

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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National Bank of Georgia



Georgian National
Competition
Agency



Communications
Commission



On November 16-17, 2022, the first international conference on the enforcement of competition policy and protection of consumer rights was held in Georgia. Conference organizers were five market regulatory bodies – The National Competition Agency of Georgia, GNERC, The National Bank of Georgia, Communications Commission of Georgia and the State Insurance Supervision Service of Georgia.

Competition law, consumer rights protection mechanisms and activities were discussed by regulatory bodies will be discussed at the conference.

In addition to the government and parliamentary team, diplomatic corps, friendly countries, business, non-governmental and academic sector representatives and industry specialists, the delegation of 20 countries were participated in the two-day international

conference. As well as, the head of the competition and consumer policy direction of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Teresa Moreira and other invited international experts.

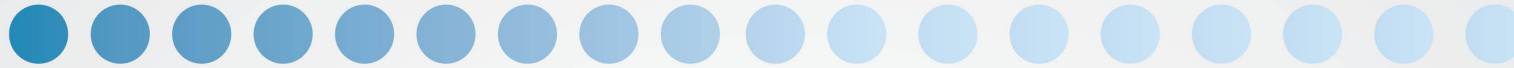
Within the framework of the conference, the peculiarities of competition policy and sustainable development, legal guarantees of consumer rights protection and the enforcement process were discussed. There were also parallel thematic sessions on indirect mechanisms of enforcement and competition policy on regulated markets/inter-agency cooperation.

The participants of the sessions also shared the practical cases of Georgia and Europe in the field of consumer rights protection.



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IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES AT THE INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS



THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION” WAS HELD IN GEORGIA

THE CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED WITH THE JOINT COOPERATION OF 5 REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.
THE EVENT HAS THE FORMAT OF AN ANNUAL ACTIVITY



DAVIT NARMANIA

CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY
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COMMISSIONER, COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



A MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION WAS SIGNED WITH THE COUNTERPART AUTHORITIES OF 6 COUNTRIES



Uzbekistan



Azerbaijan



Lithuania



Poland



North
Macedonia



Albania

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

PARTICIPATED



REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC BODIES AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS, ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS SECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, JUDGES, LEGAL AND CONSULTING COMPANIES AND UP TO 45 INTERNATIONAL GUESTS OF ABOUT 20 COUNTRIES.

300

PARTICIPANTS

20

COUNTRIES DELEGATION

8

**COUNTRY'S AUTHORITIES
FIRST CHAIRPERSON**

6

**PARALLEL THEMATIC
SESSIONS**

50

**GEORGIAN AND
FOREIGN SPEAKERS**

AN INFORMATION WEBSITE FOR THE CONFERENCE WAS CREATED



<https://ccc.gov.ge/>



THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS WERE HELD IN THE FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE:

1

COMPETITION POLICY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2

COMPETITION POLICY ON REGULATED MARKETS/INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

3

LEGAL GUARANTEES OF CONSUMER RIGHTS PROTECTION AND FEATURES OF THE ENFORCEMENT

4

INDIRECT MECHANISMS OF ENFORCEMENT

5

ESSENTIAL FACILITY AND REFUSAL TO SUPPLY, THEORY AND PRACTICE

6

EUROPEAN AND GEORGIAN PRACTICE IN CONSUMER PROTECTION



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

OPENING SESSION OF THE EVENT

PANELISTS



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COMPETITION POLICY ON REGULATED MARKETS/INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

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TWINNING PROJECT IN GEORGIA – “STRENGTHENING
CAPACITY OF THE COMPETITION AGENCY
OF GEORGIA”



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EUROPEAN AND GEORGIAN PRACTICE IN CONSUMER PROTECTION

PANELISTS



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FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
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COMPETITION POLICY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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LEGAL GUARANTEES OF CONSUMER RIGHTS PROTECTION AND FEATURES OF THE ENFORCEMENT

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ESSENTIAL FACILITY AND REFUSAL TO SUPPLY, THEORY AND PRACTICE - ABUSE OF DOMINANT, THEORETICAL APPROACHES AND PRACTICAL CASES, ESSENTIAL TRADING PARTNER

PANELISTS



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MODERATOR

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EDITOR IN CHIEF OF FORBES GEORGIA

INDIRECT MECHANISMS OF ENFORCEMENT - COMPETITION ADVOCACY, SECTORAL INQUIRIES AND MONITORINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TRADE POLICY

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