



NEWSLETTER (SEPTEMBER, 2014)

Access to Public Information in LEPLs and State Sub-Agencies in Georgia

IDFI has published the report on the Access to Public Information in legal entities of public law, state sub-agencies and other public entities covering for the period of October 2013 – July 2014.

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Online Transparency of Governmental institutions

IDFI was involved in international monitoring of governmental online openness and transparency. Civil society members from Russia, Belarus and the USA participated in the project too and survey presents the openness rating of these four countries.

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INTERNET FREEDOM IN GEORGIA

Report Internet Freedom in Georgia illustrates that in case of both wired and mobile internet, dominance of two companies is noticeable on the market. Besides, it covers the issue of social networking, protection of users' rights and related challenges.

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State-owned enterprises (SOE) and their efficiency in Georgia

IDFI published research prepared within the frames of the project “State-Owned Enterprises in Georgia and their Efficiency – the Analysis of Agriculture Sector” in the cooperation with Tax Payers Union (TPU).

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Giorgi Kldiashvili participated in OGP High Level Event in New York

Giorgi Kldiashvili, the director of IDFI attended OGP High level Event in New York on September 24. Also, he gave a speech at the talk show with global civil society leaders organized by Open Government Partnership (OGP) with Ford Foundation.



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Statistical Information on Foreign Citizens Been Granted residence permits.

IDFI has published the statistical data received from Public Service Development Agency of Georgia on Foreign Citizens Been Granted the Citizenship of Georgia and Status of a Refugee, during the time period of 2005-2013

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Public Information received from the State Prosecutors office of Georgia

IDFI's request on public information of State Prosecutors office of Georgia, made on July 1, 2014 has been ignored. Accordingly the institute has sued against the responsible person for providing information, which has been satisfied. However, requested information has not been provided completely.

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The Agreement between Tbilisi City Hall and LDT "C.T.Park": details unknown till now.

IDFI has published all unknown details included in the agreement between Tbilisi City Hall and LDT "C.T.Park".

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Broadcasting foreign language content will be limited

IDFI has examined and adopted the recommendations concerning draft amendments to the Law on Broadcasting, according to what spreading foreign language content will be limited for Georgian broadcasters.

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2013 Data from Samtskhe-Javakheti, Kvemo Kartli, Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti

Diverse public information received from [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#), [Kvemo Kartli](#), [Kvemo Svaneti](#) and [Racha-Lechkhumi](#) is now accessible on www.opendata.ge

Training on Freedom of Information and Democratic Governance at Ministry of Internal Affairs

Giorgi Kldiashvili director at IDFI and analyst Goga Tushurashvili has conducted two day training on Freedom of Information and Democratic Governance, covering Georgian and International experience for the employees of Ministry of Internal Affairs.



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IDFI Trainings on E-participation

IDFI delivered 6 trainings on E-participation during September 15-24, 2014 within the framework of the project “Enhancing E-Skills of Controlling Government among Young People”. Approximately 60 students from different faculties and universities attended the trainings. Students were provided with special [guidebook](#) prepared by one of the analyst of IDFI. The guidebook explains the methods to monitor and observe E-services developed by public institutions, and determine to what extent they are used for establishing direct contact with citizens.



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Workshops on OGP related topics

During September, 2014 IDFI has conducted 5 workshops concerning OGP. The chairmen of the board of IDFI, Levan Avalishvili and the director Giorgi Kldiashvili have met members of media society in Batumi as well as students and have presented challenges and commitments taken by the Georgia in 2014-2015.

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Informational Meeting between Representatives of IDFI and EBRD

The meeting was held between IDFI and the founder of the Finnish company - Timi TVConsulting concerning digital switchover process, aimed to share Finnish experience and recommendations in the process of digital switchover.

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IDFI representatives participated in Batumi Media Conference

IDFI representatives spoke about the process of digital switchover in Georgia and reviewed current achievements and challenges.

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DSO experience of European Countries: Condition of Digital Pay-TV in Hungary

Information concerns Hungarian experience on the way of digital switchover process. Data published by the regulator NMHH shows that as of July there were a total of 3,067,962 TV subscriptions, based on data supplied by 10 major market players.

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IDFI's response to the statement of the State Prosecutors office

IDFI responded the statement of Prosecutor's office that actually was an answer on IDFI's article. According to the respond, the amount of average monthly bonus allocated to officials was 2 842 Georgian Lari. The highest one-time bonus was 7 530 Georgian Lari.

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