

# NEWSLETTER



INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION



## Access to Open Data in Georgia

DFI presented its research “Access to Public Information in Georgia” at Tbilisi Courtyard Marriott. The research was conducted within the scopes of the project “Open Data: Sources for Changes and Innovations” which IDFI was implementing from September 1st to January 30th, with the financial assistance of the USAID’s project - Good Governance Initiative in Georgia (GGI).

The aim of the research was to identify databases of the public institutions and monitoring implementation process of the law on unified state register.

Open Data Portal – [www.data.gov.ge](http://www.data.gov.ge) was established in 2015, by the LEPL of Ministry of Justice “Data Exchange Agency” within the scope of “Open Government Action Plan” adopted by Government of Georgia. Data bases, owned by public entities are periodically published on the website in various, convenient formats for citizens. Open Data Portal – [www.data.gov.ge](http://www.data.gov.ge) gives opportunity to every user to access the data and use it to create applications, business projects and e-services.



## Freedom of Information Guidebook

IDFI presents publication Freedom of Information Guidebook (Second Edition). The Guidebook is based on the practice of requests of public information of the Institute. Based on the specific examples the work describes the present situation in Georgia and gives the reader full comprehension of the existing practice of accessibility of public information.

Second Edition of Freedom of Information Guidebook includes the topics of personal data protection and proactive disclosure of public information.

The Guide was developed by IDFI in the frameworks of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Good Governance in Georgia (G-3) program. The authors of the Guidebook are: Paata Turava, Levan Avalishvili and Sergi Jorbenadze. Editor - Giorgi Kldiashvili.

Guidebook is available in English, Georgian, Armenian and Azerbaijani languages.

## Event of the Month

Considering IDFI's request Tbilisi City Hall will prepare memorial boards to immortalize members of the Military Center, executed by Bolshevik Russia.

In January IDFI held a public lecture at Akaki Tsereteli University in Kutaisi about [Georgia 2020 – Regulating Competition in Telecommunication Field](#). Lecture was led by representatives of IDFI - media expert Ucha Seturi and project coordinator Saba Buadze.

Within the framework of the project IDFI held discussion [Universal Healthcare Program – Assessment of the year 2015](#) and published three articles:

- [Healthcare Cost Containment Mechanisms and Georgia's Healthcare System](#)
- [Analysis of Pension System Reform](#)
- [Forms of Ownership of Medical Organizations, World Practice and Georgia](#)

## Supporting the Parliament of Georgia in Implementation of the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan

Overall objective of the project is to strengthen parliamentary openness and citizen engagement in the legislative activities of the Parliament of Georgia.

On December 30th, 2015, in accordance with the #195/3 Order of the Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia, the Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open and Transparent Governance was established.

Primary functions of the Parliamentary Council will be ensuring parliamentary openness, elaborating the Open Parliament Action Plans within the scopes of Open Government Partnership Initiative (OGP) and monitoring their implementation process.

IDFI has actively advocated creation of the Parliamentary Council which was a commitment laid out in the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan 2015-2016.

## Other Activities:

- Failed [Lustration](#) Process in Georgia
- Georgian Citizens [Detained](#) by Russian Occupational Troops in 2015
- [Statement](#) of IDFI Regarding the Letter of President Advisor to the Prosecutor's Office of Georgia
- IDFI Held a [Training](#) on Public-Private Dialogue (PPD)
- IDFI [Received](#) Two Year Funding for Organizational Development
- Fee for Disclosing Electronic Copies of the Documents kept at the Gregorian and MIA archives are [Removed](#)



## Strategic Plan Georgia 2020

The goal of the project is to raise the awareness among civil society groups and to strengthen the understanding of Georgia's socio-economic development strategy "Georgia 2020". To identify problems and to formulate relevant recommendations, existing challenges and the implementation process of the strategy will be critically analyzed.

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