



NEWSLETTER (JULY, 2014)

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Migration of Local Broadcasters to Digital Transmission Platform

Civil Service Requirment



Institute for Development of Freedom of Information has suggested the Ministry of Economic and Sustainable Development of Georgia a strategy of digital switchover of the regional and local broadcasters. The new research prepared in the framework of project “Supporting and Monitoring of the Transition to Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting in Georgia” emphasizes the suggestions and recommendations regarding the ongoing process.

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Institute for development of freedom of information has prepared recommendations on improvement of civil service recruitment. However, huge volume of progress has been achieved since the appropriate decree adoption by the Government of Georgia; though comparing with international practice. (Great Britain and Estonia) the number of flaws in legislative regulations still is remaining.

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The Data of 2013 from Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti Region

IDFI published different kind of information provided by the Municipality of Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti Region on Opendata.ge. Received information concerns bonuses allocated to the officials in different cities of this

region and about the costs of vehicles on municipality board's balance.

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Replaced vehicles and technique expenses in 2013

IDFI requested information about the expenses of replaced vehicle and computer technique in different Ministries based on simplified procurements.

Besides, IDFI has received information about maintenance costs of vehicles.

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Information Accessibility in departments of Dismissed Ministers

Based on Prime-Minister decision seven ministries have been dismissed.

IDFI republished the monitoring results on public information availability in these ministries.

Organization considers high progress has been achieved in terms of transparency and accessibility of public information in departments of dismissed Ministers.

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რემოსა და ბუნებრივი რესურსების დაცვის სამინისტრო	100%
ჯუპირებული ტერიტორიებიდან იძულებით გადაადგილებულ პირთა, მსახლეობისა და ლტოლვილთა სამინისტრო	100%
ეკონომიკური განვითარებისა და ინფრასტრუქტურის სამინისტრო	100%
ავლის მეურნეობის სამინისტრო	99,7%
საგეოდედასახეობისა და პრობაციის სამინისტრო	90,8%
იასპორის საკითხებში საკითხებში სახელმწიფო მინისტრის აპარატი	74,6%
ელტურისა და მეგლთა დაცვის სამინისტრო	67,6%

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Diplomas of Ministers and their deputies

IDFI has published copies of high education diplomas of Ministers and their deputies. The request was ignored by Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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IDFI has published the official database of FOI officers in charge of ensuring access to information and proactive disclosure of information in various public institutions. Contact information of these people, also the business e-mails, where one can easily make request on public information are provided in database.

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Representative expenses in 2013

IDFI published detail information about representative expenses received from Ministries and its State offices. Data was not provided only by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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Roaming and official visit costs in 2013

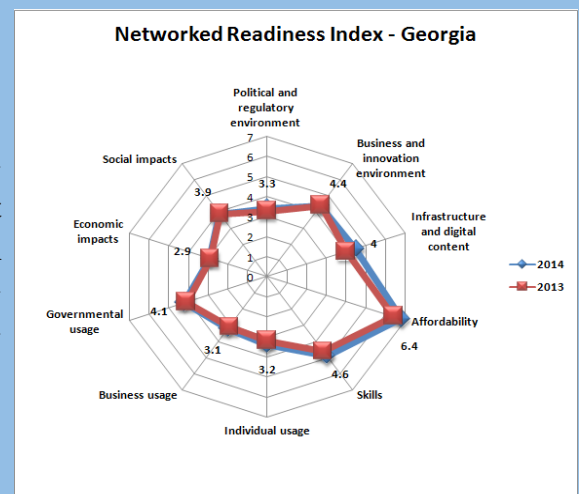
IDFI has published information about official visit costs and roaming expenses in 2013, received from all Ministries of Georgia.

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The index of network readiness 2014: Georgia among high developed countries

IDFI prepared analyze of the Global Information Technology Report 2014 released by World Economic Forum that reveals interrelationship between development of modern communication technological infrastructure and economic well-being. According to the survey, Georgia considerably improved its network readiness index during last year.

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The index of e-participation and e-governance of Georgia in 2014

IDFI has prepared analyze of the survey conducted by the United Nations in 2014 about E-governance. The report determined the level of e-governance and e-participation for all 192 countries including Georgia.

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The order regulating standards for proactive release of public information

National Security Council has developed regulations for proactive disclosure of public information. IDFI has made significant commitment to the very process. National Security Council of Georgia has signed interaction memorandum with IDFI on 24th of June, 2014. IDFI is working on proactive disclosure and e-request of public information for a long time.

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The presentation of concept of Civil Service reform

The presentation of the concept of Civil Service reform that aims to develop new Civil Service standards was held on 1st of July, 2014. IDFI has played an important role in terms of improving civil service. Moreover, the institute was actively involved in implementation of the project, supporting civil service reform funded by G-3.

Besides, IDFI published several surveys about various issues in public sector.

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The complaint of IDFI has been satisfied by the Ministry of Corrections of Georgia

After Ministry of Corrections of Georgia has ignored two requests of IDFI about different kind of public information, the institute appealed to Minister of Corrections with compliant, which has been satisfied by responsible bodies.

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Official response of IDFI to the statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

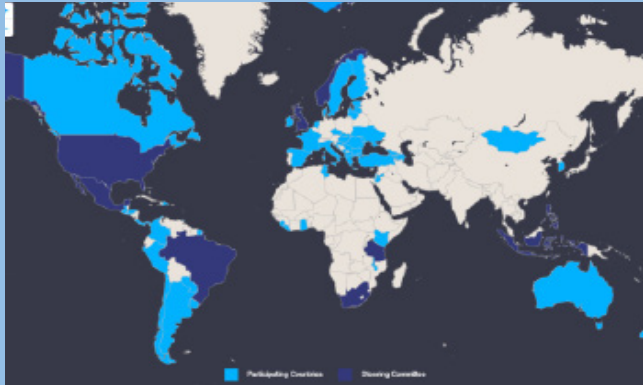
Maia Fanjikidze, Minister of Foreign Affairs accused IDFI in dishonest activities. Her statement was preceded by publishing the information about travel expenses of officials.

IDFI released responsive letter and called Minister to refrain from statements against principles of transparency of public information and governmental accountability in Georgia.

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OGP Steering Committee Elections and Georgia

In 2014, for the very first time, Open Government Partnership Steering Committee will be elected through the elections. Georgia is one of the Steering Committee Information projects, IDFI takes outlined in the 2014-tion of Freedom of – icheange.ge, Open therefore increases



among the member states. those countries, seeking the membership. cerns the ambitious goals and an active role in and that were 15 action plan, including adop- Information Act, citizen portal Data Portal and E-Archives that Georgia's chances within OGP

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IDFI participated in Job fair

Within the job fair carried out at Ilia State University, IDFI has represented its activities, goals, mission and vacancies to wide spectrum of students.

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