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On February 6-8, **Natalia Goderdzishvili**, head of Legal Division at LEPL Data Exchange Agency participated in the event – Information Building Day – organized by the European Commission and held in Brussels.

The event aimed at sharing information for EU countries on how effectively non-member states are benefiting from EU support mechanisms.

Having been asked by Euro delegation office to Georgia, Natalia Goderdzishvili, made a presentation about two TWINNING projects, which were successfully realized separately and in different periods

of time at the Agency.

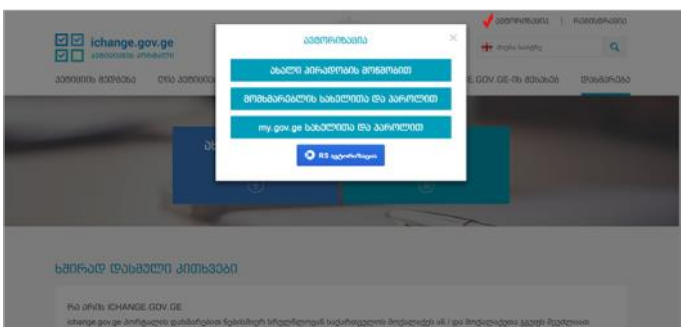
“As you are already aware, there were two TWINNING projects aiming at strengthening e-Governance development in Georgia successfully accomplished at DEA. These projects gave us substantial help in drafting and then realizing e-Governance strategy for Georgia. This particular strategy was exactly crafted by a joint and active involvement of European experts and Georgia’s public sector representatives. We call this eGeorgia Strategy for the years of 2104-2018. The projects also gave us an opportunity to establish valuable contacts with European partners and to share the best EU practices existed in e-Governance development field. As part of these two projects, we have also been able to take steps forward in awareness rising, providing that we have held 3 seminars for media community and organized online contest focused on e-Government issues, which gained great interest among contestants.” – **Natalia Goderdzishvili**, Head of Legal Davison, DEA. (Continued on P. 2).

(Continued from P.1) Presentation has evoked a big amount of interest among the representatives of EU member countries and seen a very positive feedbacks. It was noted, that the results achieved by the Data Exchange Agency are exemplary and will be used in other countries as well.

Twinning is a European Union instrument for institutional cooperation between Public Administrations of EU Member States and of beneficiary or partner countries.

Twinning projects bring together public sector expertise from EU Member States and beneficiary countries with the aim of achieving concrete mandatory operational results through peer to peer activities.

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The Government of Georgia has launched a new website through which any citizen or a group of citizens can address the government with a petition.

The address of the new website is ichange.gov.ge and it was created under one of the commitments taken within the Open Governance Partnership.

The project aims to make it easier for people to get involved in the process of decision-making.

ICHANGE.GOV.HE is one of the best and easiest ways for citizens to make their voices heard, reach the government and present their initiatives and acts as a very good tool of inclusive governance and the demonstration of the openness that the Government of Georgia offers during the past several years.

The presentation of the website was attended by representatives of the government, civic society, international and non-governmental organizations.

It is now available for everyone who has their username and password they used to use for MY.GOV.GE to login to ICHANGE.GOV.GE with the same login credentials. New Identification Cards can also be used for the same purpose.

Technical solutions for ICHANGE.GOV.GE were designed and implemented by LEPL Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

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The Ministry of Justice of Georgia has presented a mobile app, which is designed for calculating visa free travel days in Schengen Zone. The presentation was held at LEPL State Services Development Agency.

Mobile application allows citizens to calculate the number of days remaining in order not to violate the rules of visa free movement.

With the help of the application it will be possible to save travel history in the Schengen zone

(including country reference), calculate the number of days remaining, and share visual information reflecting specific travel on social networks.

The application is compatible with both Android and iOS devices and is free of charge.

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