

Milestones of Investors Council July 2021 – September 2021

Attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):

Together with the Government of Georgia the ICS is actively involved in taking steps to attract new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Georgia.

In this regard, on 20th of July 2021 the Investors Council members held an online meeting with Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Georgia on Foreign Investments, Mr. Vazil Hudák. During the meeting, the topics such as FDI attraction in Georgia, potential sectors for FDI and necessary steps for improving the overall investment climate in Georgia were discussed. Mr. Vazil Hudák noted that increasing FDI is the key opportunity for Georgia's economic growth and that he is committed to working with the Government as well as with the local and international business community to ensure investment attraction.

Ownership of Agricultural Land by Foreigners:

On 27th of July the Investors Council Secretariat invited representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and the Land Management Agency to an online meeting to make a presentation for the IC members (IFIs and business associations) about the new regime for attaining of ownership of agricultural land by foreign-owned Georgian companies. Deputy Minister Mr. Otar Shamugia and the head of the agency Mr. Giorgi Misheladze attended the meeting.

One of the features of the new legal framework is the Council of the Land Agency that is entrusted with recommending investment projects for the sale of agricultural land plots.

In August 2021 upon the proposal of the agency, IC members, after consultations, proposed the candidacy of Mr. Levan Vepkhvadze (Executive Director of the Business Association of Georgia) as a member of the council.

Company Law Reform:

On 2nd of August 2021, the Parliament approved the Law on Entrepreneurs. The law enters into force in January 2022. This marks the completion of IC's continuous effort starting from 2016 to contribute to the reform of the Georgian company law.

Nonetheless, considering that a fair number of changes have been made to the draft after its submission, Investors Council Secretariat intends to support the preparation and publication of a renewed annotations (guide) to the new Law on Entrepreneurs. For the first couple of years, at least, it will be the main, if not the only source to consult regarding the new law. It will help lawyers, businessmen and judges to adjust themselves to the new law and contribute to its coherent application in legal and judicial practice.

Investors Council Secretariat started preparation for the project Law on Entrepreneurs Annotated. ICS Legal Expert Prof. Dr. George Jugeli and Dr. Giorgi Giguashvili will write detailed explanations (annotations) to the provisions of the newly adopted Law on Entrepreneurs.