



NEWSLETTER (AUGUST, 2014)

Georgia Elected as Member of OGP Steering Committee



According to the results of the elections, Georgia became a new member of OGP steering committee for two years. This is the first time after 2011 that OGP steering committee was elected by the member states.

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Memorandum of Understanding



Special State Protection Service of Georgia and IDFI signed the memorandum of understanding. In the frames of the memorandum, IDFI will provide recommendations to ensure improvement of transparency of the service and increase accountability.

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2014-15 OGP Action Plan and Elaborated Recommendations



IDFI was actively involved in working process on 2014-15 OGP National Action Plan that was elaborated with the close cooperation of the government and the civil society. Four recommendations of the NGOs had been put in the Action Plan: creating the petition portal ichange.ge, improving the legislation on the surveillance/proactive transparency, improving the accessibility of the statistical data from Ministry of Internal Affairs and transparency of archives.

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Statistical Information on the Surveillance Conducted by the Prosecutors Office

In the process of implementing OGP national action plan, along with other forum member NGOs IDFI has addressed the Supreme Court of Georgia with recommendation to proactively disclose statistical information of secret surveillance, due to high public interest of such information.

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Expenses of Government Administration

IDFI received information about the expenses of government administration in 2013-2014. The information concerns bonuses allocated to officials in these years, also travel expenses of ex and current Prime-Ministers and ex-president, representative expenses, etc.



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Round Table on Topic Digital Switchover

IDFI held a round table on topic “Migration of the local broadcasters to the digital broadcasting platform – Challenges and issues connected to the process”; GNCC presented to the regional broadcasters alternative plan of allocation of frequencies on VHF band instead of broadcasting on UHF band. The regional broadcasters stated their views concerning the presentation made by GNCC. Representatives of the companies, supplying technical equipment for digital broadcasting, presented their offers to the broadcasters.



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2013 data from Kakheti, Guria, Mtskheta-Mtianeti

IDFI published different kinds of information provided by the Municipality of [Kakheti](#), [Guria](#) and [Mtskheta-Mtianeti](#) regions on [Opendata.ge](#). Received information concerns bonuses allocated to the officials in different cities of these regions, events and state purchasing.

Summer School on Good Governance

International Summer School ENPI beyond 2013 in South Caucasus Region: Challenges in Good Governance was held on August 25-29 at Tbilisi State University.

IDFI was one of the organizers of the summer school.

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