





INVESTMENT CLIMATE

**AND OPPORTUNITIES** 







Strategically located at the crossroad of Europe and Asia

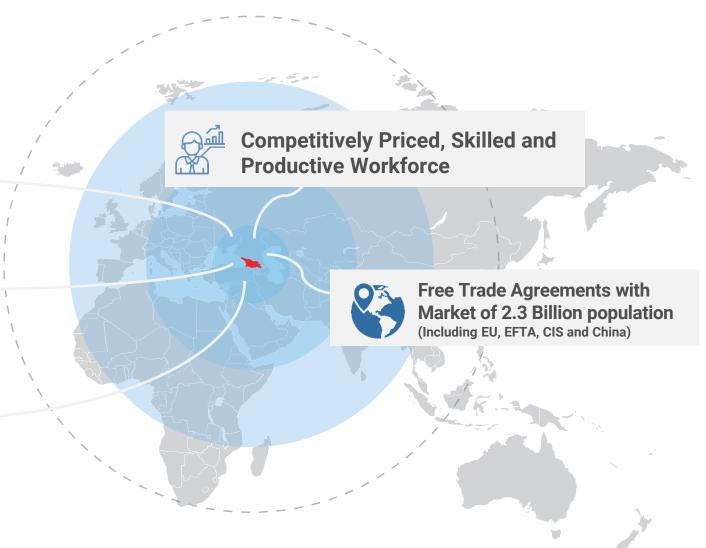


7th Easiest Country to do Business (World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report 2020)



**\$\%** 3<sup>rd</sup> Least Tax Burden Country, with 9.9% Total Tax Rate

(World Bank Group)



# THE COUNTRY AT A GLANCE





**Region: Europe** 

**Population: 3.7 Million** 

**Capital: Tbilisi** 

**Government type: Parliamentary system** 

GDP Per Capita (2022\*):USD 6,671

Inflation (2023): 2.7%

**Currency: Georgian Lari** 





**GDP in 2022\*** 

**24.6 bln USD** 

**Real GDP Growth Rate** (2022\*)

10.1%



**Share of Reinvestments** (2018-2022 average)

**58.1%** 



**FDI to GDP Ratio** (2018-2022 average)

6.8%



**FDI** inflow (2022)

2 bln USD

(all time record)

Source: Geostat

#### GEORGIA STANDING OUT





### OECD FDI Regulatory Restrictiveness Index 2021



8<sup>th</sup>

Georgia ranks 1st among non-EU countries

# Global Services Location Index - GSLI 2023

KEARNEY

**24**th

Georgia ranks 8th in Europe

#### **TRACE Matrix 2021**

Interaction: Contact with government



1st

Georgia ranks 29<sup>th</sup> in overall standings out of 194 countries

#### **WJP Rule of Law Index 2022**

Eastern Europe & Central Asia Region



1st

Georgia also ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in the group of Upper Middle Income countries

# **Safety Index 2023**



18<sup>th</sup>

Georgia ranks 9th in Europe

# Association Agreement and DCFTA with the EU



Georgia has a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, an Association Agreement, and Visa-free travel regime with European Union

"Deep reforms in economic management and governance have earned Georgia a reputation as star reformer" - World Bank Group Georgia

