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Welcome to the new I2Q Project newsletter

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I2Q Project – Facilitating Education Reform Agenda in Georgia

The legal basis for Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project - Georgia is the Loan Agreement No 8955-GE between Georgia and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), dated, June 18, 2019.

The Project is supported by the World Bank and its implementing partners are the Ministry of Education and Science (MES) and the Municipal Development Fund of Georgia (MDF).

The Project Operation Manual (POM) Describes the following Five Components:

1. Improving Quality of and Access to Early Childhood Education (ECE)
2. Fostering Quality Teaching and Learning in General Education
3. Strengthening Financing Options and Promoting Internationalization in Higher Education
4. System Strengthening and Stakeholder Communication
5. Supporting Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

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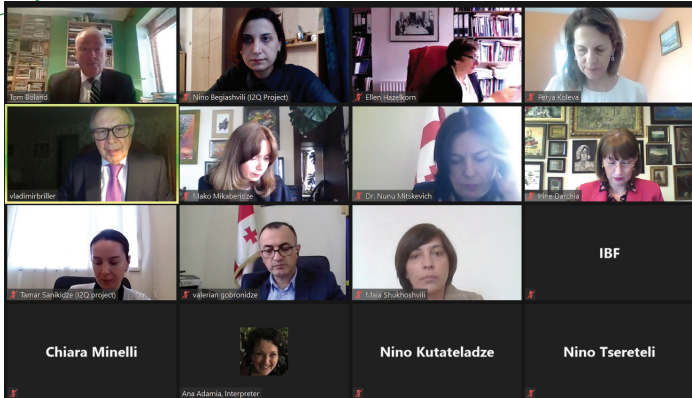
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Higher education Performance Based Funding Options Discussed

International Consultant Company IBF (Belgium) continues working on HE's new financing model development. IBF – a multisector consulting company with 40 years of experience in the higher education sector has already submitted the draft version of the document.

With the purpose to discuss the submitted document, on October 5, an online workshop was held. Representatives of MoES, NCEQE, the WB and experts were involved in the discussion.

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Ongoing Work Results and Progress Made within the CIF Documentation Discussed

A working meeting was held with Nunu Mitskevichi, a Deputy Minister of Education and Science and representatives of the Higher Education Department of MoES, on October 25.

Nino Begiashvili, I2Q Project Higher Education Component lead presented the results of ongoing work and progress made within the Competitive Innovations Fund documentation.

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ECE Diagnostic Study Inception and Primary Reports Presented



Within the scope of the I2Q Project, an ECE sector diagnostic study is in progress. The study covers two main directions: Identifying ECE sector's basic issues and drawbacks and comprehensive evaluation, as well as an overview of the difficulties in demand and supply for school readiness in Georgia.

With the purpose to present inception and primary reports to the MoES, a working meeting was held with the representatives of the Ministry of Education and Georgia and other LEPLs. The sides discussed the technical issues and study design, methodology and engagement of the stakeholders were discussed at the meeting.

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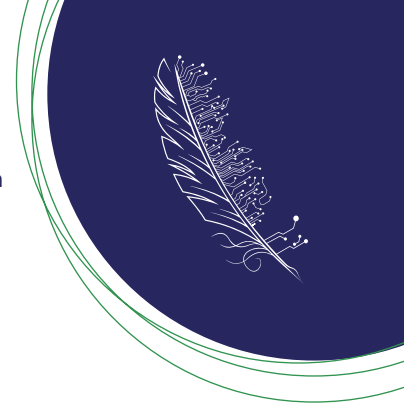
Crafting the Communication Strategy to Start Soon



Within the scope of the I2Q Project crafting an effective 5-year communication strategy on the current education reforms and proposed project supported activities will be started soon. The assignment also includes the 2-year action plan.

To accomplish this assignment, the Itd Publicity Group was selected through tender following the regulations by the World Bank.

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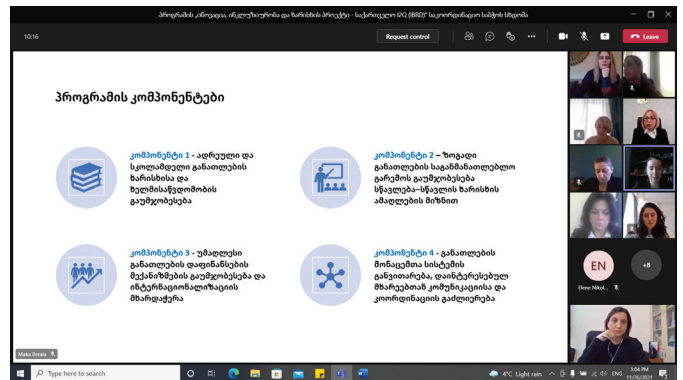


The Second Steering Committee Meeting held Online

Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project's second Steering Committee meeting was held online on November 26. The meeting agenda included sharing information about progress and outputs under the Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project.

Executive director of Innovation, Inclusion and Quality Project Tamar Sanikidze and Project's component leads shared information about ongoing and planned activities with the Committee members.

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Donor Coordination Meeting held Online



Donor Coordination Meeting was held online on December 21. All the donors acting in the education sector in Georgia attended the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ongoing and upcoming activities on ECE and GE levels.

Tamar Chkonia, ECE Component Lead of I2Q Project and Lia Gigauri, GE Component Lead of the I2Q Project gave an update on ongoing activities on the ECE level under the Project. Tamar Sanikidze, Executive Director of the I2Q Project talked about upcoming activities.

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