

ENTO StudyLab in Georgia

“Georgian LGclose2EU”

3-5 October , 2019

Since regaining independence in early 90ies of 20th century, Georgia has declared it's aspirations toward European Union. “I’m Georgian, and therefore I am European.” These are the words of late Georgian Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania while speaking in front of the Council of Europe in 1999. Georgia has signed the association agreement with EU in 2014. EU is Georgia’s largest trade partner and supports various reforms in the country.

What are the steps made towards EU by Georgian local authorities? How European Institutions work in Georgia and what is the role of local governments? These are the questions addressed during the study lab.

Day 1: Thursday, October 3

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| 11:00 | Orientation Meeting at the Hotel Lobby (Hotel Citadines – Tbilisi) |
| 12:00 | Visit to Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)
Welcome Speech by the Rector, Marine Ioseliani
Welcome Speech by the President of ENTO, Paolo Crugnola
Presentation of GIPA university – Zhana Antia
Workshop “ <i>Georgian local government system and reform of public service</i> ” – Special Guest: Natia Gudava, Head of Professional Development Unit at Municipal Service Development Agency |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 16.:00-17:00 | Workshop - “ <i>Georgia towards EU</i> ”, lecture by former president of Georgia Mr. Giorgi Margvelashvili
“Frontline” café and discussion center |
| 17:00 – 19:00 | Sightseeing tour of Old Tbilisi |
| 19:00 | Welcome dinner in Old Metekhi Restaurant |

Day 2:Friday, October 4

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| 10:00 – 11:00 | Visit to Public Service Hall |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | Visit to Emergency and Operative Response Center |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 -15:30 | Local Governance Integration in EU – Workshop with Tamar Taliashvili, Vice-President of Congress of EU Council in Georgia |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Visit to museum of occupation |
| 17:00 – 19:00 | ENTO GA at “Civitas Georgica” |
| 20:00 | <i>Dinner and masterclasses at Restaurant “Mravalzhamieri”</i> |

*Masterclass: tasting chacha, preparing Georgian bread “Shoti”
and making Georgian dessert, “Churchkhela”*

Day 3: Saturday, October 5 LEISURE AND SIGHTSEEING DAY

10:00	Leaving the hotel
11:00	Arriving to Uplistsikhe – Fortress of GOD (UNESCO world heritage center) Uplistsikhe cave town-fortress is situated on the rocky massif near Gori. The fortress is mentioned since I-II millennium BC. It was an important religious, political and cultural center in the Hellenistic and the late Antique periods, according to UNESCO .
13:00	Lunch at Gori restaurant “Josep
14:00 – 15:30	Visiting Worldknown Dictator’s Museum - Arrival at I. Stalin Museum in Gori <i>According to Independent, this is the creepy attraction in Georgia that still worships the communist leader. This is the most authentic place to feel the Soviet era.</i>
15:30	Leaving the museum
17:00	Breathing Angel’s Share – Visiting Sarajishvili Vinery to taste Georgian Brandy, that was the one to have license of using word “Cognac” for its products
18:00	Farewell dinner at Golden Mug “Okro’s Katkha”