

Initial indicative Action Plan (Roadmap) for NUTS introduction to Georgia

| Activity | Responsible Agency | Implementation Period | | Result/Indicator |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | Start date | End date ¹ | |
| Formation of Steering Group with possible external experts | MRDI, Geostat | 08/2020 | 09/2020 | Composition of Group agreed |
| Different possible NUTS scenarios for Georgia | MRDI, Geostat | 09/2020 | 10/2020 | NUTS scenarios presented to MRDI management and agreed |
| Examining needs for drafting secondary legislation on NUTS (Adoption of new classification may require amendments in normative acts of Geostat) | Geostat, MRDI | 10/2020 | 03/2021 | Respective findings and recommendations provided to the management of Geostat and MRDI |
| Priority data needs for proposed NUTS levels ² | MRDI, Geostat | 10/2020 | 01/2021 | The list of data presented to MRDI and Geostat management and agreed |
| Formation of Working Groups, per need | MRDI, Geostat, relevant Ministries | 01/2021 | 02/2021 | 3-4 Working Groups established per need |
| Preparation of preliminary Plan for Statistics/NUTS Harmonization (Roadmap on NUTS introduction) ³ | Geostat, MRDI | 04/2021 | 06/2021 | The preliminary plan presented and agreed |
| Discussion and agreeing the preliminary plan on NUTS harmonisation | Geostat, MRDI | 06/2021 | 10/2021 | Missions and/or workshop or seminar, plan fine-tuned/confirmed |
| Preparation of finalized Plan on Statistics/NUTS Harmonization (with extra statistical dataset analysis and detailed financial calculations ⁴) | Geostat, MRDI | 10/2021 | 12/2021 | The finalized plan/roadmap presented to the management of MRDI and Geostat |

¹ The suggested indicative AP/timeline may be affected by the ongoing Covid19 pandemic and other unforeseen factors; indicated deadlines may be subject to delay from three to six months, depending on further safety considerations, stabilization of the current situation, subsequent official recommendations or other specific reasons.

² According and to be reflected in the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics in Georgia 2020-2023 and annual working program of Geostat

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