

**Specific Support to Georgia:  
Horizon2020 Policy Support Facility, Mission II**

**Mission dates: February 5 - 8, 2018**

**Agenda**

**To note:** *Prior to the meetings a power point presentation summarising the key initial findings of the PSF panel and issues for discussion will be distributed among invited participants via the SRNSFG. This presentation will form a background for the discussions.*

**Monday, February 5**

*Venue: Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (Address: #52 Uznadze street, 0102 Tbilisi, Georgia)*

12.00 – 13.30                      Internal panel meeting (hotel)

14:00 – 16:30                      Meeting with representatives of [Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia](#); [Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia](#); [Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia](#); [Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency \(GITA\)](#)

**Moderators:** Krzysztof Gulda and Michael Schlicht

- [Dr. Mikheil Chkhenkeli](#), Minister of Education and Science of Georgia
- [Dr. Alexander Tevzadze](#), Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Georgia
- Mr. Kakha Khandolishvili, Ms. Natia Gabitashvili – Strategic Planning and International Relations Department, MoES
- Mr. Valeri Gobronidze, Deputy Head of the Department of Higher Education and Science Development/Head of the Division for Students Social Support Gobronidze, MoES
- Representatives of **SRNSFG**
- [Mr. Giorgi Cherkezishvili](#) – Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- [Mr. Giorgi Zviadadze](#) – Chairman of GITA

17.00 – 18:00                      Site visit to the [Institute of Earth Sciences and National Seismic Monitoring Centre \(Ilia State University\)](#)

18:30- 21:30                      Dinner (Hosted by SRNSFG)                      **Restaurant Funicular**

**Tuesday, February 6**

*Venue: Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia, Conference Hall (#1. Aleksidze str. 0193, Tbilisi)*

**10:00-12:15** Thematic meeting #1: **Measures for narrowing the gap between research and industry/business**

**Chair:** Krzysztof Gulda / Michael Schlicht

**Principal expert:** Anna Kadarebkova

1. [Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia](#)
2. [Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia](#)  
- Tea Tarielashvili- [Higher Education and Science Development Department](#)
3. [Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia](#)  
- Marita Arabidze, Head of the Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Division  
- Natalia Jamburia, Chief Specialist Energy Efficiency and renewable Energy Division  
- David Sharikadze, Head of the Energy Department
4. [Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency \(GITA\)](#)
5. Salome Khachiauri, Head of the Department of Innovation and Commercialization
6. [Partnership Fund](#)  
-Tamar Asatiani, HR Officer
7. National Intellectual Property Center - [SAKPATENTI](#)  
- Manana Pruidze, Acting Deputy Chairperson
8. [National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement](#)  
- [Ketevan Tsotniashvili](#), Head of Authorization Division for Higher Education
9. [Georgian Industrial Development Group-](#) David Bezhuashvili, Chairman, Board of Director **(tbc)**
10. Scientific-Research Center of Agriculture, [Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia](#)  
- Leila Gegenava, Chief Specialist
11. [National Center for Disease Control](#)  
- Paata Imnadze, Director
12. [Georgian Cluster Collaboration Platform \(GCNP\)](#)  
- Givi Kochoradze – Executive Director
13. [Policy and Management Consulting Group \(PMCG\)](#)  
- Mikheil Skhiereli, Associated Consultant Governance, Innovation and Investment Policy
14. [Georgian Research & Development Foundation](#)  
- Nikoloz Burdiashvili, Program Manager
15. [Business Association of Georgia \(BAG\)](#)  
- Nana Tsertsvadze, Manager of Sectoral Development
16. Georgian Tourism Association (cluster)  
- Natalie Kvachantiradze –Chairperson
19. Business Intelligence and Valuation Group - BVG  
- Nino Kuntseva- Gabashvili, expert

