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## *Strengthening of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) according to the international/EU best practices*

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# TWINNING NEWSLETTER

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**Quarterly newsletter of the EU funded Twinning project “Strengthening of institutional as well as human capacities of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) according to the international/EU best practices” (GE 18 ENI EC 05 21).**

## Background

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The Twinning project “Strengthening of institutional as well as human capacities of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) according to the international/EU best practices” is the program financed by the European Union and headed by an Italian-Spanish Consortium representing Member States (MS).

Public Institutions and EU bodies competent in standardization, metrology and accreditation lead the project: for Italy, ACCREDIA, INRiM and UNI, and for Spain, CEM, FIIAPP and UNE.

The project is financed by the EU and the budget for the implementation is 1,400,000 Euro, for a period of 24 months.

## Objective

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The overall objective of the project is to support Georgia in fulfillment of the obligations under EU-Georgia Association Agreement (AA), DCFTA and Association Agenda in the field of Standardization and Metrology, as well as further to enhance the standardization and metrology infrastructure and services in accordance with the European and International best practices. The specific objective of the project is further to strengthen institutional as well as human capacities of Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM) to meet the requirements derived from the AA and DCFTA through continued legal approximation process, development of National Quality Infrastructure Institutions, alignment of GEOSTM's practices and procedures to the EU ones as well as broadening network in the field of Metrology and Standardization, with special focus on European research programs. EMPIR).



# STRENGTHENING STANDARDS AND METROLOGY

## Expected results

**1/Component 1:** Approximation of Georgian legal Framework in metrology (MID 2014/32/EU; NAWI 2014/31/EU and 80/181/EEC) and standardization ((EU) No 1025/2012) fields with relevant EU Regulations/Directives further enhanced.

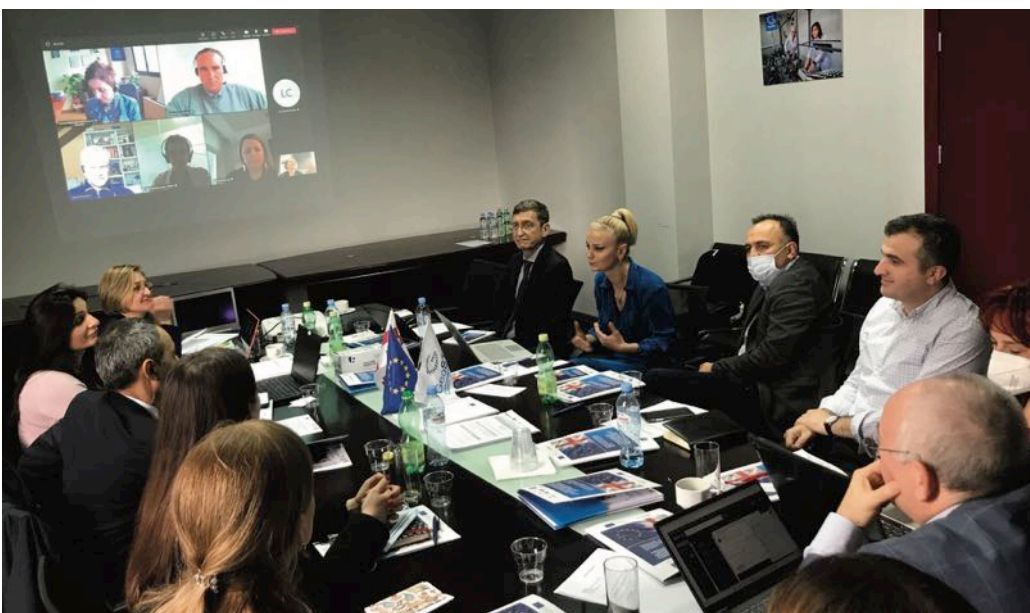
**2/Services of GEOSTM** in the field of Metrology, particularly internationally recognized ones according to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and ISO 17034:2016, for Georgian enterprises, laboratory network, regulatory bodies and other interested parties increased.

