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It is a great honor for any person, especially a Georgian, to lead Tbilisi – one of the oldest cities in the world – for four years and to have the opportunity to serve its unique history, present, and future.

Tbilisi is a special city with its own legends, history, and diversity, as well as its own opportunities and challenges.

I am grateful to the people living in Tbilisi, first of all, for giving me a chance to serve my city and my country; for the support I felt at every decisive moment for four years – I felt that I was not alone when I made possibly painful but necessary decisions for the future of our city.

In 2017, when I had the honor to run in the Tbilisi mayoral elections, Tbilisi and its residents faced very acute and large-scale problems.

My team and I made these problems our main challenges, and we outlined ways to address them in the seven key policies of urban development, which cover virtually every area of city management.

We have worked in line with our plans, and we have taken substantial steps in all seven directions, putting the city on the correct and irreversible path of development. Correspondingly, intensive efforts will continue in all these areas. We will present new, large-scale projects in the new program, which had not been envisaged by the above-mentioned seven directions until now. In 2017, our mission was to turn Tbilisi into a city that is full of life, where environmental standards would be established, transport infrastructure would be improved, development would take place in a planned manner, and infrastructure would be modernized on the example of the best cities of Europe. We have established these standards.

Today, our goal is to make these positive developments a standard for all districts of the capital, to ensure that all districts have infrastructure of the same type and of the highest standard, and to make certain that the residents of all districts of the capital have equal access to municipal services and all the benefits that the state can offer.

More Life in Every District – this will be our answer to the challenges facing Tbilisi and this will be our mission for the next four years!

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**Dilapidated Building Replacement Program** – The existence of old, dilapidated residential buildings throughout the city, most of which were built in 1950s-1960s, is an acute problem for the city today. These buildings belong to the city's housing fund that has been reinforced due to damage. Their service life has practically expired, and they no longer meet the basic norms of habitability and safety. This means that a large part of these buildings will need to be dismantled today, and all of them will need to be dismantled in the near future. Most of these buildings have been assessed as hazardous to varying degrees. As a result of years of harmful construction practices contributing to overbuilding, the appearance of most of them is completely distorted. They do not meet any modern standards of safety and energy efficiency, and the price of such real estate is decreasing on a daily basis. Creating a modern living environment for the residents of Tbilisi and improving their living conditions is an important challenge and one of the top priorities for my team and me. We take full responsibility for solving this vitally important problem for our citizens, and we are launching a program to replace dilapidated buildings throughout Tbilisi!



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- | The Replacement Program will begin in 2022, which means the complete replacement and renewal of existing Soviet-era dilapidated buildings throughout the city.
- | All old buildings with an expired service life that have been assessed as hazardous to any degree will be subject to replacement.
- | The Replacement Program will be funded by Tbilisi City Hall.
- | Each project will only be implemented with the consent of all owners.
- | Within the framework of the program, Tbilisi City Hall will provide the owners with renovated housing in newly constructed buildings.
- | If necessary, Tbilisi City Hall will fund the rental expenses of the residents during the construction process.
- | The municipality will announce a competition for the development of standard architecture, which will be tailored to the visual style and design of any given district. As a result, Soviet-era architecture will be replaced by modern Georgian architecture.
- | In order to avoid the over-utilization of urban spaces, the outline of the existing buildings will not be increased within the framework of the Replacement Program. Also, an unreasonable increase in the height of the buildings will not be permitted, which implies the construction of eight-floor buildings on average in place of five-floor buildings on average.
- | Every project implemented within the framework of this program envisages the complete dismantling of garages and the construction of recreational spaces in their place.
- | The replacement projects will be implemented by private construction companies, selected through tenders.
- | The selected private companies will receive additional space and a municipal subsidy as compensation, with the amount to be determined through tenders.
- | After the replacement, the value of the owners' property will have increased by about 60-70 percent.
- | Under the program, every resident will continue to live in the same neighborhood, in a new, well-equipped, and comfortable environment.
- | Under the program, owners will receive housing of exactly the same area as they own today.
- | All new buildings will be energy efficient, which means significantly reduced utility bills for residents.



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Environmental protection has become a top priority in Tbilisi and, correspondingly, the budget allocated to this area is growing every year. Ensuring a healthy city is the main goal of the municipality. To this end, we will continue building new parks in all districts of Tbilisi, rehabilitating the existing ones, and creating new recreational spaces. Over the next four years, we will build and renovate 15 parks, restore degraded forests over an area spanning 300 hectares, reduce particle pollution of the air to a minimum, and introduce a separate waste collection model. **300 million GEL** will be spent on environmental protection in the next four years. The following projects will be implemented within the framework of the Healthy City Program:



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- | **The 15 New Parks of Tbilisi** – 15 new parks will be constructed and renovated in our capital: Dighomi Forest Park – 21 ha, Dendrological Park – 162 ha, Tbilisi Central Park – 36 ha, Vazisubani Park – 19 ha, Dighomi Meadows Park – 15 ha, Temka Gorge Park – 25 ha, Tbilisi Sea Boulevard – 30 ha, Dirsichala Park – 11 ha, Varketili Gorge Park – 3 ha, Vera Park – 4 ha, Patara Gldani Lake Park – 3 ha, Avchala Park – 3 ha, Sarajishvili Boulevard – 3.5 ha, Samgori Park – 10 ha, Gorgasali Boulevard – 0.5 ha.



