# PROJECT FACTSHEET

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The European Union for Georgia

**Ensuring further progress of SPS and food safety system in Georgia**

**Period of implementation:** 19.10.2020 - 01.05.2023

**EaP countries:**
Georgia

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**Implementing organisation(s):**
Food and Veterinary Service of the Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia, Agriculture and Food Board of the Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia, Swedish Board of Agriculture,

**Social media account links:**
facebook.com/National.Food.Agency,

**Project website:** zm.gov.lv/en/partikas-un-veterinarais-dienests/statiskas-lapas/implementation-of-eu-funded-projects?id=7847#jump

**Project description:**
The project aims to assist the National Food Agency and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia in elaborating and implementing legislative and regulatory frameworks and developing procedures to facilitate progress in the area of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary. This will support the effort of MoEPA and NFA in implementing the respective EU acquis and introducing best European practices in this important field. During the two years of the project, the European experts from the peer institutions from Latvia, Estonia and Sweden will work together with the Georgian colleagues to achieve this goal through a combination of activities including development of legislation, delivery of trainings and elaboration of different tools for better food safety. From a broader perspective, the project and its results should help Georgia to obtain functional market economy and be able to compete successfully in the EU market while maintaining the consumer protection and achieving high food safety standards.

The project consists of three Components that are aligned in three main areas: i) approximation of legislation, ii) strengthening of capacities and iii) enforcement of legislation.

In the first direction, the project will perform revision of the relevant legislation on food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary, and prepare proposals on changes in legislative acts. The experts from Latvia, Estonia and Sweden will

**Expected results:**
The project's expected results are structured around three main areas, with more specific sub-results defined in each area. Namely:
Area 1: Administrative and operational capacity of the National Food Agency supported to ensure efficient approximation of the relevant legislation
? EU compliant implementing legislation regarding food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policies developed and effectively adopted according to the approximation plan
? Success of the approximation of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary implementing legislation followed systematically by the NFA management system
Area 2: The capacities at the central and regional levels for food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary issues and implementation of hygiene and safety standards in primary production supported
? Monitoring/surveillance programmes regarding food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policies developed and effectively implemented
? Veterinary bio-security measures introduced
? Implementation of hygiene and safety standards in primary production strengthened
? Phytosanitary Information system established