

2016 Crime Data and Access to Information in Georgia



IDFI calls on the Ministry of Internal Affairs to:

1. *Fully, consistently and regularly publish detailed statistics on crime;*
2. *Explain in detail the methodological changes that resulted in radical differences between data published before and after 2013;*
3. *Fulfill its commitment to create a crime map;*
4. *Provide Geostat with detailed crime statistics on a monthly basis, who then must publish this data on its website.*

Tbilisi Government Adopted Tbilisi Action Plan 2017 Within the Framework of “Open Government Partnership”



Within the framework of “Open Government Partnership” (OGP), the Government of Tbilisi adopted Tbilisi OGP Action Plan 2017. Obligations defined by the Action Plan, it is noteworthy that it includes 5 main obligations presented below:

Obligation 1 – Introduction of Multi-Discipline Mechanism of Open Government and Civil Participation – Information and Civil Activities Portal “Smart Map”;

Obligation 2 – Introduction of Petition in Municipality System, Electronic Petition;

Obligation 3 – Implementation of Participatory Budget Planning Mechanism;

Obligation 4 – Interactive Accessibility to Budget Spending and Introduction of Civil Control Mechanisms;

Obligation 5 – Introduction of Civil Control and Accessibility Mechanisms for Municipality Services.

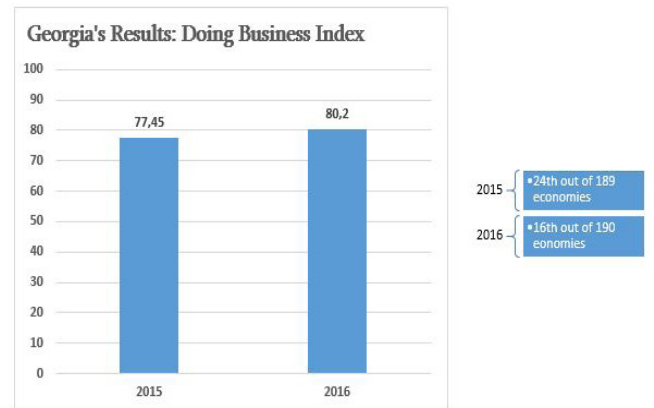
IDFI’s Constitutional Complaint



IDFI finds that Articles 44 and 28 (Paragraph 1) of the General Administrative Code of Georgia, as well as Articles 5 and 6 (Paragraphs 1 and 3) of the Law on Personal Data Protection contradict Article 41 of the Constitution and should be declared unconstitutional.

Georgia in the 2017 Doing Business Index

Figure #1: The Doing Business Index: Georgia’s Results (2016 - 2017)



According to the Doing Business 2017 report, Georgia is ranked 16th among 190 nations. In the previous year’s report (2016), Georgia held the 24th position among 189 countries (see. Figure #1). Georgia has improved its positions in many categories, particularly in terms of institutional structure and regulatory environment. However, major weaknesses remain, such as lack of support for research and education by the government and the private sector, and limited use of innovation in business.

OGP - Global Summits and Georgia’s Achievements

Open Government Partnership’s fourth Global Summit was held in Paris, France on December 7-9, 2016. It was attended by approximately 3,000 representatives of civil society, business sector and government. Representatives of the Government, as well as of the non-governmental organizations, including “Institute for Development of Freedom of Information” (IDFI), will be also presented at the aforementioned Summit.