogua, Chief Specialist at the Department of Scientific and Research Department  
5. Ilia State University – Quality Assurance Office  
6. Tbilisi State Medical University  
7. Rima Beriashvili, Vice Rector  
7. Agricultural University of Georgia  
7. Mariam Japaridze, Mariam Korgahanashvili, Sophio Pitskhelauri (IR Office)  
8. Georgian Technical University  
9. Zurab Gasitashvili, Deputy Rector  
10. Caucasus University  
- Ekaterine Azarashvili - Head of Quality Assurance  
- Ekaterine Akobia – Dean of the Caucasus School of Governance  
11. University of Georgia  
11. Soso Goglidze, Head of the Scientific Research Institute of the university of Georgia  
11. Korneli Kekelidze Georgian National Centre for Manuscripts  
12. Irina Gogonaia, Deputy Head of the Department of International Relations, Development and Education  
12. Giorgi Chubinashvili National Research Centre  
- Mariam Didebulidze, Director  
- Sandro Asatiani, Rector (tbc)  
14. International Science and Technology Center (ISTC)  
- Prof. Irina Khomeriki, Head of Georgian Branch Office

16:00-16:15  Coffee Break

16:15-18:00  Thematic group #3: Performance-based funding of research entities

**Chair:** Krzysztof Gulda/ Michael Schlicht

**Principal expert:** Maria Nedeva

1. Georgian Aviation University  
   - Giorgi Evgenidze – Deputy Rector  
2. Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)  
   - Nino Dolidze – Head of the Research Department  
3. New Vision University  
   - Kira Kitsmarishvili, International Relations Office  
4. International Black Sea University  
   - Goderdzi Buchashvili, Vice-Rector for External Relations;  
   - M. Murat Erguvan, Vice-Rector for Science and Research;  
   - Abdalmelik Alkan, Head of the International Relations
5. Sokhumi State University
   - Romeo Galdava, Head of the Quality Assurance Department
   **SRNSFG Grant holders, attended PSF Mission 1 meetings**
6. Neli Datukishvili - Ivane Beritashvili Center of Experimental Biomedicine
7. Avtandil Gagnidze - Bank of Georgia University
8. Revaz Solomonia - Ilia State University
9. Gia Petriashvili - Georgian Technical University
10. David Tarkhnishvili, Ilia State University
11. Maya Today - Ilia State University
12. Natela Okujava - Tbilisi State Medical University
13. Khatuna Gaprindashvili – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

**Thursday, February 8**

**Venues:** diverse

09.00-09:40 – Meeting with Ms. Mariam Jashi, Head of **Parliamentary Committee on Education, Science and Culture**

**Moderators:** Krzysztof Gulda and Michael Schlicht

11:00-13:00 – Site visit to **Biorational Technologies Research Center”**

13.00-14.00 - Lunch break

14.00-15.00 – Wrap up meeting with representatives of **SRNSFG**

Panel wrap-up meeting

**Friday, February 9**

*Early morning departure*