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Promoting Environmental Security and Stability

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Effective Policy Framework
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Access to Environmental Information
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Business Integrity
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Appropriate Legal Framework
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Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making
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Involvement of Youth
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Transparency of Environmental Activities
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Environmental Education and Awareness-raising
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Enhanced Cooperation



Policy Framework

In line with European Environmental Standards

- ❑ EU-Georgia AA
- ❑ Association Agenda
- ❑ MEAs
- ❑ UN SDGs

Integration of Environment into other Policy Areas

- ❑ Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy of Georgia 2021-2027
- ❑ Regional Development Programme 2018-2021
- ❑ NEHAP 2018-2022
- ❑ CBRN Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2019
- ❑ SME Development Strategy of Georgia 2016-2020
- ❑ Culture Strategy 2025

Third National Environmental Action Programme (NEAP-3)

Elaborated on the bases of:

- ❑ EU-Georgia AA
- ❑ UN SDGs
- ❑ MEAs
- ❑ National environmental policies and strategic frameworks



Main Legal Framework

Environmental Assessment Code

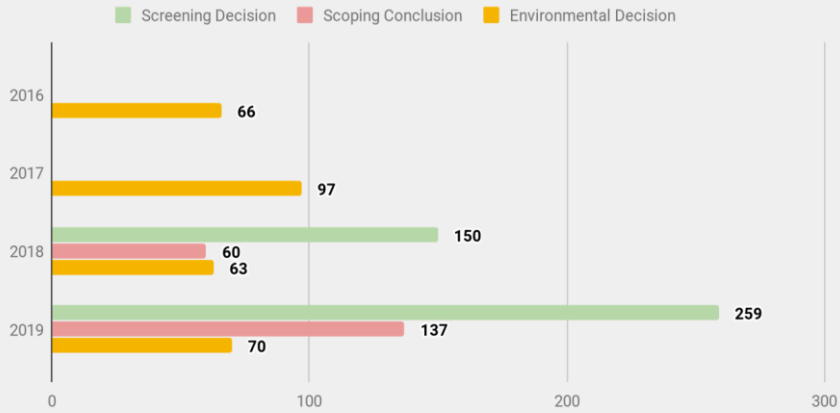
- ✓ Effective Public Participation procedure
- ✓ Introduction of Screening and Scoping procedures
- ✓ Establishment of SEA System
- ✓ Introduction of Transboundary Procedures

- Draft Law on Environmental Liability
- Hierarchical System of Remediation
- New Methodology on Calculation of Environmental Damage
- Polluter Pays Principle

Environmental Liability



EIA Decisions Made by the Ministry



- New EIA Code has introduced the screening and scoping procedures
- The number of decisions issued by the Ministry has increased by **355%** during 2018-2019 in comparison to 2016-2017
- In total **195%** increase in issuing both decisions in 2019 compared to 2018



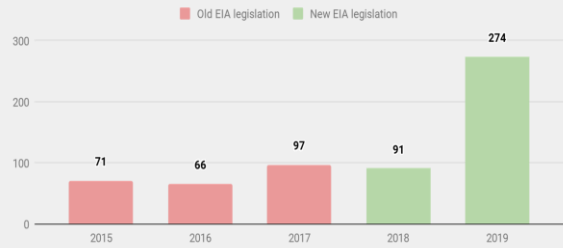
Access to Environmental Information



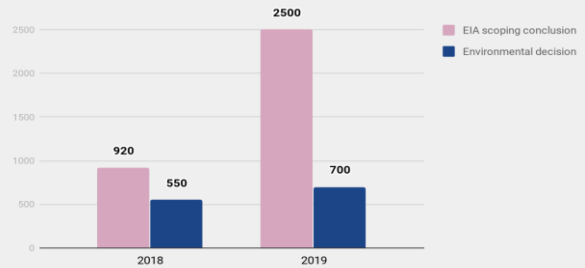


- ❑ The **Ministry is responsible for organizing and conducting public hearings**
- ❑ **Two public hearings have been held during the EIA process, one at the scoping stage and at EIA stage**
- ❑ **66% increase in the number of public hearings in 2019 compared to 2018**
- ❑ In total **153% increase in number of attendees at both stages (Scoping and Environmental Decision) in 2019 compared to 2018**

