Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure – Roads Department of Georgia



Georgia's Experience on Adopting Green, Sustainable and Socially Inclusive Transport Infrastructure

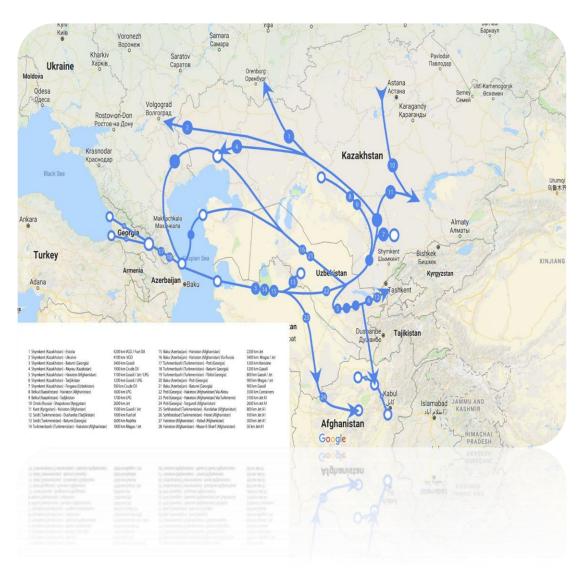
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Country Overview



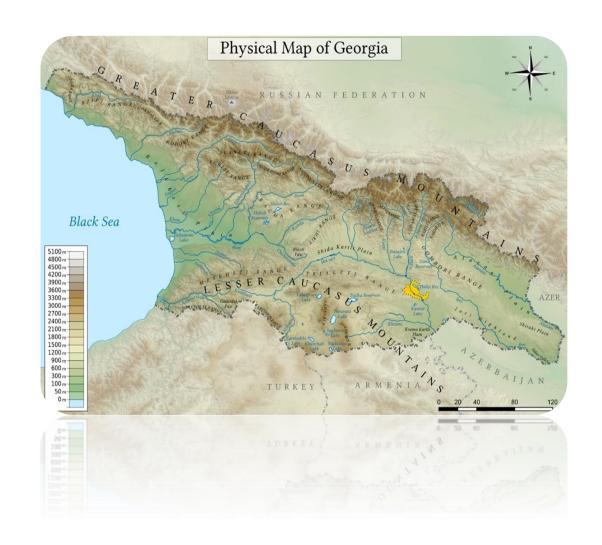
- ☐ Georgia is a transcontinental country at the intersection of Eastern Europe and Western Asia;
- ☐ Part of the Caucasus Region;
- □ Country covers an area of 69,700 square kilometers;
- □ Population 3.7 million.



Country Overview



- ☐ The Greater Caucasus Mountain range forms the northern border of Georgia;
- ☐ The southern portion of the country is bounded by the Lesser Caucasus Mountains;
- ☐ The Greater Caucasus Mountain Range is much higher in elevation than the Lesser Caucasus Mountains;
- ☐ Highest peaks rising more than 5,000 meters above sea levels.



