

NEWSLETTER



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On 5 February 2026, the [Investors Council](#) (IC) Secretariat hosted a meeting on recent developments in Georgia's labor migration legislative framework, bringing together IC members and legal experts from IC member organizations.



Following the successful regional workshops conducted in cooperation with [CENN](#), the [Investors Council](#) Secretariat continued its efforts to promote circular economy principles through additional sessions held in [Telavi](#) (January 22) and [Batumi](#) (February 11).

IC-SUPPORTED FACTORING REFORM ADOPTED BY THE PARLIAMENT

On 1 April 2026, the Parliament of Georgia adopted the Law on Factoring, establishing a dedicated legal framework for factoring services in Georgia. The new legislation introduces legal certainty for factoring transactions, establishes a registry-based framework, and lays the foundation for the practical development of factoring services in Georgia. The Law will enter into force on 1 January 2027.



On 31 March, the Investors Council Secretariat held its Semi-Annual Meeting, bringing together IC members to discuss future financing modalities and strategic opportunities for the Investors Council following the conclusion of the UK Government's Good Governance Fund (GGF) support program.

During the meeting, the Secretariat presented key achievements delivered by the Investors Council throughout recent years and initiated discussions with member business associations and international financial institutions regarding potential cooperation and sustainable funding opportunities for the platform.

The meeting also reaffirmed the importance of maintaining a strong public-private dialogue mechanism in support of Georgia's business environment reforms and private sector competitiveness.



REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVE ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

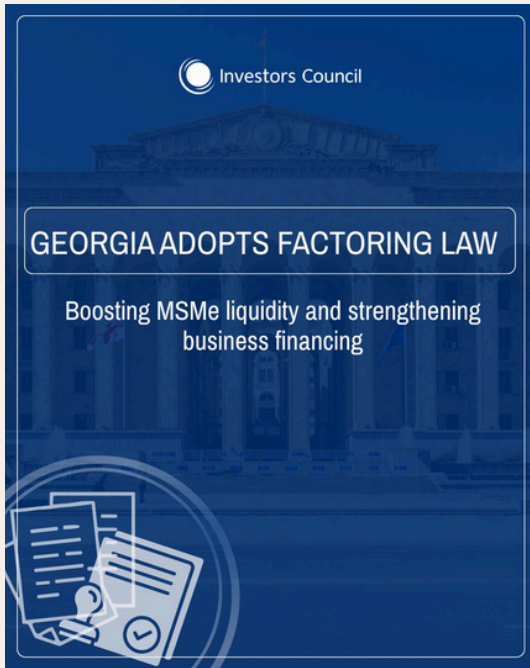
Throughout the reporting period, the Investors Council Secretariat continued implementing regional capacity-building initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable and circular business practices among MSMEs across Georgia.

In cooperation with CENN, workshops were conducted in Kakheti and Adjara regions, bringing together representatives of local MSMEs to discuss circular economy principles, resource efficiency, and sustainable managerial practices. Participants worked closely with the Green Economy Transition (GET) Expert to develop one-year sustainability action plans tailored to their businesses.

In parallel, additional workshops and seminars were implemented in cooperation with Sparkassenstiftung Georgia, the Georgian Farmers' Association, and REC Caucasus. Sessions held in Telavi, Borjomi, Tbilisi, and Samegrelo focused on practical application of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) approaches and highlighted the commercial attractiveness of sustainable business models.



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Factoring represents an important alternative financing instrument that enables businesses to improve short-term liquidity by transferring receivables to a third party. The reform is expected to provide SMEs with additional tools for cash-flow management and business financing.

The Investors Council Secretariat, together with the EBRD and other stakeholders, played an active role in facilitating dialogue between public institutions and private-sector representatives throughout the reform process.