**12:30 – 13:30**

**Lunch**

**13.30 – 15:30** Thematic group #1: **Measures for narrowing the gap between research and industry/business**

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1. [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\)](#)
  - Mikheil Skhiereli, Programme Expert at GIZ
2. [World Bank representation in Georgia](#)
  - Nino Kutateladze - Senior Education Specialist, GEDDR-Education Global Practice Europe and Central Asia
3. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency –SIDA **(tbc)**
4. [Georgian Research and Educational Networking Association](#)
  - Ramaz Kvatadze – Executive Director
5. [International School of Economics at TSU](#)
  - Sophiko Skhirtladze – Head of Private Sector Development Research Center
6. [Procredit Bank](#)
  - Ketevan Kekelashvili, Business Clients Department
7. [TBC Bank](#)
  - Nina Akhvlediani – Senior CSR Manager
8. [Bank of Georgia](#)
  - Boris Kiknadze – Head of CSR
9. [Black Sea Group](#) **(tbc)**
10. [Enterprise Georgia](#)
  - Giorgi Darchia, Head of Research and Analytics Department at Enterprise Georgia
11. [State Military Scientific Technical Center Delta](#) **(tbc)**
12. [LTD Cartlis](#)
  - Nino Bichinashvili, Public relations department.
13. [LTD "MOFER - Association "Farmer of the Future"](#)
  - Rusudan Gigashvili, Chairwoman
  - Mikheil Chichakua, Doctor of Biological Sciences, Agro Consultant
14. [Biorational Technologies Research Center](#)
  - Nikoloz Zazashvili, Agro Consultant
15. [National Environmental Agency](#)
  - Liana Kartvelishvili, Head of the department of Meteorology and Climatology

16:00 – 17:30  
[Virology](#)

Site visit to the [George Eliava Institute of Bacteriophage, Microbiology and](#)

18:00- 19:00

Pannel wrap-up meeting

**Wednesday, February 7**

*Venue: Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia, Conference Hall (#1 Aleksidze str. 0193, Tbilisi, Georgia)*

09:00 – 11:15

Thematic meeting #2: **Support in Identification of promising research fields**

**Chair:** Krzysztof Gulda/ Michael Schlicht

**Principal expert:** Maria Nedeva

1. SRNSFG
2. [Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University](#) – Vice rector Mr. Aleksandre Tsiskaridze **(tbc)**
3. [Ili State University](#) –Development office
  - Natia Andguladze, Educational Administration
  - Tina Kadagishvili, Head of Rector’s Office
  - Tamar Chaghiashvili, Rati Gumashvili, Development Office
4. [Georgian National Museum](#)
  - Dr. David Lordkipanidze, Director **(tbc)**
5. [Georgian National Academy of Sciences](#)
  - Nodar Mitagvaria/Aleksandre Didebulidze
6. [Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences\(GAAS\)](#)
  - Dr. Guram Aleksidze, President **(tbc)**
7. [Center for Social Sciences \(CSS\)](#)
  - [Diana Lezhava](#), Administrative Director
8. [Ivane Beritashvili Center for Experimental Bio-Medicine](#)
  - David Nadareishvili, Director
9. [The Institute of High Energy Physics, TSU](#)
  - [Jemal Khubua](#), [Tamar Djobava](#), [Irakli Minashvili](#)
10. [Andrea Razmadze Mathematical Institute](#)
  - Maia Svanadze, Chief Researcher
11. [R. Agladze Institute of Inorganic Chemistry and Electrochemistry \(TSU\)](#)
  - Davit Gogoli, Grants Coordinator
12. [LEPL G.Tsulukidze Mining Institute](#)
  - Davit Khomeriki, Scientific Projects Manager
13. [LEPL Ferdinand Tavade Metallurgy and Materials Science Institute](#)
  - Mikheil Chikhradze, Chief Scientific Researcher
14. [LEPL Rafiel Dvali Institute of Machine Mechanics](#)
  - Giorgi Tumanishvili, Lead Researcher
15. [National High Technology Centre of Georgia](#)
  - Ivane Maisuradze, Head of Administration Department
16. [The Caucasus Research Resource Centers \(CRRCC\)](#)
  - Tinatin Zurabishvili, Research Director
17. [Cartu Bank](#)
  - Medea Shapatava, Director of Business Development Department
18. [Policy and Management Consulting Group \(PMCG\)](#)
  - Giorgi Khishtovani, Research Director

