

Governance

Transparency International Georgia Office in Parliament



Background

During the last few years the Parliament of Georgia has introduced a significant number of new legislative initiatives aimed at combating widespread corruption and at implementing reforms in different sectors. However, in the parliament's attempts to carry out numerous changes in a short timeframe, it has not adequately solicited public input and has not made the Georgian people aware of the concrete benefits provided by the new legal framework.

Information-sharing mechanisms in Georgia are slow and weak, thus people have vague opinions about the work of the Parliament in general. Even though parliamentary plenary sessions are broadcast live, it is very difficult for ordinary citizens to understand how parliament works on a practical level.

General Information

Project region:
Georgia

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Objectives

Overall objective: To strengthen democracy in Georgia by acting as a link and facilitator between the legislative branch of government, and the civil society, thus ensuring more openness coming out of the parliament, perhaps achieved via the improvement of the skills of the communications staff.

Project objectives: 1. to enable Georgian parliamentarians to make informed decisions about draft laws by providing them with advice from lower level specialists who actively involve civil society in the legislative process; and 2. to improve the transparency of information given out from the Parliament, thus better informing the citizens about the work carried out by the parliament.

Expected Results	Activities
Heightened civil society involvement in the legislative process	Organization of public discussions about draft laws involving interested parties, specialists, etc., both in Tbilisi and in the various regions of Georgia
Parliamentarians has access to timely public input on draft legislation that they are considering	Provisions of public feedback on draft laws to the Parliament

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