

**Enhanced Mediation and Arbitration for Fairer and Faster Commercial Dispute Resolutions**

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Georgia

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**Total budget:** € 850 000

**Implementer:**  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Social media:**  
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**Website(s):** [ge.undp.org/content/georgia/en/home/projects/mediation-and-arbitration-.html](http://ge.undp.org/content/georgia/en/home/projects/mediation-and-arbitration-.html)
**Project description:**

The project is part of EU's initiative to support economic and business development in Georgia. It contributes to social-economic development by promoting fairer and faster commercial dispute resolution through effectively functioning alternative dispute resolution systems. It builds on the achievements of previous EU-funded projects and continues supporting national associations of mediators and arbitrators and professional growth of the Arbitration and Dispute Resolution practitioners. It also helps Georgia to enact policies, enhance international cooperation in the field of mediation and arbitration, and inform the public on practical benefits of alternative resolution of disputes.

The project:

- Enhances use and quality of arbitration and mediation through strengthening relevant institutions;
- Enhances capacity and qualification of mediators, arbitrators, legal professionals and judiciary to promote consistent, efficient and fast resolution of commercial disputes.
- Works with the Ministry of Justice, Judiciary, Association of Mediators, Georgian Association of Arbitrators, Georgian International Arbitration Centre, High Education Institutions, including National Centre for ADR (NCADR) at the Tbilisi State University, Arbitration Initiative Georgia (AIG), out-of-court mediation centres, education institutions, and CSOs working on/with ADRs, High School of Justice, High Council of Justice, Georgian Bar Association as well as the CSOs working on promoting legal profession;

**Expected results:**

- Effectively implemented laws on Mediation and Arbitration;
- Developed capacities of mediation and arbitration institutions;
- Increased use of arbitration and mediation, including in-court and out-of-court mediation;
- Increased number of qualified mediators and arbitrators through institutionalization of education programmes;
- Enhanced capacities of judiciary and legal professionals, including law students, in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

