

3rd meeting of the EU-Georgia Sub-Committee
On Employment, Social Policy, Equal Rights and Public Health
Tbilisi, 19 April 2018

Draft Operational conclusions

No.	Party	Action	Deadline
<i>Employment, Social Policy, Equal Rights</i>			
1	EU	Support the implementation of modern inclusive employment and labour market policies in Georgia.	Continuous
2	GE	Ensure the gradual expansion of the new model of employment services to other regions of Georgia. ○ Elaborate and implement a staffing plan for the employment services of SAA including for roll-out ○ Medium-term Labour and Employment Strategy and Strategy Realisation Action Plan 2019-2021 finalized and approved	Continuous End 2018 Q4 2018
3	GE	Make steps for developing the legislative basis regulating the labour and employment policies and institutions through the adoption of the respective draft legislation (amendments to the Labour Code, adoption of the Occupational health and safety (OSH) at work legislation). The completion of the employment-related legal framework	Continuous 2019
4	GE	Ensure proper monitoring over labour market programmes (job guidance, job coaching, counselling, training and retraining of the unemployed, Programme for people with disabilities). ○ Develop and implement action as follow-up to recommendations from the	Continuous 2018

		assessment of the Training/Re-training programme	
5	GE	Continue establishing effective administrative and law enforcement capacities in the areas of health and safety at work and labour law in line with ILO and EU standards. ○ Finalize with social partners and adopt the list of activities to be covered by the OSH Law (adopted in March 2018) ○ Adopt legislative package (amendments requested by March 2018 OSH Law) ○ Adopt legal Acts for extension of OSH Law to all economic sectors and in line with ILO principles and EU OSH Framework Directive 89/391/EEC ○ Adopt legal Act to extend the mandate of LI Depmt to all labour rights in line with international principles Workshop on labour standards and Labour inspectorate	Continuous Aug. 2018 Oct. 2018 (Deadline set in OSH law) Sept. 2019 2019 By end Q2 2018 2018-2019 Sept. 2018
6	EU GE	Facilitate the regular meetings of the Tripartite Social Partnership Commission (TSPC) in line with the Labour Code provisions as well as appropriate consultation of TSPC on relevant draft legislation and policy documents. regional TSPC in Adjara up and running	Continuous End 2018

<i>Public Health</i>			
7	GE	Continue comprehensive reforms towards Universal Health Coverage and the strengthening of the health care sector, in particular primary healthcare in Georgia	Continuous
8	GE	Continue to work on the Health Sector Development strategy.	End of 2019
9	GE	Proceed towards the implementation of the new tobacco control legislation adopted in May 2017 by Georgia in line with the EU acquis under the Association Agreement and with Georgia's obligations under the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.	End of 2018 (except for the transitional periods foreseen in the laws)
10	GE	Undertake efforts towards completion of internal procedures on Protocol for Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products	Inter-agency consultations underway on protocol-related matters
11	GE	Continue the implementation of the National Action Plan on antimicrobial resistance under a One Health Approach. The EU welcomes the GoG steps on increasing state funding and ownership of HIV /TB programmes as well as action for prevention and treatment of hepatitis.	Continuous
12	GE	Advance work on harmonization of national regulations with EU acquis on blood safety in line with provisions of the Association Agreement; strengthen national regulatory and enforcement capacities for supervision of all steps in the blood system from collection to transfusion; establish a national blood safety and quality assurance and control system.	End of 2019

13	EU	Provide EU support to the Georgian BTS (blood transfusion service) reformation in the form of EU short-term technical assistance tools (TAIEX).	June 2018
	GE	Advance work on harmonization of national regulations with EU acquis on organ transplantation in line with provisions of the Association Agreement	End of 2019
	EU	Provide EU support to the Georgian organ transplantation reformation in the form of EU short term technical assistance tools (TAIEX).	September 2018
14	EU/GE	Continue to ensure the active engagement of Georgian epidemiologists and Public Health professionals in the MediPIET training programme. GE supports the continuation of the MediPIET programme after 2019.	2018
15	EU/GE	Explore the possibilities of Georgia's participation in the EU Health Programme, on the basis of an official letter from Georgia asking for this request.	Summer 2018
17	EU/GE	Continue Georgia's closer cooperation with the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).	End of 2018
18	EU	Support Georgia in elaboration of the Health System Development Strategy	
		<i>cross-cutting</i>	
16	GE	Make use of EU short term technical assistance tools (TAIEX, Twinning) to the approximation of the legislation and policies and to the implementation of key provisions of the Association Agreement.	
17	EU/GE	Agree on the possible amendments to the relevant Annexes taking into account the developments in the EU acquis	Continuous
18	EU/GE	Identify jointly the cooperation priorities and the need for the specific EU assistance beyond already identified directions: strengthening Social Service Agency capacity building for implementation of renewed purchasing mechanisms and administrative capacity In 2017-2018, within the WHO-EU-LUX UHC Partnership (UHCP),	End of 2019

		WHO experts and the working group of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia jointly prepared SWOT analysis, health system diagnostics and PEST analysis documents. These documents will be the basis for the action plan for strategic purchasing strategy to be completed in June, 2018. • Priorities for 2018-2019: Technical/financial assistance in the process of harmonization of the national legislation on organ transplantation and blood safety with the relevant EU directives.	
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