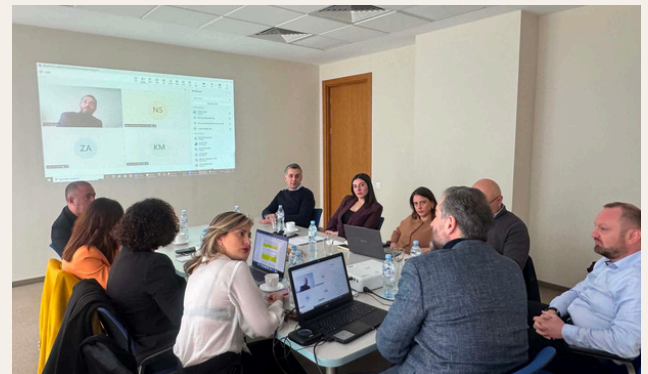
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IC LABOR LAW WORKING GROUP – LABOR MIGRATION REFORM DISCUSSIONS

IC Labor Law Working Group continued active discussions regarding Georgia's labor migration framework and related legislative amendments.

Meetings organized by the Secretariat brought together IC members, legal experts, and business associations to discuss practical implications of the framework for businesses, including issues related to corporate governance functions, remote work, cross-border services, and work authorization procedures.

Following the adoption of Government Resolution №70 and subsequent legislative amendments in April, several important changes were introduced, including the exclusion of shareholders from work authorization requirements and partial exemptions for directors and supervisory board members.



The Working Group positively assessed these developments as an important step toward a more differentiated and business-sensitive labor migration framework. At the same time, discussions continue regarding remaining practical and legal challenges, including treatment of remote work, self-employed foreign individuals, and short-term professional activities.

The Secretariat will continue coordinating stakeholder engagement and technical consultations with relevant ministries and parliamentary committees.



WORKING GROUP ON PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR



During February 2026, the Investors Council Secretariat organized a consultative meeting of the Pharmaceuticals Working Group involving representatives of IC member organizations and healthcare sector stakeholders.

Discussions focused on regulatory challenges related to GMP certificate coverage, adoption of European approaches to drug registration procedures, API GMP standards, and implementation timelines under relevant government decrees.

The meeting facilitated information exchange among stakeholders and supported identification of possible next steps aimed at improving regulatory predictability and alignment with international standards.



GENDER LENS INVESTING IN PRACTICE



The cooperation focused on developing customized sector-specific indicators aimed at integrating gender-smart investment approaches into existing business operations while supporting measurable business outcomes, risk mitigation, and market competitiveness.

During the reporting period, the Investors Council Secretariat continued advancing its Gender Equality and Gender Lens Investing (GLI) initiatives in cooperation with UN Women and private-sector partners.

A major focus of the work was the development of the “Ease of Compliance” Working Group, designed to support effective implementation of Women-Owned Business (WOB) reporting obligations for the National Bank of Georgia while minimizing administrative burden for commercial banks.

In April, the Gender Expert finalized pilot partnerships with ProCredit Bank, Axel Investors Network, and Udabno to launch practical implementation of the GLI framework.

DIGITALIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS



The Investors Council Secretariat continued supporting the EBRD and the Technical and Construction Supervision Agency (TCSA) in the digitalization of construction permit procedures for buildings of special importance.

During the reporting period, the project was successfully completed with the launch of the new digital platform of the TCSA in test mode. The platform enables users to access construction-related services online, including digital procedures for construction permits, registration of technically hazardous facilities, issuance of industrial explosives permits, and access to information through an interactive map interface.

The Secretariat remained actively involved in coordinating between the implementing company and the Agency throughout the project implementation process, contributing to the successful rollout of the new digital platform and improved accessibility of services for businesses.

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE MECHANISM MAPPING

The Investors Council Secretariat initiated an exploratory and informative mapping initiative aimed at compiling practical information on sustainable finance mechanisms available to businesses adopting sustainable business practices. The initiative briefly reviews financial tools and support mechanisms offered both domestically and internationally, while highlighting practical ways MSMEs can utilize these instruments to support green and sustainability oriented business transformation.

The finalized document is intended to serve as an accessible informational resource to support awareness raising and improve understanding of sustainable finance opportunities among Georgian MSMEs, while also serving as a valuable complementary addition to the already developed Green Economy Transition (GET) Handbook.