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### Capacity-Building projects in the field of Higher Education (E+CBHE)

### Raising Research Capacity of Georgian HEIs through Developing R&D Units / HERD

GIPA is the participant of Project - Raising Research Capacity of Georgian HEIs through Developing R&D Units / HERD.

#### HERD project goals and outcomes:

HERD is a two-year project targeted at modernizing R&D units of the member universities, increasing the research capacity/quality and integrating teaching and research within the institutional settings. HERD is project planned around 5 core WPs closely intertwined with one another, describing a logical chain of project activities, identifying key milestones and deliverables, and monitoring of the overall quality of the project that aims to respond to:

- Major objectives of Georgian R&D strategy defined by the government's four-point development plan including education reform and creation of knowledge-based society;
- Strategic development plan of the Ministry of Education and Science [MES] on quality enhancement of education, research, raising innovation potential, capacity building on tech-transfer via strengthening university-industry relations, and internationalization;
- New standards of National Center for Education Quality Enhancement demanding the evidence-based policy for R&D and strategic development plans for research at HEIs.

#### Project aims and objectives:

- Establish a joint research platform through introducing a Research Management software in target universities
- Create an Online Georgian Research Portal that will display the state-of-the art information on the activities, human resources and infrastructure of the academic institutions in Georgia.
- Upgrade the research management and data analysis skills of the target university administrative personnel
- Enhance the capacity of the target universities in respect to research transfer and university-industry collaboration

#### Consortium partners:

Consortium consists of 17 full and 2 associated partners: 12 Georgian HEIs, 4 governmental agencies and 3 EU HEIs. Majority of HEIs cover wide range of disciplines from social sciences/humanities to hard sciences, and represent the leading public and private HEIs in Georgia including several regional universities.

#### **Georgian HEIs:**

IVANE JAVAKHISHVILI TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY (LEADER)  
ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
GEORGIAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  
TBILISI STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

AKAKI TSERETELI STATE UNIVERSITY  
SHOTA RUSTAVELI STATE UNIVERSITY  
IAKOB GOGEBASHVILI TELAVI STATE UNIVERSITY  
V.SARAJISHVILI TBILISI STATE CONSERVATOIRE  
CAUCASUS UNIVERSITY LTD  
DAVID TVILDIANI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY LLC  
INTERNATIONAL BLACK SEA UNIVERSITY LTD  
GEORGIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIR N(N)LE

**Governmental Agencies:**

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF GEORGIA  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION QUALITY ENHANCEMENT  
GEORGIA'S INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY AGENCY  
INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER OF GEORGIA

**EU HEIs:**

TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET DRESDEN  
UNIVERSITE CLERMONT AUVERGNE  
UNIVERSITE DE NICE SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS

**Coordinating Institution:** Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) – Georgia

Consortium also involves three EU HEIs: Technological University of Dresden [TU Dresden] that is among 10 largest HEIs in Germany and will contribute to research strategy planning/training in research management for R&D units; Université Clermont Auvergne [UCA], research intensive university that focuses on strengthening university-industry, public-private partnerships for achieving main societal challenges of the world; and Universite Nice Sophia Antipolis [UNICE] which is amongst 3% of the universities worldwide in respect to research intensity and will focus on developing research strategies at Georgian HEIs and conduct the quality control of entire project.