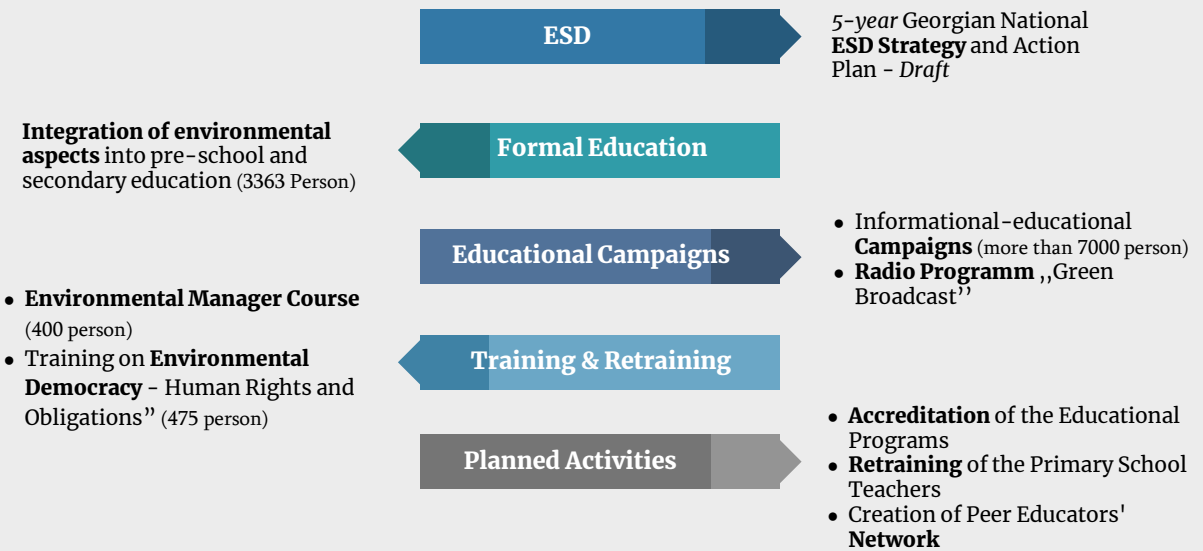
Number of Public Hearings



Number of Attendees



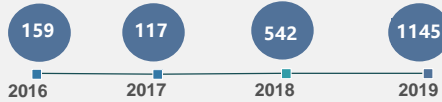
Environmental Education





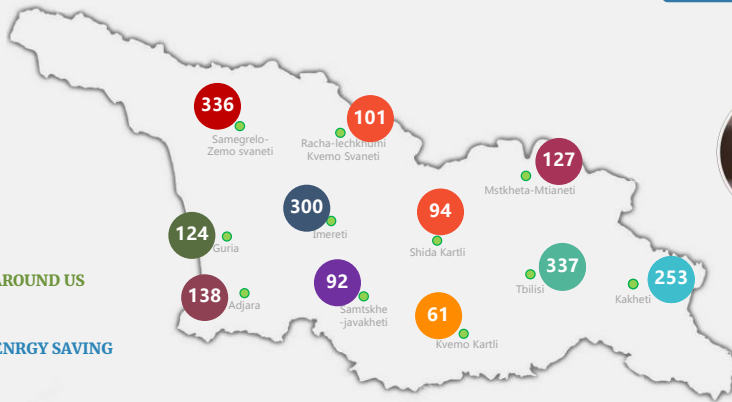
Pre-School Environmental Education

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1963 Educators and Methodists

1600 Preschool Institutions



GREEN AWARD

KEY TOPICS

BIODIVERSITY AROUND US

WATER AND ENERGY SAVING

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Trainings on Environmental Democracy - Human Rights and Obligations

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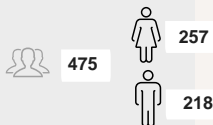
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Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making

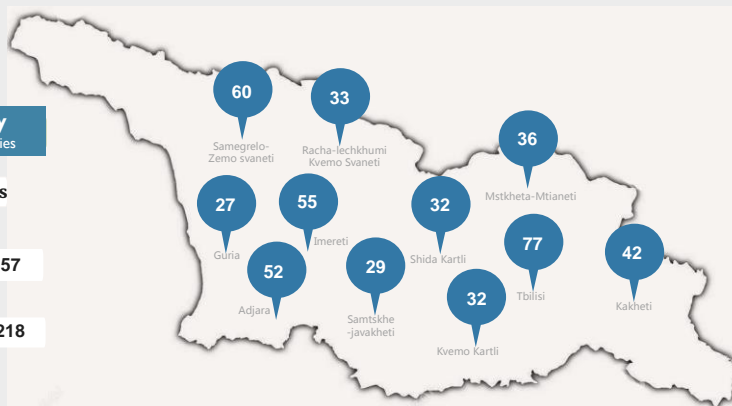
Environmental Supervision and Access to Justice

Whole Country
except occupied territories

11 Regions



Broad Audience



That benefits to

- Increased transparency
- Restored distrust
- Decreased corruption risk
- Increased security and stability

Local Governments

Municipalities

Schools

Media

NGOs

CSOs

Business Sector

Parliament

Ministries

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia



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