- | **Park infrastructure will also be rehabilitated and modernized in Pushkin Square.**
- | **Fresh Air for Tbilisi** – Fresh air is an essential prerequisite for a healthy city. New parks and recreational areas will be built over the next four years in order to improve air quality. The transport network will be designed in a way that will allow the city to become fully adapted to eco-friendly transport, which will facilitate the use of environmentally friendly transportation instead of cars. In addition, regulations concerning the placement and sale of materials prone to wind-borne dispersal will be tightened, which will further reduce the likelihood of dust particles getting into the air.

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**Waste Management:** The effective management of waste streams, separate collection, and subsequent recycling is considered best practice for sustainable waste management. This is an essential step on the path toward a circular economy.

The following measures will be implemented in the coming years in order to establish a modern waste management system in the capital: The introduction of a source separation system, waste recycling, and the closure/remediation of natural landfills. In 2019, the capital launched a pilot project on separated collection with the aim of implementing a source separation system. By 2025, a source separation system for paper, glass, metal, and plastic waste will be fully established.

The establishment of a separate source collection system will ensure that the following minimum collection and recycling figures are reached in the coming years:



Separate collection/recycling rates to be reached (%)	2022	2025	2030
Paper	30%	50%	80%
Glass	20%	50%	80%
Metal	70%	80%	90%
Plastic	30%	50%	80%

**Make Your Neighborhood Greener** – The development of intra-quarter and district beautification and landscaping is essential for the formation of a unified network of recreational spaces in the city. From next year onward, homeowners' associations will have the opportunity to make their yards greener with municipal funding, which will help increase the area of green spaces in the districts on the one hand while raising citizens' awareness of environmental protection on the other.

**Forest Restoration Project** – Increasing the area of common green spaces and open spaces in the developed part of the capital, district by district, as well as restoring/renewing the natural landscape and the surrounding forest, is essential for the creation of a green city. Over the next four years, 300 hectares of degraded forest will be restored together with Car-tu Fund, and the area of green cover will be increased in the urban area of the city; diseased plants will be fully replaced, and **new green islands** will appear in the city.



**Updated Road Infrastructure:** Every year, almost half of the capital's budget is spent on infrastructure development. Naturally, we will continue to implement large-scale infrastructure projects throughout the city, ensuring the equal development of all districts of Tbilisi and the creation of a comfortable environment for its residents. The implementation of large-scale road infrastructure projects – the rehabilitation of bridges, streets, and avenues, as well as the development of new infrastructure for Tbilisi – will continue over the next four years. Up to **2 billion GEL** will be spent in total on road infrastructure projects over a period of four years. The following projects will be implemented within the framework of the program:



- | **A road bridge connecting University Street and Bagebi** will be built. **A junction connecting Marshall Gelovani Avenue and the Right Embankment** will be constructed near the Vepkhi da Mokme [the Knight and the Tiger] Monument. A new road connecting Kipshidze Street and Chabua Amirejibi Highway will be constructed.
- | The following will be fully rehabilitated: **Mindeli Bridge**, which was built in 1989 and requires repairs; **Metekhi Bridge**, which was built in 1951 and requires repairs; **Shalikashvili (Didube) Bridge**, which was built in 1953 and also requires repairs.
- | **Akaki Tsereteli Avenue, Vazha-Pshavela Avenue, Rustaveli Avenue, Melikishvili Avenue, Queen Ketevan Avenue and Beliaashvili Street** will be fully rehabilitated. **University Street, Krtsanisi Street, Godziashvili Street, and Kojori Highway** will also be fully rehabilitated. Within the framework of these projects, overground and underground communications networks will be renewed, new fire hydrants will be installed, sidewalks will be constructed, crash barriers will be replaced, and roads will be repaved. Bus and bicycle lanes will be designated, and safe spaces will be created for pedestrians.

- | **The tunnel and the underground exit** near the Republic Square will be fully rehabilitated. The tunnel and the underground exit have been in operation since 1981 and require repairs; **the underpass below Heroes' Square**, which has been in operation since 1978 and requires repairs, will be fully rehabilitated. Sewage networks and drainage systems will be constructed, and roads will be repaved in **Dighomi Village and the Avchala settlement, as well as in Ivertubani**.
- | Rehabilitation will be carried out on Metekhi road tunnels in both directions, on a section totaling 2,500 meters in length. The cost of the project is 200 million GEL;
- | **Additionally, up to 1,000 streets will undergo capital repairs** in all ten districts. The works will include upgrading the roadways, sidewalks, underground communications, and outdoor lighting;
- | Water, sewage, drainage, outdoor lighting, and road infrastructure repair works will continue in the incorporated areas of Tbilisi.