**11:15- 11:30**

**Coffee Break**

11.30-13.15

Thematic Group #2: **Support in Identification of promising research fields**

**Chair:** Krzysztof Gulda/Michael Schlicht

**Principal expert:** Maria Nedeva

1. Institute of Chemistry and molecular Engineering ([Agricultural University of Georgia](#))
- Prof. Vladimer Elisashvili, Head of Laboratory
2. S. Durmishidze Institute of Biochemistry and Biotechnology ([Agricultural University of Georgia](#))
- Prof. Ramaz Katsarava, Head of Laboratory
3. [Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development \(Ilia State University\)](#)
  - Kakha Karchkhadze- Lead Researcher
4. [Institute of Applied Physics \(Ilia State University\)](#)
- Prof. Ivane Museridze, Director
5. [TSU-San Diego State University](#) (tbc)
6. [G.Chubinashvili National Research Centre for Georgian Art History and Heritage Preservation](#)
- Mzia Janjalia, Scientific Department, Deputy Chair
7. [Ilia Vekua Institute of Applied Mathematics \(VIAM\)](#)
- Natalia Chinchaladz, Deputy Director
8. [LEPL National Environmental Agency](#)
- Nato Kutaladze, Head of Hydrometeorological Forecast Models Adaptation and Implementation Administration of Hydrometeorological Department
9. [Scientific Research Center of Agriculture](#) (LEPL of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia)
- Lali Moishashvili, Head of the [Research Division of Plant Micro-Clonal Reproduction \(In Vitro\) and Virus Free Planting Materials](#)
10. [Georgian National Tourism Administration](#) (LEPL of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia)
11. [GeoSteel LLC](#) (Private Sector)
12. [Georgian Small and Medium Enterprises Association](#) (GSMEA)
- Mikheil Chelidze, Director (tbc)
13. [United Global Technology \(UGT\)](#)
- Zurab Maghradze, Business Development Director
14. [EU-Georgia Business Council](#) (tbc)
15. [Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#)
- Giorgi Vekua, Head of International Relations (tbc)
16. [World Experience Georgia](#)
- Natalia Shatirishvili, Lead Researcher, H2020 NCP

13:15-14:00

**lunch**

14:00 – 16:00 Thematic Meeting #3 - **Performance-based funding of research entities**

**Chair:** Krzysztof Gulda/Michael Schlicht

**Principal expert:** Maria Nedeva

1. [Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia](#)
  2. [Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia](#)
  3. [Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia](#)
  4. [Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University](#)
- Tamar Gogua, Chief Specialist at the Department of Scientific and Research Department
    5. [Ilia State University](#)- Quality Assurance Office
    6. [Tbilisi State Medical University](#)
  - Rima Beriashvili, Vice Rector
    7. [Agricultural University of Georgia](#)
  - Mariam Japaridze, Mariam Korghanashvili, Sophio Pitskhelauri (IR Office)
    8. [Georgian Technical University](#)
  - Zurab Gasitashvili, Deputy Rector
    9. [Caucasus University](#)
  - Ekaterine Azarashvili- Head of Quality Assurance
  - Ekaterine Akobia –Dean of the Caucasus School of Governance
    10. [University of Georgia](#)
  - Soso Gogilidze, Head of the Scientific Research Institute of the university of Georgia
    11. [Korneli Kekelidze Georgian National Centre for Manuscripts](#)
  - Irina Gogonaia, Deputy Head of the Department of International Relations, Development and Education
    12. [Giorgi Chubinashvili National Research Centre](#)
  - Mariam Didebulidze, Director
    13. [GeoLab](#)
  - Sandro Asatiani, Rector (tbc)
    14. [International Science and Technology Center \(ISTC\)](#)
  - Prof. Irina Khomeriki, Head of Georgian Branch Office

**16:00- 16:15**

**Coffee Break**

16:15-18:00 Thematic group #3: **Performance-based funding of research entities**

**Chair:** Krzysztof Gulda/ Michael Schlicht

**Principal expert:** Maria Nedeva

1. [Georgian Aviation University](#)
- [Giorgi Evgenidze](#) – Deputy Rector
    2. [Georgian Institute of Public Affairs \(GIPA\)](#)
  - Nino Dolidze – Head of the Research Department
    3. [New Vision University](#)
  - Kira Kitsmarishvili, International Relations Office
    4. [International Black Sea University](#)
  - Goderdzi Buchashvili, Vice-Rector for External Relations;
  - M. Murat Erguvan, Vice-Rector for Science and Research;
  - Abdulmelik Alkan, Head of the International Relations

5. [Sokhumi State University](#)
- Romeo Galdava, Head of the Quality Assurance Department  
**SRNSFG Grant holders, attended PSF Mission 1 meetings**
6. Neli Datukishvili - [Ivane Beritashvili Center of Experimental Biomedicine](#)
7. Avtandil Gagnidze- [Bank of Georgia University](#)
8. Revaz Solomonia- [Ilia State University](#)
9. Gia Petriashvili- [Georgian Technical University](#)
10. David Tarkhnishvili, [Ilia State University](#)
11. Maya Today- [Ilia State University](#)
12. Natela Okujava- [Tbilisi State Medical University](#)
13. Khatuna Gaprindashvili – [Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University](#)

## Thursday, February 8

Venues: diverse

09.00-09:40 – Meeting with Ms. Mariam Jashi, Head of **Parliamentary Committee on Education, Science and Culture**

**Moderators:** Krzysztof Gulda and Michael Schlicht

11:00-13:00 – Site visit to ["Biorational Technologies Research Center"](#)

13.00-14.00 - Lunch break

14.00-15.00 – Wrap up meeting with representatives of **SRNSFG**

Panel wrap-up meeting

## Friday, February 9

*Early morning departure*