

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

This Memorandum of Cooperation is made and entered into force as of **28.10.2022** by and

Between:

MESA10, seated at: Sliachska 1 E, 831 02 Bratislava, Slovakia, ID: 31 74 61 52, the organisation implementing the project titled *Development of Communities along the ABL around the Tskhinvali region with the focus on local administration and development* supported by the SlovakAid;

and:

Strategic Analysis Think Tank, seated at: Tolstého 5, 811 06 Bratislava, Slovakia, ID: 5348701;

and:

Institute for Development of Freedom of Information, seated at: 20, T. Shevchenko Street 0108, Tbilisi, ID: 204569617.

(further also referred to as "Parties")

Purpose and Scope:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation is to provide for a framework of cooperation and determine specific working arrangements between parties as well as to establish a communication channel, with the intention to effectively cooperate in matters of common interest, in particular in the field of activities identified in this Memorandum, based on the principles of common interest, reciprocity and complementarity.

Cooperation between the Parties encompasses in particular, but is not limited to, the following areas in accordance with the respective mandates of the Parties:

Presentation of project outcomes at the conference entitled ***ABL communities and their challenges: What are their solutions?*** in Gori on November 15-16, 2022.

During the two-day conference, self-government and local administration representatives, small businesses owners, NGOs/CSOs representatives, local journalists, representatives of the central government, experts, and representatives of the Georgian decision-making sphere will discuss the findings of the initial field research that was conducted during the first part of the project. Representatives of the implementing consortium from the V4 countries will also be present to share their experience with the selected topics (regional development, micro-entrepreneurship, SMEs, renewable energy and green innovations, agrotourism, social entrepreneurship, and social agriculture).

In addition, the conference will serve as a platform for the presentation of the results of field research - studies and will be a space for a final discussion on the recommendations and solutions from the perspective of local governments located along the ABL in Georgia.

Legal Nature:

This Memorandum of Cooperation is a statement of intent and does not create any enforceable rights or obligations. The Parties will fulfil their tasks under this Memorandum of Cooperation in good faith and on a best-effort basis.

This Memorandum of Cooperation does not modify or supersede any national laws, nor does it affect any provision under other multilateral or bilateral agreements in force and applicable to the Parties.

There will be no third-party beneficiaries to this Memorandum of Cooperation.

The agreement becomes effective on the date of signature by all parties. It shall remain in effect for one year term from the effective date.

Background:

MESA10, Strategic Analysis Think Tank and the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information share a common goal, which is bringing light to the challenges of the communities along the Administrative Border Line in Georgia. Since these organisations share a common goal, the Memorandum of Cooperation anchors their efforts for complementary activities.

Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Cooperation:

MESA10, jointly with its partners, is solemnly responsible for the organisation of the conference in Gori, supported by the SlovakAid and the International Visegrad Fund.

Strategic Analysis Think Tank is responsible for creating the content architecture of the conference in Gori.

Institute for Development of Freedom of Information is a content partner of the above-mentioned conference.



Memorandum of cooperation enters into force on October 28, 2022.

MESA10
Občianske združenie
Sliachska 1 E
831 02 Bratislava
IČO: 31746152
www.mesa10.org

Alexandra Tóthová
MESA10



Ján Štefel
Strategic Analysis
Think Tank



Giorgi Kldiashvili
Institute for Development
of Freedom of Information

On October 28, 2022, in Bratislava, Slovakia and Tbilisi, Georgia