



Sustainable Development Centre REMISSIA

Annual Report

2017

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Sustainable Development Centre - Remissia aims at supporting the Government of Georgia and other key stakeholders in elaboration of sustainable development strategies and action plans at national and local levels. It also aims at supporting the transfer of knowledge, methodologies and the state-of-the-art technologies for sustainable management of the processes undertaken in the sectors of energy, environment protection and natural resources management, economy and so on. Strengthening the national and local capacities is among Remissia's strategic objectives as well.

The main approach of Remissia while performing its mission is to focus its efforts on those sectors, ecosystems and regions that are particularly vulnerable or contribute to the ongoing climate change process.

Supporting inclusiveness and participation in decision-making and implementation processes, human rights protection and integration of gender issues are core principles of Remissia's activities.

Sustainable Development Centre - Remissia recognizes the priority of sustainable development principles in economic development of Georgia and conducts its activities in the following areas:

A) Supporting the implementation of activities of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, Covenant of Mayors and other supporting conventions and agreements for sustainable development in the following sectors:

- Compiling inventory of greenhouse gases;
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- Promotion of environmental friendly technologies transfer;
- Climate Change vulnerability assessment and preparation of adaptation measures for different economic sectors and ecosystems;
- Monitoring the effects of climate change;
- Any other activities related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement implementation.

B) Development, fund raising and implementation of sustainable development projects;

C) Supporting the international and regional cooperation in promoting sustainable development and climate change issues;

C) Training of national experts for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement and other activities for sustainable development;

D) Increasing awareness of the above-mentioned processes;

E) Providing consultancy to governmental agencies, the private sector and the scientific - research institutions.

The organization is authorized to perform any activity not prohibited by law and related to the implementation of the above objectives.

A brief report of the activities undertaken by Remissia in 2017 is presented below.

I. DESCRIPTION OF ONGOING AND NEWLY LAUNCHED PROJECTS in 2017

Project Name	Support TBC Leasing in energy efficiency technologies and projects
Donor	GGF (Green Growth Fund)
Implementing	Remissia
Dates	2017-2019

Project Description

The aim of the project is to support TBC Leasing by assigning an energy consultant, who will carry out a certain number of energy assessments (EA) in order to verify and report the primary energy savings and CO2 emission reduction levels of those projects, which are to be financed by the GGF loan facility. Once eligibility of the measure is established, this investment qualifies as GGF non-standard EE measure.

Key achievements:

- The project started in the end of 2017 and no activity was implemented by Remissia in 2017.

Project Name	To undertake an analysis for the preparation of a review of Georgia's existing NDC and to provide advisory services to MoENRP for planning NDC implementation
Donor	GIZ
Implementing	Remissia
Dates	2017

Project Background and Description

Under direct supervision of EaP (Eastern Partnership Countries) Climate and the Regional GIZ program 'Capacity development for climate policy in Western Balkan, Central and East Europe, and Central Asia', the objective of this assignment is to elaborate analytical background documents for the preparation of a review of the existing NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) and to provide advisory services to MoENRP (Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection) for planning NDC implementation.

Key deliverables produced by Remissia:

- Analytical report on alignment between the targets and measures outlined in the NDC of Georgia with existing national development strategies and official sector planning documents;

- Overview of existing GHG mitigation scenarios in the national development strategies and official sector planning documents, including its underlying modelling system;
- Recommendations on how to set up an institutional structure including mandate for coordinating actions around the NDC and fostering their implementation (CAP (climate action plan) implementation)

Project Name	Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (EC-LEDS) Clean Energy Program
Donor	USAID
Implementing	Winrock Georgia/Remissia
Dates	2013-2017

Project Background and Description

In 2013 Remissia together with Winrock Int. launched implementation of the USAID’s project “Enhancing Capacity for Low Emission Development Strategies (EC-LEDS) Clean Energy Program”. The project implementation process was supported by various local and international partners. The programme had three components: through component 1 the program supports increased climate change mitigation by building municipal capacity for at least 10 municipalities in analyzing, planning and implementing climate change mitigation measures; component 2 contributed to increasing private sector investment in energy efficiency (EE) and green buildings; and component 3 contributed to the strengthening Government of Georgia (GOG) capacity to develop and implement a national Low Emission Development (LED) strategy.

Within the project Remissia led the **Component 1: Georgian Municipal Energy Efficiency**. Under the Component 1 Remissia supported 10 municipalities in elaboration of municipal **Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs), Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Plans** and preparation of **Technical Project Proposal**. Remissia developed for municipalities simplified analytical tool (**muni-EIPMP**) to be used for selecting mitigation options and programs.

As for the **Component 3: Facilitation and Technical Assistance for EC-LEDS Steering Committee (SC) and the Expert Working Group (EWG) and Sector sub-working groups (SWGs) and development of Low Emission Development Strategy (LEDS)** starting from December 2015, Remissia started to play a major role in terms of providing technical assistance to the EC-LEDS Steering Committee, EWGs and SWGs in the process of elaboration of LED document.

Project achievements:

In September 2017 the project was successfully finished. Main achievements of Remissia are:

- With the technical support from Remissia 10 SEAPs are prepared by 10 municipalities of Georgia signatories of Covenant of Mayors (CoM) process initiated by the EU cities;
- Tbilisi City SEAP implementation monitoring report was prepared;
- One SECAP (Sustainable Energy and Climate Adaptation Plan) was prepared for Temi Telavi;
- 30 projects proposals for GHGs mitigation (renewable, energy efficiency, waste and wastewater management, etc.) are prepared together with municipalities from which

10 proposals were financed through the LEDS programme grant component on the tender basis;

- Minimum 3 training workshops annually were organized by the programme for municipalities;
- MUNI-EIPMP, the software tool for municipalities was tested, revised and updated annually and municipal staffs were trained;
- LEDS document was prepared and discussed at the programme Steering Committee.

Project Name	Home Owners Associations (HOAs) as a driving force of the modern city within the EU project “HOME - The way forward for reforms in the housing sector: empowering grassroots homeowners associations in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine”
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Donor	EU
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Implementing	Initiative Wohnungswirtschaft Osteuropa IWO e.V./ Consortium Legal Aid Georgia (LAG)/Remissia
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Dates	2016-2017
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Project Description

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to improvement of the quality of life in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi and the cities in other participant countries through development and effective participation of grass-root home owners associations (HOAs) in housing management. The overall objective were fulfilled through achievement of the following specific objectives:

1) Strengthening HOA capabilities in Tbilisi to address the issues related to the common property and building management and 2) increasing capacity and accountability of the local municipality/Gamgeobas in Tbilisi in housing management issues including energy efficiency of buildings.

In the end of 2017 the main activities under the responsibility of Remissia were fully and successfully implemented (however financial closer of the project planned by the EU in the end of September 2018).

Main achievements:

- Remissia together with LAG intensively cooperate with all Gamgebas in Tbilisi city but TAC (Technical Advisory Center) office was organized within the building of Saburtalo Gamgeoba;
- 12 trainings/workshops were conducted for HOA on buildings energy efficiency. Minimum 25 beneficiaries attended each workshop;
- Building audited were carried out for three building in Saburtalo district;
- Two project proposals were developed upon the request from HOA on EE measures;

II. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED:

Audit - in 2017 Remissia conducted the second independent audit of the organization.

Remissia's Web Site - the format and content of the web site was revised and renewed to make it more user-friendly, easy to navigate and informative.

Organizational Development – in 2017 Remissia continued revision and update of Operational and Financial manuals according to the recommendations from external and internal organizational audits.