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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
BICT	Batumi International Container Terminal
BIMCO	The Baltic and International Maritime Council
BS MoU	Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding
BSPA	Black Sea Port Association
COSPAS-SARSAT	Cosmicheskaya Sistema Poiska Avariynyh Sudov – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EIB	European Investment Bank
EU	European Union
FEZ	Free Economic Zone
FIZ	Free Industrial Zone
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GR	Georgian Railways
GRTC	Georgian Railway TransContainer
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
IACS	International Agency of Classification Societies
ICTS	International Container Terminal Services
IFI	International Financing Institution
ILC	International Logistic Centre
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INMARSAT	International Maritime Satellite
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
LOGMOS	Logistics Processes and Motorways of the Sea
MLA	Multilateral Agreement
MOS	Motorways of the Sea
MSC	Maritime Safety Committee
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NPLH	National Program for Harmonization of the Georgian Legislation
PBOS	Planning Board for Ocean Shipping
PCA	Partnership Cooperation Agreement
PPP	Public Private Partnership



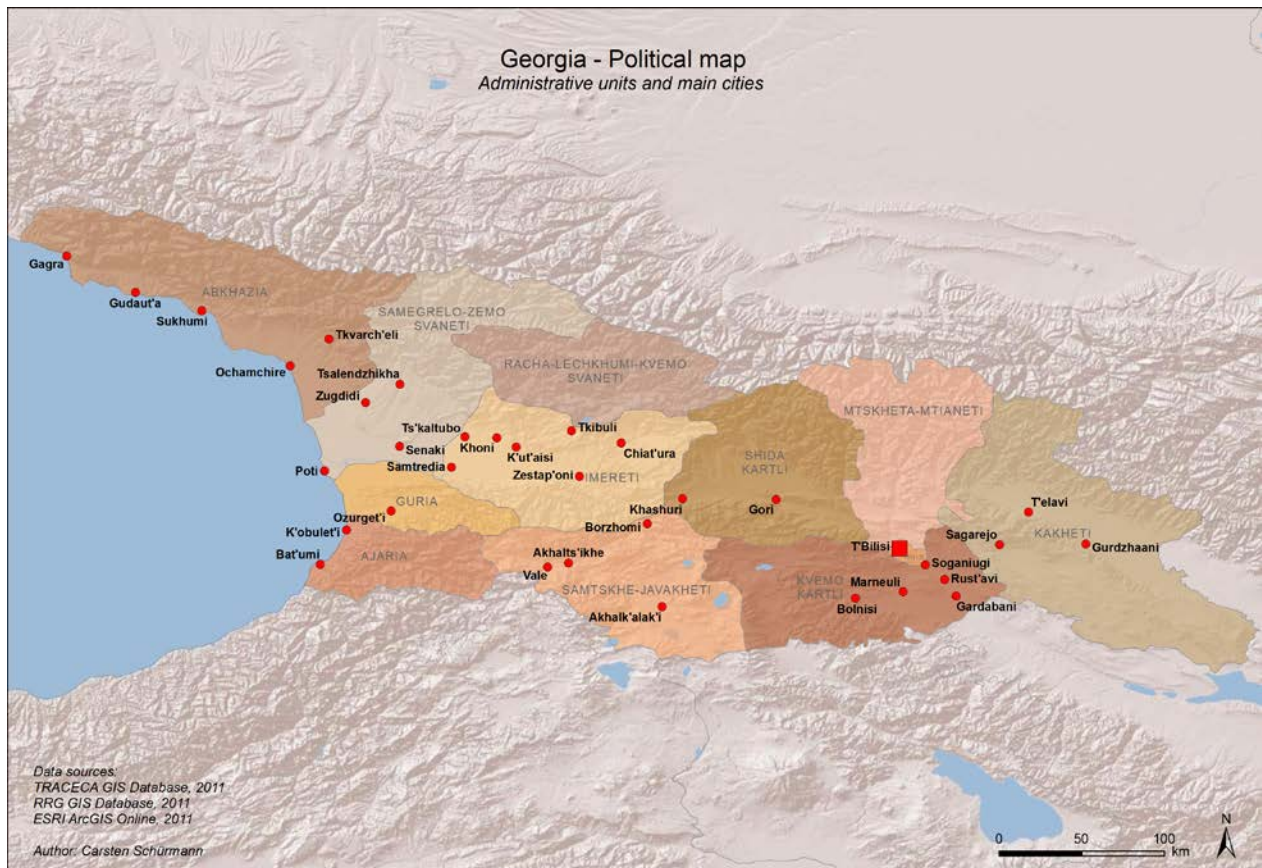
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RZD	Rossiyskie Zheleznye Dorogi
SAD	Single Administrative Documents
SLRP	Secondary and Local Roads Project
STCW	Standards of Training and Certification and Watchkeeping
SWS	Single Window System
TRACECA	Transport Corridor Europe Caucasus Asia
UAE	United Arab Emirates
USA	United States of America
USD	United States Dollar
VAT	Value Added Tax
WB	World Bank
WTO	World Trade Organization





Figure 1: General Map of Georgia



Source: TRACECA (2011)



1 INTRODUCTION

Georgia occupies a very central and strategic geographical position in the Southern Caucasus region. It constitutes the western neck of Caucasus through which cargos using the TRACECA corridor are transported. The importance of Georgia is also reinforced as it represents the main gateway to the neighbouring and landlocked Republic of Armenia.

Georgia borders Russia in the North, Azerbaijan in the East, Armenia in the South as well as Turkey. A common maritime border is also shared with Ukraine.

Georgia's transport network is undergoing a great development since the independence of the country. It is today composed of nearly 1 600 km of rail and 20 000 km of roads. It also possesses a number of international ports including Poti and Batumi, which serve as the European gateways for international dry-cargo trade in the whole Caucasus region and beyond.

TRACECA Framework

Georgia has also been an active member of TRACECA since the Brussels Conference in May 1993 which gave birth to the TRACECA program

The ten direct beneficiary countries under review by LOGMOS Project share a globally common legal and regulatory background for the transport sector, but also have different laws and rules resulting from different contexts and policies.

International Conventions and regional or bilateral agreements are completing the framework, and there are expected moves at both national and regional (TRACECA and other groups) levels.

The approach of legal issues related to the LOGMOS Project is focusing on the transport laws and regulations as well as on the afore-mentioned national, international, regional and bilateral conventions and agreements which have a direct or indirect impact on surface transport modes with a priority for maritime and intermodal transport¹.

The TRACECA program started in 1993 as one of the components of the intergovernmental TACIS program. The active participation of Georgia started in September 1998, when it signed without any restriction the Multilateral Agreement (MLA) on the development of the transport corridor Europe – Caucasus – Asia which was also signed by Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

After the Intergovernmental Committee and Permanent Secretariat of TRACECA were established in 2000, Georgia set up a TRACECA National Commission headed by a National Secretary.

Georgian representatives take an active part in all conferences and Working group's meetings organized by IGC TRACECA.

¹ The Annex 3, Introduction to Legal Case Study of the Progress Report 2, analyzed by the LOGMOS project, can be downloaded here: [Progress Report 2, Annex 3 - Introduction to Legal Case Study](#)

