

**Action Plan of Georgia to address the steps defined in the European Commission Communication of 8 November 2023
Adopted by the State Commission on EU Integration on 27 November**

#	Recommendation	Actions	Timelines	Responsible Institutions
1	Fight disinformation and foreign information manipulation and interference against the EU and its values	<p>Design the action plan for the GoG lead communication campaign to promote the EU and its values throughout Georgia.</p> <p>Implement the Action Plan</p>	<p>On 11 December the State Communications Strategy of 2024-2027 was adopted by the Governmental Decree. Among other key issues, the Strategy includes a component on fight against disinformation.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia developed a list of actions, which aim to introduce changes to the State Communication Strategy on Georgia's EU Membership in line with the existing realities and the European commission's recommendations; to strengthen institutional capacities including the reform of the Information and Public Relations General Directorate of the Ministry and to strengthen its Information Centre on Nato and EU both in terms of financial and human resources; to undertake actions aimed at fighting the disinformation and raising awareness on EU and European values; as well as to further activate international cooperation including with the respective services in the EEAS on strategic communications.</p> <p>Throughout 2024</p>	GoG
2	Improve Georgia's alignment with the EU common foreign and security policy	<p>Improve percentage of the alignment</p> <p>Following the existing practice, continue active cooperation with the relevant EU services in order to ensure that the territory of Georgia is not used to circumvent the EU sanctions, including through continued regular reporting by the Ministry of Finance of Georgia to the relevant services of the European Commission (FISMA, DG TAXUD), as well as those of the USA and the UK on compliance of the customs operations on sanctioned and sensitive customs codes.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Since June 2023, Georgia consistently increased its alignment rate with the EU CFSP. By the end of the year, the alignment rate reached 50%.</p> <p>Throughout 2023-2024</p>	GoG
3	Further address the issue of political polarization, including through	Involve all parliamentary political parties in the working formats on EU	<p>Throughout 2023-2024</p> <p>On 20 October, the Parliament and the National Platform of</p>	Speaker's Office

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	more inclusive legislative work with opposition parties in Parliament, notably on legislation related to Georgia's European integration	<p>integration related and other essential reforms</p> <p>Continue cooperation with the civil society on EU integration issues (on the basis of the memorandum signed between the parliament and the National Platform)</p>	the Civil Society Forum signed the memorandum of cooperation with the aim to institutionalize and deepen the cooperation. The Parliament and the National Platform held three joint conferences on EU priorities and the sectorial issues of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement.	
4	Ensure a free, fair and competitive electoral process, notably in 2024, and fully address OSCE/ODIHR recommendations. Finalize electoral reforms, including ensuring adequate representation of the electorate, well in advance of election day	Invite the long term OSCE/ODIHR mission to observe the parliamentary elections	February 2024	GoG, Speaker's Cabinet
		Establish working formats to ensure effective cooperation between the relevant authorities and observer organizations	August-October 2024	GoG
		Adopt amendments to the Election Code on the party/election financing (<i>banning the financing of political parties by the legal entities; decreasing the upper cap of annual expenses compared to GDP</i>)	<p>15 December 2023</p> <p>On 15 December, the Parliament adopted the amendments to the Law of Georgia on Political Associations of Citizens and the Electoral Code of Georgia, in line with the European commission and the recommendations of the Venice Commission.</p>	Speaker's Cabinet
5	Further improve the implementation of parliamentary oversight notably of the security services. Ensure institutional independence and impartiality of key institutions, notably the Election Administration, the National Bank, and the Communications Commission	Promote regular dialogue with all parliamentary political parties and NGOs to improve the oversight practices	<p>Throughout 2023-2024</p> <p>Based on the consultations with the European Commission, the Parliament adopted additional amendments to the Law on Broadcasting on in October and November 2023, which aim at harmonizing the law with the EU Audio-visual Media Services Directive. These amendments regulate issues related to the appointment of members of the National Communications Commission and outline the criteria and procedures for terminating their tenure.</p>	Speaker's Office
		Fill the composition of the parliamentary Trust Group	February 2024	
6	Complete and implement a holistic and effective judicial reform,	Create the working format involving all parliamentary political parties and	January 2024	Legal Affairs Committee of the

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	including a comprehensive reform of the High Council of Justice and the Prosecutor's Office, fully implementing Venice Commission recommendations and following a transparent and inclusive process	NGOs on the issues of the judiciary and prosecutor's office		Parliament
		Revise relevant legislative amendments	31 January 2024	
		Adopt relevant legislative amendments	7 March 2024	
7	Further address the effectiveness and ensure the institutional independence and impartiality of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, the Special Investigative Service and the Personal Data Protection Service. Address Venice Commission recommendations related to these bodies, in an inclusive process. Establish a strong track record in investigating -corruption and organized crime cases	Initiate legislative amendments to address the Venice Commission recommendations upon their receipt on December 15	31 Jan 2024 The dialogue will continue On 18 December, the Venice Commission published its opinions	Legal Affairs Committee
		Organize meetings with all parliamentary parties and NGOs to discuss the annual reports of relevant agencies	May 2024	
8	Improve the current action plan to implement a multi-sectorial, systemic approach to de-oligarchization, in line with Venice Commission recommendations and following a transparent and inclusive process involving opposition parties and civil society	Adopt the de-oligarchization action plan after consultations with parliamentary political parties and NGOs. <i>Note: the Action Plan was presented and discussed at the joint conference of the Parliament and the Georgia National Platform of Civil Society Forum held on 22 November in the margins of the Memorandum of Cooperation.</i>	27 November 2023 Adopted. On 27 November, the Government adopted the Deoligarchisation Action Plan, which was improved in line with the recommendations of the European Commission. The implementation process started.	GoG, Speaker's Office
		Organize meetings with parliamentary political parties and NGOs to provide effective implementation monitoring of the action plan	Throughout 2024	
9	Improve the protection of human	Hold the next meeting with the	6-7 December, 2023	GoG,

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	<p>rights including by implementing an ambitious human rights strategy and ensuring freedom of assembly and expression. Launch impartial, effective and timely investigations in cases of threats against safety of vulnerable groups, media professionals and civil society activists, and bring organizers and perpetrators of violence to justice. Consult and engage with civil society, allowing for their meaningful involvement in legislative and policymaking processes and ensure they can operate freely</p>	<p>representatives of the international organization and civil society, as well as the relevant state agencies on draft 2024-2026 Action Plan for the implementation of the Human Rights Strategy</p>	<p>Implemented</p>	<p>Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Interior, Speaker's Office</p>
<p>Adopt the Action Plan of the Human Rights Strategy after consultations with parliamentary political parties and NGOs</p>		<p>25 December 2023</p> <p>On 25 December, the Government adopted the Action Plan. The Plan was developed through a transparent and inclusive process and reflects proposals from the parliament, municipalities and the non-governmental organisations.</p>		
<p>Organize meeting with civil society organizations about ongoing investigations; Provide the Commission with comprehensive information about investigations</p>		<p>Throughout 2024</p>		
<p>Organize regular meetings with NGOs to promote their involvement in legislative and policymaking processes</p>		<p>Throughout 2023-2024</p> <p>The Parliament and the National Platform of the Civil Society Forum held three joint conferences on EU priorities and the sectorial issues of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Parliament remains open to involving the non-governmental organisations in the legislative process. The cooperation will continue within the Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open Governance, as well as by inviting them to the parliamentary Committee meetings.</p>		