Road Network

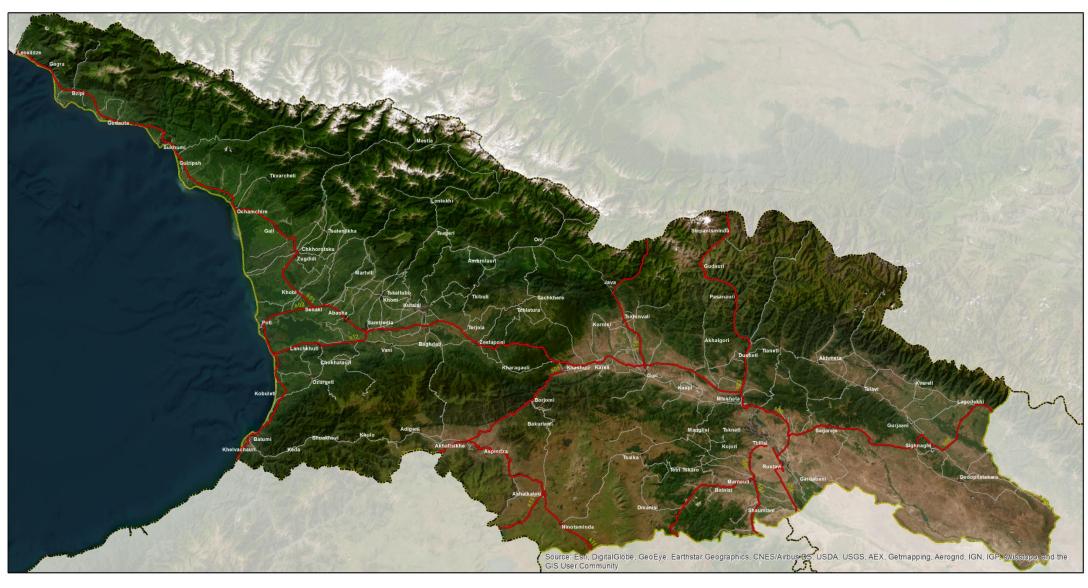


- ***** Roads Department manages:
- ☐ International Roads 1593.4 Km
- ☐ Intrastate Roads 5 485.8 Km
- **E-60 E-70 Highway 430 Km**



Road Network - International Roads



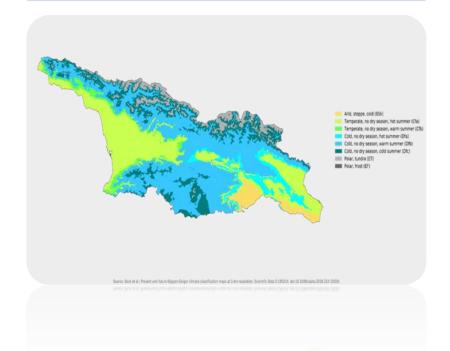


Climate Change



- ☐ Increasing of temperature during the last 50 years;
- ☐ "Greenhouse Effect" increases;
- ☐ Georgia poly-climatic country due to its specific and complex physical-geographic conditions;
- ☐ Effect of climate change is higher than in mono-climatic countries
- ☐ Natural disasters floods, avalanches, landslides
- ☐ Human economic activity food production, energy development, transportation network layout, construction

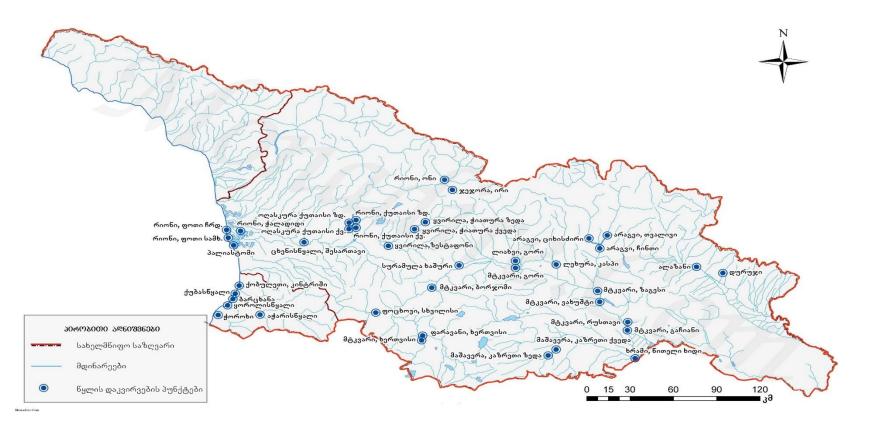
Climatic Zones of Georgia



Rivers



- **□** 26 060 River
- □ 60 000 Km
- **□** 18 109 Black Sea
- ☐ 7 951 Caspian Sea



Challenges



Top Challenges:

- ☐ Landslide
- Water Erosion
- ☐ Flooding
- Avalanches







Impact on Road Infrastructure



- ☐ High temperature impact on road pavement (for example, heat-induced heaving and buckling of joints).
- ☐ Changes in precipitation and water levels will impact road foundations.
- ☐ Extreme weather events such as stronger and/or more frequent storms will affect the capacity of drainage and overflow systems to deal with stronger or faster velocity of water flows.
- ☐ Stronger or faster velocity of water flows will also impact bridge foundations.
- ☐ High levels of precipitation may threaten embankment stability.