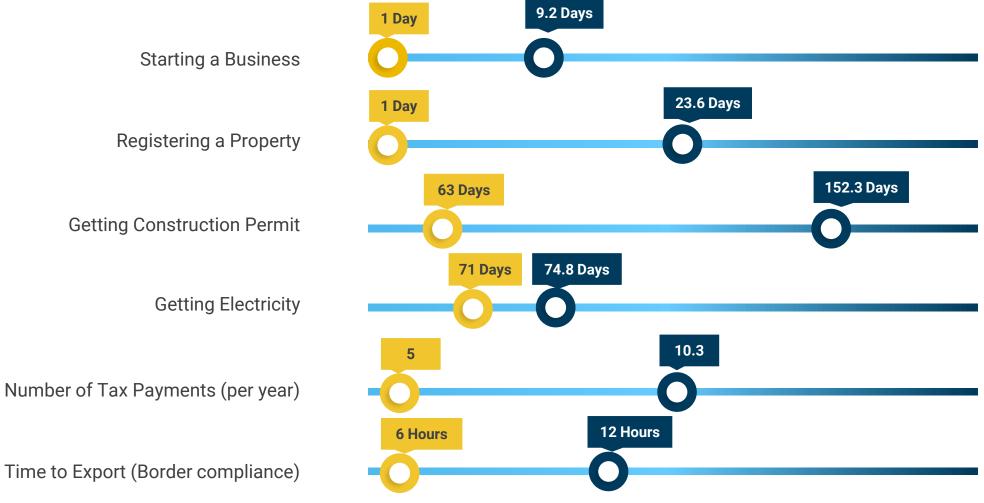


# SPEND LESS TIME ON PAPERWORK





# Georgia Ranks 7th in Ease of Doing Business Ranking, Here's Why:









# YOUR NEARSHORING DESTINATION







**Centrally located to access Europe, Asia and the** Middle East



Simple and service-oriented customs policy and administration



80% of goods are free from import tariffs

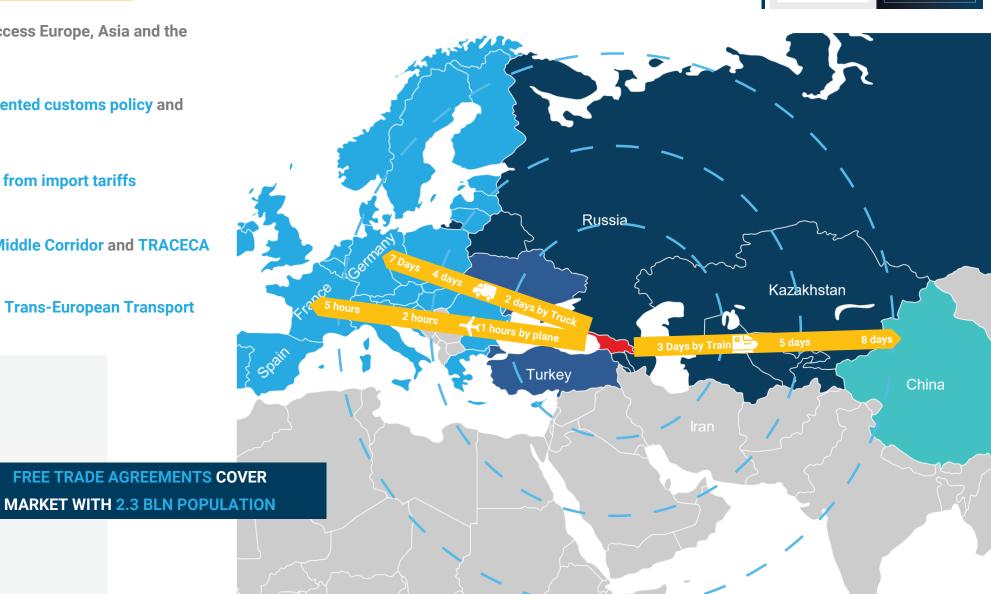


Membership of both Middle Corridor and TRACECA



**Connected to the EU's Trans-European Transport Networks** 

- **EU DCFTA**
- **UK-FTA**
- **EFTA FTA**
- CIS FTA
- Turkey FTA
- **Ukraine FTA**
- China (incl. Hong Kong) FTA



# ACCESS TO FRESH TALENT POOL

# **Graduate talent pool**

Over 122,000 students graduated from public and private HEIs (bachelor, master and professional programs) in last 5 years

# **Multi-lingual skills**

~574,000 English, German, French, and

Italian speakers in major cities of Georgia

(Source: Deloitte research)

other European language schools available in the country

Specialized English, German and









**Literacy Rate** 

98 %



64 HEIs and 66 VETs



92 %

# ACCESS YOUNG, SKILLED AND COMPETITIVE TALENT POOL







Flexible Labor Code
No Minimum Wage
Regulation



Labor Productivity
Growth
8.5%
(ILOSTAT)



Total Workforce
1.6 mln



Unemployment 17%



Unemployment with advanced education 11.3%

Average Monthly Salary for Skilled Production Operative (including social security)



Average Monthly Salaries in Customer Service (including social security)



Source: fDi Benchmark from the Financial Times Ltd 2023





# COMPETETIVE OPERATIONAL COSTS





#### **Green Energy**

**70% of generation** form renewables

#### **Power Exchange**



Day ahead, intra day and balancing markets (operated By Nord Pool)

#### **Corporate PPAs**



All consumers (ex. Household) can find direct supplier

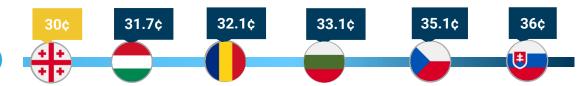
**Partially Deregulated** 

**Gas Tariff** 

**Buyer can choose** supplier and negotiate price



**Industrial Gas (per c/m)** 





\*all utility costs are given in USD Cents

Source: fDi Benchmark from the Financial Times Ltd 2023





















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# BENEFIT FROM THE MOST ATTRACTIVE TAX SYSTEM







Tax on Retained Profit



3<sup>rd</sup>

Least Tax Burden Country in the World by Total Tax Rate (% of profit)



**4** Free Industrial Zones

- Pension contribution\* 2% paid by Employer, 2% paid by Employee
- Personal Income taxes for interest, dividends and royalties are just 5%
- Double Taxation avoidance Treaties with 57 countries





0% or 15 % Corporate Profit Tax



20 % Personal Income Tax



18 % Value Added Tax



<1%
Property
Tax



Select Items
Excise Tax



0%,5%, or 12% Import Tax (depending on goods imported)

<sup>\*</sup>up to 2% paid by Government until savings reach 60,000 GEL

# WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS





#### **FREE INDUSTRIAL ZONES**



#### **Special Tax Regime**

- Exemption from all taxes except Personal Income Tax (20%), which is paid from employees' salaries (goods produced for export)
- In case of import form other territory of Georgia, the company has to pay VAT and 4% of revenue from national sales
- Simplified Procedures and Available Facilities
- Great Location: Tbilisi (capital city), Poti (sea port), Kutaisi (International Airport)

#### TAX INCENTIVES

#### **International Company status**

Profit and personal income taxes for IT companies reduced to 5%

#### **FINANCIAL INCENTIVES**



#### **State Support Programs**

- Subsidies for loan interest payment 5.25% (Hotels and Manufacturing)
- Collateral Guarantee co-financing up to 80% of the principal (Hotels and Manufacturing)



#### **FDI Grants**

- Eligible sectors: electronics, auto & aircraft parts, BPO, MRO, logistic centers
- Cashback on investment costs, including workforce training costs
- Investment obligations:
  - Manufacturing of electronics, auto& aircraft parts at least 100 new jobs created and USD 3 mln investment
  - BPO/SSC/GBS at least 200 new jobs created and USD 0.8 mln investment
  - IT at least 50 new jobs created and USD 0.8 mln investment
  - MRO, logistic centers at least 50 new jobs and USD 3 mln investment







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**THANK YOU** 