**3/Component 3:** GEOSTM capacity to fulfil requirements of DCFTA in standardization field strengthened and involvement of interested parties in standardization process increased.

**4/Component 4:** GEOSTM involvement in international/regional metrology and standardization organizations increased and the role as regional service provider strengthened as well as GEOSTM research and development capacities increased through integration in European R&D programs in Metrology field.

## Steering Committee Meeting N°1

The first Steering Committee Meeting took place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. During the meeting, the overall budget and the initial work plan were presented, information regarding the planned activities for the upcoming six months and activities already conducted, were provided. Project's visibility and communication plan was presented as well.



*The first Steering Committee Meeting, April 2022*

# FIRST STEPS OF THE TWINNING PROJECT



## Kick-off Conference

The Kick-off Conference took place at the Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel, Tbilisi, on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The event marked the start of the Twinning and aimed to promote effective quality policy related to Georgia's Standards and Metrology System to improve current situations for the benefit of Georgian population.

The meeting was moderated by Director General of GEOSTM Mr. Davit Tkemaladze and opened by the Deputy Minister of Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Mr. Genadi Arveladze, Ms. Sigrid Brettel Head of Cooperation of the European Union Delegation to Georgia, H.E. Mr Enrico Valvo – Ambassador of Italy to Georgia Mr. Irakli Kurashvil – Director General for European Integration together with the Member States.



Welcome speeches were provided by the President of the Italian National Metrology Institute INRIM, - Prof. Mr. Diederik S. Wiersma, the General Director of the Italian Accreditation Body – ACCREDIA Mr. Filippo Trifiletti, the Director General of the Italian Standardization Body – UNI, Mr. Ruggero Lensi, the Director General of the Spanish Association For Standardization, UNE - Mr. Javier García, the Team Leader in the Environment and Economic Development Department, FILAPP – Mr. Alejandro Bueno, the Member of ACCREDIA and INRIM Board of Directors, - Mr. Vito Fernicola, and the Director of Cooperation and International Relations of UNE - MS Junior Project Leader - Ms. Mónica Sanzo.

Invited guests were stakeholders of Georgian quality infrastructure representatives, other Twinning projects financed by the EU and representatives of Diplomatic corps.



*Nino Mikanadze, GEOSTM*



*Filippo Trifiletti, ACCREDIA*



*Genadi  
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*Giulia  
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## Seminar on Directive on Safety of Toys

Seminar on Directive on Safety of Toys (2009/48/EC) and related harmonized Standards was held at the Hotel Tbilisi Holiday Inn, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, to broaden the range of stakeholders able to participate in person.

The seminar provided a highlight of the Directive on Safety of Toys (2009/48/EC), as well information regarding:

- 1. Standard for mechanical and physical properties (EN71 part 1)**
- 2. Standard for flammability (EN71 part 2)**
- 3. Migration of certain elements (EN71 part 3)**

Several pictures about toys test equipment and condition of trial have been shown.

The objectives of the training have been achieved; the audience, 35 key stakeholders, actively participated demonstrated interest on the arguments treated and the dedicated Q&A afternoon session was successful.



*Igor Gallo, ACCREDIA - Sulkhan Tabagua, GEOSTM - Nikoloz Pilpani, LEPL Market Surveillance Agency*







## Steering Committee Meeting N°2

The second Steering Committee Meeting of the project took place on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Vito Fernicola, MS Project Leader, ACCREDIA, who welcomed all the participants and highlighted the fruitful cooperation between all the parties involved.

Meeting continued with RTA Ms. Giulia's Suriani presentation, where main points of each component activities completed were presented as well as upcoming missions.

It was also highlighted that, under the component 4, the project will support GEOSTM participation to the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures – Palais des Congrès de Versailles, Versailles (France), which will be conducted in November 2022. This participation is strategic for GEOSTM, especially at this stage when GEOSTM is planning to join EURAMET. Mr. Fernicola underlined that INRIM and CEM supported the GEOSTM application to become a member of EURAMET, by preparing endorsement letters, signed by both Institutes.



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