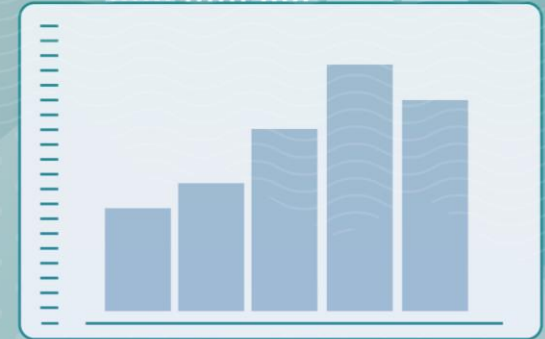


Study visit of Georgian officials to Norway

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UNECE capacity-building programme IEP

- **Aim:** The programme is aimed at building the capacities of the Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA) and the State Procurement Agency of Georgia (SPA) to promote and implement the concept of innovation-enhancing public procurement (IEP).
- **2019:** Innovation for Sustainable Development Review
- **2022:** Handbook on IEP

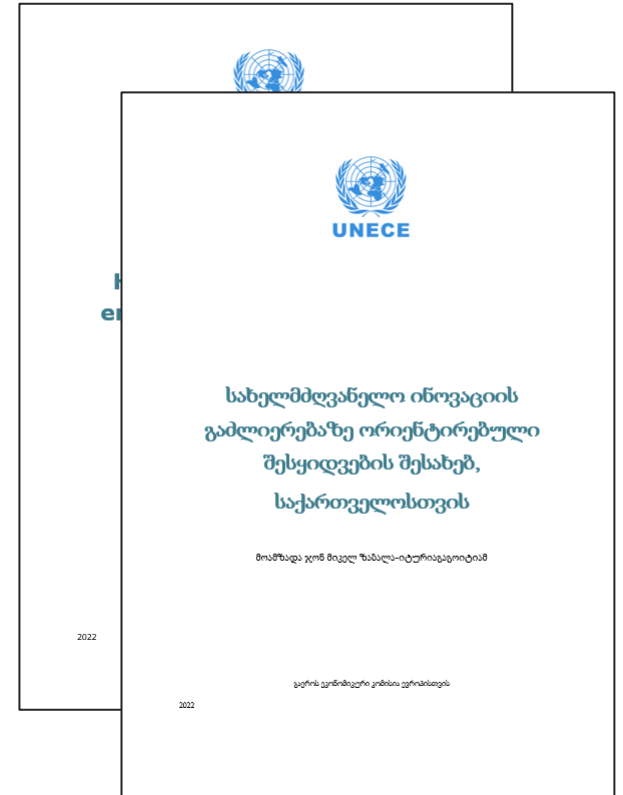
I4SD exercise - Review

- Innovation ecosystem and its governance
- Industry-science linkages and collaboration in the innovation process
- **Public procurement as a driver of innovative development**
- Innovation and growth dynamics in Georgian enterprises



Handbook on IEP for Georgia

- This handbook aimed to illustrate different approaches to public procurement, with the objective of boosting innovation.
- It discusses how regular public procurement can be converted into IEP through the use of functional specifications.
- It presents the possibilities to articulate IEP in the light of the procedures mentioned in the current EU Directives for public procurement.
- It also introduces a collection of good practices from various countries that Georgia could learn from in the implementation of IEP.



Implications for Georgia

- Georgian Parliament committee hearings on 05 September 2022
- SPA presented draft law on public procurement, including Sustainable Public Procurement and IEP concepts and legal approaches

The screenshot shows a news article from the website parliament.ge. The main headline in Georgian reads: "ევროპასთან ინტეგრაციის კომიტეტმა „საპარო შესყიდვების შესახებ“ კანონპროექტს მხარი დაუჭირა" (The integration committee with Europe has supported the draft law on public procurement). The article is dated 05 September 2022. Below the headline is a large photograph of a man in a suit speaking at a podium in a hearing room, with a woman seated behind him. To the right of the main image is a smaller inset photo showing a group of people seated around a long table in a meeting room. The article text below the photos mentions that the committee supported the draft law on public procurement, including Sustainable Public Procurement and IEP concepts. The article is written by Tamar Lashvili.

Workshop



- **Aim:** to present the experience of IEP implementation in Norway to help guide reform efforts in this area in Georgia.
- **Participants:**
 - Elif Kizildeli, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE
 - Lyudmyla Tautiyeva, Consultant, UNECE
 - Levan Razmadze, Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia
 - Dr. Kakha Demetrashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia
 - Zaza Nanobashvili, Deputy Chairperson, State Procurement Agency of Georgia
 - Dimitri Gulisashvili, Head of Foreign Relations Department, State Procurement Agency of Georgia
 - Annie Vashakmadze, Head of Donor and International Relations, Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency
 - Nona Zubitashvili, Legal Adviser, Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency

Workshop



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- **Participants:**
 - Jesper Bæverfjord Tangenes, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation of Norway
 - Dag Strømsnes, Director, Procurement Division, Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management
 - Ingebjørg Harto, Programme Manager, National Programme for Supplier Development, Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management
 - Sunniva Fjelde, Head of innovative procurement, missions and societal challenges, Innovation Norway
 - Hanne Solgård-Øverlier, Special Adviser, Governance and the Public Sector, Norwegian Research Council

Programme



Draft programme

TRAVEL – Tuesday, 13 September	
Arrival to Oslo, train Oslo-Drammen	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgian delegation: GITA (2) and SPA (4) people International expert: Mr. Jon Mikel Zabala UNECE: Ms. Elif Kizildeli and Ms. Lyudmyla Tautiyeva 	
Accommodation: Quality Hotel River Station, Dr. Hansteins gate 7, 3044 Drammen Scandic Ambassadeur Hotel, Strømsø Torg 7, 3044 Drammen	
DAY 1 - Wednesday, 14 September	
Venue: Room S6205 (6 th floor) <i>USN School of Business, Grønland 58, 3045 Drammen</i>	
09:45	Meeting at the hotel lobby (TBC)
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction to the study tour Welcome from the chairs and the host team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice-Dean of USN School of Business Ms. Gillian Warner-Søderholm, Professor, Head of Department, USN School of Business Representative UNECE Secretariat: background and the goal of the visit Mr. Jon Mikel Zabala, PhD, Lecturer at the Department of Economics at the University of Deusto, Spain: structure of the visit and the issues to be covered Representative USN School of Business: provision of basic on-site-information
	Block 1: Strategic frameworks for innovation policy, innovation procurement and pre-commercial procurement
10:30– 11:15	Norwegian strategic approach to innovation and innovation policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jesper Bæverfjord Tangenes, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation of Norway: white paper on innovation in the public sector
	Q&A

The location

- Wednesday: Room S6205 (6th floor)
- Thursday: Room S5620 (5th floor)
- Friday: Oslo Science Park
- Practicalities: coffee and lunch

