



## **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

### **between the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia and Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform**

The European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia and Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) Georgian National Platform (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”)

striving to enhance the cooperation between the country’s legislative authority and the civil society to support and facilitate the process of Georgia’s EU integration;

affirming the commitment to European values;

recognizing the important role of the civil society in political dialogue and reforms related to implementation of the Association Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Association Agreement") between Georgia, of the one part, and the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the other part;

reflecting the significance of the country's democratic development through development of institutional mechanisms;

striving to ensure the transparency of the implementation of the Association Agreement;

recognizing the need for awareness raising about the issues related to Georgia’s EU integration, promotion of European values and raising public awareness;

acknowledging that effective implementation of the Association Agreement will bring Georgia closer to EU membership;

reflecting the necessity of involvement of the EU-Georgia Civil Society Platform established by the EU-Georgia Association Agreement in future cooperation,

have agreed as follows:

1. The Parties shall facilitate enhancement of cooperation between the country’s legislative authority and the civil society, which will accelerate the process of political association of Georgia with the European Union and legislative harmonization.
2. The Parties shall enhance their cooperation under Article 413 of the Association Agreement in the following key areas:

- thematic meetings of the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia and the EaP CSF Georgian National Platform shall be held once per 6 months;
- the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia shall ensure sharing of draft legislative initiatives and proposals upon registration with the EaP CSF Georgian National Platform;
- the Georgian National Platform shall provide the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia with evaluations of the draft legislative initiatives and proposals prepared by its members;
- the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia shall attach the aforementioned to the draft laws.

The MoU is prepared in Georgian language in two copies each having equal legal force.

The MoU was signed in Tbilisi on February 26 2016.