Roads Departments Actions



- Increase ditch and culvert capacity;
- Maintain positive cross slope to facilitate flow of water from surface;
- Increase resistance to rutting;
- Reduce splashing/spray through porous surface mixtures;
- More frequent use of elevated pavement section;
- Improve visibility and pavement marking demarcation;
- Ensure that all embankments are seeded to help increase stability;
- Geocell Slope Stabilization
- Geogrid Soil Stabilization
- Construction of avalanche protection
- Constriction of riverbank protection Gabions, Rip-Rap



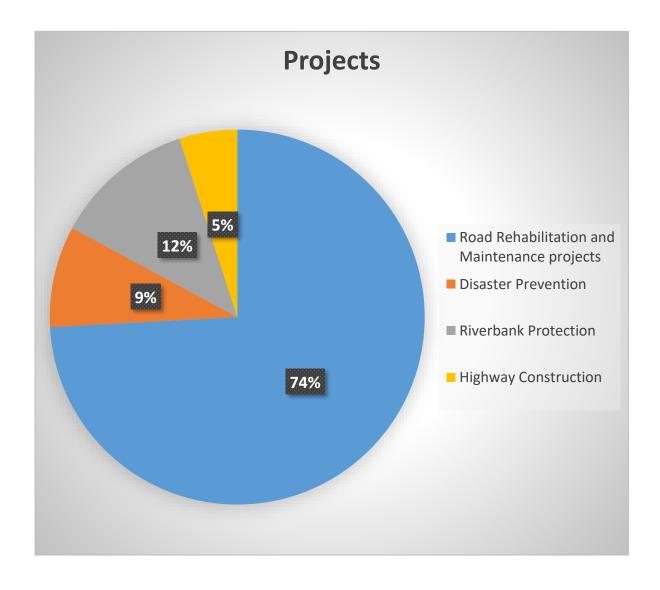
Climate Adaptation Activities

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- ☐ Green Infrastructure measures in the design;
- ☐ Restoration of forests;
- ☐ Flooding prevention;
- ☐ Erosion prevention;
- ☐ Protection species, mitigation measures;
- ☐ Study migration routs of animals
- ☐ Comprehensive study of biodiversity





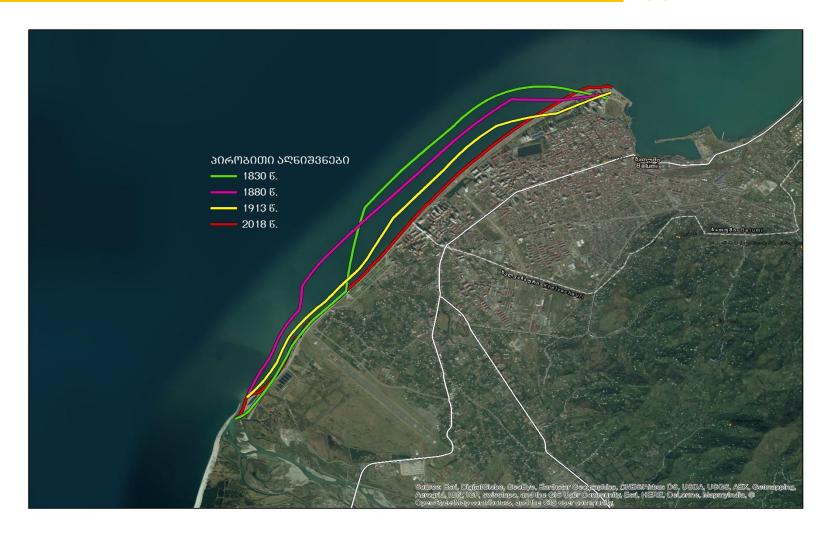




Impact on Sea



- ☐ Activation of abrasive processes;
- ☐ Challenges:
- Natural process of cape formation;
- Activation of wave mode;
- Construction of ports and related burden;
- Construction of dams.



Soft Adaptation



- Soft Adaptation Education.
- Example: In the framework of the Kvesheti-Kobi new road project, the event of the environmental education in school.
- The main goal: raise awareness of the population in infrastructural, environmental and climate change issues.



Socially Inclusive Infrastructure



- > EIA
- Public consultation at the regional level;
- Details regarding environmental impact and its mitigation measures;
- Close communication/ cooperation with stakeholders.





Socially Inclusive Infrastructure

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- ☐ Social activities under the projects:
- Arrangement of sewage systems;
- Arrangement of drinking water reservoirs;
- Medical service;
- Arrangement of stadiums;
- Rehabilitation of the cultural heritage monuments;
- Arrangement of trade spaces.



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