System of Geographical Indications of Georgia and Major Reform

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Georgia has unique agro-climatic conditions and centuries-old traditions, great potential for registration of geographical indications;

The first appellation of origin was registered in 2005;

64 geographical indications and appellations of origin are registered in Georgia:

- **Wine** - 29
- **Mineral water** - 8
- **Cheese** - 13
- **Agricultural product** - 12
- **Spirits** - 1
- **Non-agricultural product** - 1
System of Geographical Indications

Legal framework for the protection of appellations of origin and geographical indications includes:

- International agreements;
- Bilateral agreements;

- **Origin Georgia** - participates in the revealing of potential Geographical Indications and in identification of their characteristics for purpose of their further registration;

- **The National Food Agency** and **the National Wine Agency** participate in the control and granting the right to use;

- Government has paid utmost importance on Gis; In many cases the National Wine Agency was applicant.
Ongoing Reform

• Twinning Project aimed establishment of an effective protection and control system of geographical indications in Georgia;

• Draft Law on “Appellation of Origin and Geographical Indication of Good ” is prepared:
  ✓ The significance of associations in terms of geographical indication protection is enlarged;
  ✓ Modification of the registration system; Relevant stakeholders are involved;
  ✓ The mechanism of state control is enhanced.
Thank You for your attention!