

Training on evidence-based industrial policymaking for the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Project name	Training course on evidence-based industrial policymaking for the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
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Background

In late 2018, UNIDO's Director General offered to Georgia's Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development a training course on industrial policy. The Minister responded positively and gathered about 20 stakeholders from different Ministries and Agencies to be targeted by such event.

Objectives of the EQuIP intervention

The objective of the project was to organize a training course on the "Enhancing the Quality of Industrial Policy" (EQuIP) toolkit targeting a group of approximately 20 representatives from the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia and other relevant national stakeholders. Based on the training participants got a better understanding of the basics of evidence-based industrial policymaking and industrial statistics analysis.

The project created synergies with the project "Expanding the EQuIP diagnostics toolkit" also funded by GIZ. By introducing participants to the basics of evidence-based industrial policymaking and EQuIP, it laid the foundation for a similar workshop that took place in July 2019, which tested the newly developed EQuIP modules on Gender, Climate Change and Industry 4.0.

Activities

From 11-13 June 2019 a training course on EQuIP analytical indicators was organized in Tbilisi, Georgia. The course introduced participants to relevant statistical databases and calculation methods of core industrial benchmarking indicators to reach a more comprehensive understanding of Georgia's economic structure and the performance of its manufacturing sector. As such, the course targeted national stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of industrial policy in Georgia, from different Ministries and Departments.

Impacts

Participants from Georgian institutions have been successfully introduced to EQuIP and requests are currently being gathered for further assistance and training. The new tools have been tested and received high rates of appreciation from participants.