



December 2023 News of the Month

From all of us at LDA Georgia, Happy New Year! We wish you good health, prosperity and peace in 2024!

- LDA Georgia Staff



Memorandum of Understanding Signed with Baghdati, Tkibuli, and Terjola Municipalities

Local Democracy Agency Georgia, in partnership with the Tkibuli District Development Fund, has initiated the "More Transparency and Accountability for Effective Self-Government" project. This project aims to foster effective self-governance in Terjola, Tkibuli, and Baghdati municipalities, emphasizing the engagement of civil society in decision-making processes.

A key milestone in this initiative is the signing of a memorandum of understanding between LDA Georgia, the Tkibuli District Development Fund, and the target municipalities: Baghdati, Terjola, and Tkibuli. This agreement was formalized by the leaders of these organizations and the mayors of the respective municipalities.

The project, led by the Tkibuli District Development Fund in partnership with LDA Georgia, is supported by the "Strengthening Civil Society in the Eastern Partnership" program. This program receives joint funding from the government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Union.

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Empowering Youth Through Advocacy

Collaborating with students from Kutaisi Public School N15, we've nurtured a new wave of youth advocates! These young individuals have gained foundational knowledge in advocacy, leading them to design and launch their own campaigns addressing critical issues like bullying and environmental pollution.

This meeting was a part of the "Civil Society STAR Initiative," which is supported by the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).

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Meeting with CSOs and Citizens from the Samtredia Municipality

LDA Georgia recently had a meeting with civil society organizations and active citizens from Samtredia Municipality. This gathering was an opportunity to present essential documents, including findings from research prepared on the needs of civil society groups in the Imereti region. Additionally, participants were briefed on upcoming grant competitions, opening doors for further development and collaboration.

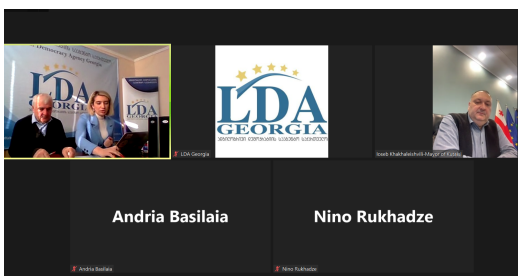
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New Interns Selected at LDA Georgia

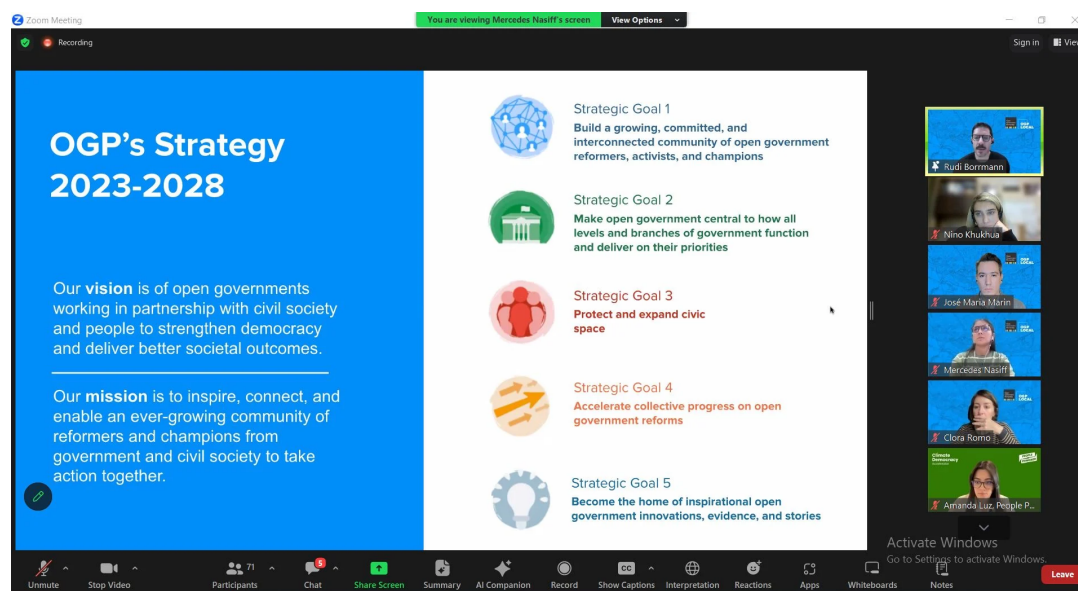
We recently had the privilege of interviewing a group of enthusiastic candidates for our internship program at LDA Georgia. Three exceptional individuals have been chosen, and will support with implementing multifaceted projects, participating in event coordination, handling office responsibilities, designing visual materials, enhancing public relations expertise, and pursuing professional growth. Upon successful completion of the program, they will be awarded a certificate recognizing their achievements and development.



Recap of LDA Georgia's Annual General Meeting

On December 27, 2023, LDA Georgia successfully conducted its general meeting in a virtual format. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Nino Khukhua, the Executive Director, and Nodar Jikia, the Chairman of the Board. Key agenda items discussed included:

1. Nominating and electing new board members.
2. Appointing the Chairman and Secretary of the general meeting.
3. Presenting and ratifying the report for 2021-2022.
4. Updating the organization's registration data, including the charter and founding agreement, to align with Georgia's "Law on Entrepreneurs."
5. Changing the legal address of the organization.



OGP year summary meeting

The executive director of the organization, Nino Khukhua, participated in the OGP 2023 summary event, which was held in an online format.

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The mission of LDA Georgia is to strengthen local democracy and civil society, to support democratic reforms in Georgia, and to develop new and innovative approaches to local and national challenges by cooperating with local and international stakeholders.



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