
Standardization Process: Case of Georgia

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Institutional Reforms in 2005:

- historical and political background
- From Obligatory to Voluntary
- Separation of institutions, roles and functions

Follow-up after 2005 Reforms

- 2006 resolution recognizing technical regulations of EU countries
- Establishing partnership with international organizations:

ISO (2006); CEN (2008); CENELEC (2010)

DCFTA Negotiations:

- Recommendations of the European Commission
- Creation of TBT Strategy (2010) and TBT Program (2011)
- 2012 law on Product Safety and Free Movement Code
- Creation of Technical Committees

Association Agreement (2014):

- progressively transposing the corpus of European standards
- withdrawing conflicting national standards
- fulfill the other conditions for full membership of the European standards organizations

Procedure for Developing standard in Georgia:

- Apply to the Agency with justification that there is a high demand for the standard
- The Agency makes a decision on the appropriateness of discussing the issue by a respective technical committee
- Technical committee makes a decision on the basis of consensus on the appropriateness of adopting a standard

Types of Standards Active in Georgia:

- Georgian Standard
- International/Regional standard
- State Standard (GOST)
- Company standard

Table 1 – Total number of available standards for 2012-2017 (on January 1st)

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
149	234	977	1,725	2,238	1,092

Table 2 – Total number of available standards for 2012-2017 (on January 1st) with division by category of standards

Category of standards	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GOST	-	-	-	-	-	-
EN	99	127	412	822	1540	1065
ISO/IEC	50	95	524	903	656	27
National standards (original)			1			4
Other standards	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3 – Number of European standards (EN standards) adopted as national standards in 2012-2017

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
99	139	453	822	1582	1065

Table 4 – Number of international standards (ISO, IEC) adopted as national standards in 2012-2017

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
50	95	524	903	656	27

Major Challenges:

- High cost
- lack of qualified personnel
- Business model: export in CIS 40% - EU 23%



THANK YOU!

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