

## Strengthening Monitoring and Advocacy Capacities for Rights Georgia

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**Countries:**  
Georgia

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### Implementer:

Georgian Democracy Initiative, Human Rights Centre,  
Netherlands Helsinki Committee

**Website(s):** [hertie-school.org/en/customised/rights-georgia#:~:text=The%20objective%20of%20the%20Strengthening,among%20rights%20holders%20and%20duty](https://hertie-school.org/en/customised/rights-georgia#:~:text=The%20objective%20of%20the%20Strengthening,among%20rights%20holders%20and%20duty)

**Project description:**

The Strengthening Monitoring and Advocacy Capacities for Rights in Georgia project aims to strengthen the capacity of Georgian civil society organizations (CSOs) to promote and protect human rights.

The project is part of the broader EU Support to Human Rights, Democracy, and Integrated Territorial Development in Georgia, which aims to consolidate and further the progress made in the last decade in terms of human rights, rule of law, and democratic practices. This is also in line with Georgia's commitments under the Association Agreement (AA) signed with the EU in 2014, which includes strengthening the rule of law, respect for fundamental freedoms, and human rights.

The project's overall goal is to enhance the capacities of Georgian human rights CSOs to promote, oversee, and assess the effective implementation of the national human rights strategies, and to increase human rights awareness of rights holders and duty bearers. This will be achieved through a strategy that takes into account the different knowledge needs and institutional capacities of CSOs, and builds on the understanding that effective human rights advocacy requires a combination of specialized knowledge and professional skills.

The project will provide training and capacity-building workshops to enhance local CSOs' and grassroots movements'

### Expected results:

This project aims to improve the capacities of Georgian human rights civil society organizations and grassroots movements. Here are some of the expected results:

1. Representatives of local CSOs and grassroots movements will be trained through a series of workshops on human rights investigation, monitoring, reporting, and communication, advocacy capacities and other skills identified in the needs assessment.
  - a. 40 representatives from small, local CSOs and grassroots movements were trained through two 10-day workshops in Tbilisi, each with 20 participants (Cohort 1 and Cohort 2). Additionally, 25 local trainers completed a 40-day certification program in Tbilisi, Batumi and Berlin (Germany), equipping them to teach human rights monitoring and advocacy.
2. Up to four (4) human rights CSOs working at the national level and ten (10) small human rights CSO and grassroots movements working at the local level, supported by our two-tier sub-granting programme, implement monitoring and advocacy activities on Georgia's human rights commitments
3. Two mid-term and two final reports on the overall environment for freedom of assembly in Georgia, published and presented providing recommendations to relevant responsible bodies on actions that need to be taken to advance the right to peaceful assembly and manifestation in Georgia. At least 60 appearances in the media to raise awareness on