

51<sup>th</sup> CERP PLENARY MEETING  
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Tbilisi, Georgia

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Georgia is located on the crossroad of Europe and Asia. It lays at the eastern end of the Black Sea, with Turkey and Armenia to the south, Azerbaijan to the east, and Russia to the north, over the Caucasus Mountains.

The capital and largest city is Tbilisi. Georgia's total territory covers 69,700 square kilometers. Population in Georgia is almost 4 million. Georgia is a country of ancient civilization and its statehood is of 3000 years.

Official language is Georgian.

Georgian currency is Georgian Lari (ლ) (GEL).

The climate, flora, fauna of Georgia is extremely diverse, considering the nation's small size.

### **The Capital City Tbilisi**

The most widely accepted variant of the legend about Tbilisi's founding says that in the mid-5th century AD, King Vakhtang I Gorgasali revived and rebuilt it. There are many sights you may take a look:

- **Narikala**

Narikala Fortress can be seen from any point within Old Tbilisi. It was constructed for defense purposes in the 4th century and was considerably expanded over subsequent historical periods.

- **Rustaveli Avenue and Freedom Square**

Rustaveli Avenue begins at Freedom Square and this is the center of the city, where many of the governmental, cultural and business facilities are located.

- **Agmashenebeli Avenue**

Agmashenebeli Avenue is one of the longest and most beautiful streets of the city. Here you can find gorgeous historic buildings, painted entryways and distinctive architectural ornaments.

- **Holy Trinity Cathedral**

The Trinity (*Sameba*) Cathedral is one of the tallest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in the World. The cathedral complex includes an underground section and integrates nine chapels, various supplementary buildings, and beautiful gardens.

More information about Tbilisi you can find at: <http://georgia.travel/destinations/tbilisi/>



## The Airport

Shota Rustaveli Tbilisi International Airport is the main international airport in Georgia, located 17 km southeast of the capital Tbilisi. Useful information about transport from/to the airport you can find at the official website of Tbilisi airport:

<http://www.tbilisiairport.com/en-EN/Transportation/Pages/AirportTrasnportation.aspx>

Taxi service at Tbilisi International Airport is available outside the terminal, just at the curbside of the Arrival Hall and provides 24 hour service to the passengers. The journey time to the city center takes 20-30 minutes dependent on traffic. Taxi fee is 25 - 30 GEL from the airport to the city center. You can find more information at:

<http://www.tbilisiairport.com/en-EN/Transportation/Pages/Taxi.aspx>

## Currency

The currency in Georgia is Georgian Lari (GEL).

1 € ~ 2.60 GEL

The most common credit cards are accepted.

## Electricity

220V/50Hz

## **Visa**

Information on visa requirements for entry in Georgia and on travel documents can be found at: <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=27&lang=Eng>

## **Emergency and medical services**

Tel: 112 for all emergency cases (ambulance, police, fire service etc.)

## **Accommodation – Hotels**

Tbilisi offers a big diversity of hotels from the budget to luxury. Herewith we offer you list of several nearby hotels to the Venue (Enclosed Annex 1).

## **Opening hours**

In Tbilisi the most of shopping malls, supermarkets and shops are opened until late in the evening and also work on Saturday and Sunday. Many of the commercial banks have offices with the extended working time.

## **Time zone**

The time zone in Georgia is GMT+4 (Eastern European Time).

## **Dialing code**

The dialing code for Georgia is +995; Tbilisi (32).

## **Climate**

The average temperature in Tbilisi in May is very mild at 17-20°C.

If you need any additional information or any other inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact:

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## Annex 1

### Nearby Hotels:

Hotel	Contact
<p><b>Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-tbilisi">http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-tbilisi</a></p> <p>Address: 1 Rose Revolution Square 0108 Tbilisi, Georgia</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Tel: +995 32 2 402 200</p> <p><a href="mailto:tbilisi.reservations@radissonblu.com">tbilisi.reservations@radissonblu.com</a></p>
<p><b>Holiday Inn Tbilisi</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hi-tbilisi.com">http://www.hi-tbilisi.com</a></p> <p>Address: 1/26 May Square; Tbilisi, Georgia, 0171</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Tel: +995 32 2300099 Fax: +995 32 2300001 <a href="mailto:info@hi-tbilisi.com">info@hi-tbilisi.com</a></p>
<p><b>Tbilisi Marriott Hotel</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tbsmc-tbilisi-marriott-hotel/">http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tbsmc-tbilisi-marriott-hotel/</a></p> <p>Address: 13 Rustaveli Avenue Tbilisi 0108 Georgia</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Phone: +995-32-277 92 00</p>
<p><b>Hotel Citadines</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.citadines.com/en/georgia/tbilisi/freedom_square.html">http://www.citadines.com/en/georgia/tbilisi/freedom_square.html</a></p> <p>Address: Citadines Freedom Square</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Tel: +995 32 2 54 70 30 Fax: +995 32 2 54 70 40 <a href="mailto:tbilisi.fs@citadines.com">tbilisi.fs@citadines.com</a></p>
<p><b>Betsy's Hotel</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.betsyshotel.com/?page=home">http://www.betsyshotel.com/?page=home</a></p> <p>Address: 32-34 Makashvili St., 0108, Tbilisi, Georgia</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p><b>Tel: +995 32 293-14-04</b> <a href="mailto:info@betsyshotel.com">info@betsyshotel.com</a> <a href="mailto:reservation@betsyshotel.com">reservation@betsyshotel.com</a></p>
<p><b>Hotel Garden View Tbilisi</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.gardenview.ge">http://www.gardenview.ge</a></p> <p>Address: 35 M. Kostava str.</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Tel: +995 322 131513 <a href="mailto:contact@gardenview.ge">contact@gardenview.ge</a></p>
<p><b>Hotel Vere Palace</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.verepalace.com.ge">http://www.verepalace.com.ge</a></p> <p>Address: 22-24 Kuchishvili Str. Tbilisi, 0179, Georgia</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p>Tel.: +995 32 2253340/41/42 +995 32 2221779 Fax.:+995 32 2221298 <a href="mailto:hotelvp@verepalace.com.ge">hotelvp@verepalace.com.ge</a></p>

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<b>Hotel Kopala Rikhe</b> <a href="http://www.kopala.ge/en/hotels/9-kopala-rikhe">http://www.kopala.ge/en/hotels/9-kopala-rikhe</a> Address: 10 Chekhov str.	<b>Contact Information:</b> Tel: (+995 32) 2775580 (+995 32) 2775520 <a href="mailto:hotel@kopala.ge">hotel@kopala.ge</a>
<b>Hotel "Tiflis Palace"</b> <a href="http://www.tiflispalace.ge">http://www.tiflispalace.ge</a> Address: 3, Gorgasali str. Tbilisi, 0105	<b>Contact Information:</b> Tel: +995 32 200 02 45 Fax:+995 32 200 02 43 <a href="mailto:reservation@tiflispalace.ge">reservation@tiflispalace.ge</a>