Civil Society as an Anticorruption Ally to Safeguard Procurement: Georgia's Case



What Role Does Civil Society Have in Safeguarding Procurement?

1. Watchdog Activities – monitoring public procurement, reacting to whistleblower hints, assisting journalists in their reports, proactive monitoring of the procurement system;



2. Participation in Law-making – Providing input in the legislative process;



3. Creating New Tools for Anti-corruption – by using the data available on the pubic procurement system, CSOs create new tools, which help in identifying corrupt practices;



4. Participating in Dispute Settlement for Fair Treatment – Particular to Georgia, CSOs are arbitrars in dispute settlements that arise during public procurement procedures.



Watchdog Activities: Examples from Georgia

- Suspicious Procurement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia Procurement conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on services related to project design, expertise and sustainability research of building located at Leonidze str. #3 contains risks that make this procurement suspicious;
- Possible Case of Collusion in Metro Station Works Two companies showed signs of collusion on works related to one of the most important public transport – metropolitan;
- Assisting a private IT company not to get into the blacklist Case of IT Company GRENA
- Annual Analysis of Public Procurement System Annually IDFI uses public information to make assuptions on the public procurement system of Georgia

Participation in Law-making

Example 1 — Macro level law-making - IDFI, TI Georgia, Georgia's Young Lawyers Association are involved in consultancy whenever public procurement law is being changed. The draft law is sent to us during the process, where CSOs have a chance to make comments on the draft document;

Example 2 – Micro level law-making - Georgian spatial planning, architectural and construction activities code was drafted with the help of the Infrastructure Construction Companies Association (ICCA)

Creating New Tools for Anti-corruption

TI Georgia and its tools

 Tender Monitor - provides the public with an in-depth look at government spending in Georgia by making detailed information about state procurement available.

DETAILED SUPPLIER PROFILES

• Users can view detailed profiles about every supplier registered in the procurement system, including:

Total value of tenders won

Number of tenders the supplier bid on and number won

Top three competitors; the companies who most commonly bid against this company

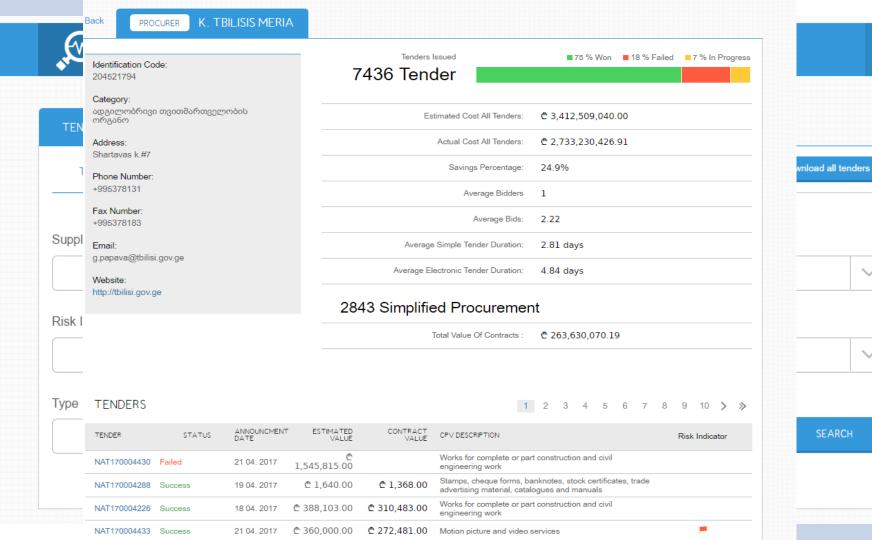
Visualization of tenders won by the supplier, grouped CPV code

Timeline of tenders won and their value

DETAILED PROCURER PROFILES

• Users can view detailed profiles about every procurer registered in the procurement system, including:

A listing of all tenders issued along with the value and success of the tender A timeline of tenders issued, with estimated and actual value Visualization of the value of tenders issued, grouped by CPV code Visualization of the number of tenders issued, grouped by CPV code

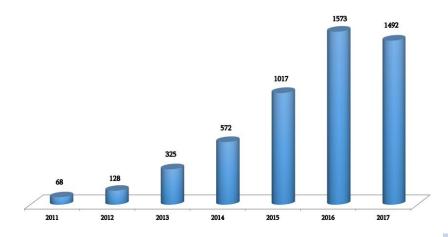


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Participating in Dispute Settlement for Fair Treatment

In Georgia, CSOs participate in the Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the Public Procurement System. The board consists of 3 members of the State Procurement Agency and 3 Members of the CSOs.

- Serving as independent arbitrars
- Expressing views of the CSO sector
- CSOs elect themselves
- 1 year tenure





GEORGIA 86.1%

Select Year





Public Procurement is a substantial part of Georgia's economy. According to the World Bank's latest Public Procurement

Performance assessment, from 2013-2015 procurement amounted to 9.9% of the country's GDP and overall represented 31.1% of the public spending.

Public procurement system in Georgia is known to be one of the most transparent in the world. The State Procurement Agency (SPA) maintains one of the highest levels of openness of public procurement in the world through the use of e-procurement platform.

Since 2010, all tenders in Georgia are 100% electronic. The electronic platform spa.ge is an easy to use online platform where

COUNTRY FACTS

Population - 3.7 million

Area - 69,700 km2

GDP - 14.4 bln \$ (nominal)



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