**More Life in Old Tbilisi** – Old Tbilisi, with its sights, is the main center of tourist attraction. The architectural heritage of Old Tbilisi reflects the history of the nation and the face of the country. The appearance of the city is changing day by day, along with the modern pace and way of life. That is precisely why the protection of cultural heritage and the preservation of a monument's historical value is of vital importance – not just for Tbilisi and its residents but for the entire country. The architectural appearance of historic Tbilisi attained its final form in the 19th century, and it has reached our time with great losses.

Today, the main goal of my team and I is to save the historic part of Tbilisi and we will spare no effort to achieve this goal. We are actively rehabilitating the neighborhoods of Old Tbilisi, restoring the city to its old appearance while retaining the authenticity of the monuments. Structural reinforcement works of old, dilapidated buildings are underway, as is the construction and renovation of old engineering, communication, and drainage networks

### AS A RESULT, WE WILL OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- | A rehabilitated area with its own tourist route;
- | Improved living conditions for the population;
- | Rehabilitated real estate prices that have increased 3-4 times.



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OUR PLAN FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS IS TO ALLOCATE AND SPEND UP TO 350 MILLION GEL ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN OLD TBILISI:

- I **The Rehabilitation of Gorgasali Boulevard**, which involves the construction of a recreational boulevard on the Right Embankment of the River Mtkvari (from Abanotubani to Ortachala HPP). As a result of the project, 9 hectares of green space will be added to historic Tbilisi, creating a new center of attraction in the historic part of the city; the Right Embankment will be connected to the Left Embankment by a pedestrian bridge, and a new pedestrian corridor will be created, which will enrich the tourist route and significantly improve the ecological situation in the adjacent districts. The value of real estate in Kharpukhi and Metekhi districts will increase significantly as a result of the rehabilitation. 150 million GEL will be allocated for the implementation of the project.
- I **The Rehabilitation of Narikala Fortress**, which implies the essential strategic importance of the south side of the citadel and other values. The rehabilitation includes an uninterrupted link from the Tower of Istanbul to the Split Tower via the so-called Tsota Gate that leads to the Botanical Garden. The implementation of the project will highlight the importance of protecting the city's priority monument, while also increasing tourism and generating sustainable revenues. 10 million GEL will be allocated for the implementation of the project.

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- | **The Rehabilitation of the Baratashvili City Wall**, which implies the complete reconstruction/renovation of the constituent wall of the historic part of the city and eight other buildings, including seven cultural heritage monuments. As a result of the implementation of the project, the Tbilisi City Wall will be retained and connected with the already renovated Pushkin Street and Orbeliani Square, improving the living conditions of the residents and increasing the value of real estate in the district. 35 million GEL will be allocated for the implementation of the project.
- | **The Rehabilitation of Sulkhan-Saba Street and Ingorokva Street**, which means the full rehabilitation of 24 buildings in the area. The sector is central for the city and special in terms of landscape and architecture. As regards tourism development, the sector is of special importance in addition to being a high-traffic area. The implementation of the project will improve the living conditions of the population; outdated and dilapidated communication networks will be updated, a new center of tourist attraction will be created, and the value of real estate will increase. 84 million GEL will be allocated for the implementation of the project.



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Four years ago, I promised the people of Tbilisi that the capital's transport system would be of special concern for my team and me. As promised, we have created a transport policy concept for Tbilisi while implementing major reforms in the field of transport development in addition to numerous infrastructure projects. This time, our goal is to continue the improvement of Tbilisi's transport system, which poses a challenge similar to the one faced by leading European cities such as London, Barcelona, Paris, Berlin, and others – i.e., to introduce the Intelligent Transport System in our capital as well. We will continue to actively care for all road users and to create the appropriate infrastructure in order to ensure that everyone has equal opportunities for mobility in the city. My team and I aim to ensure that everyone can travel comfortably, safely, and effortlessly in all direction of the city, at any time of day. I believe that a well-functioning transport system will allow Tbilisi to stand beside the above-mentioned European cities. We plan to implement the following projects in the field of transportation in Tbilisi during the next four years:



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- | **Intelligent Transport System** – The Intelligent Transport System (ITS) is an advanced system designed to provide innovative services and equipment related to different types of transport and traffic management. It enables commuters to be better informed while also making transportation safer and more coordinated and allowing the rational use of the existing transportation networks. This system ensures the continuous automatic collection and processing of traffic data, as well as the management of traffic streams based on the principle of the automated system of traffic light modes. This implies the prioritization of emergency service vehicles (fire, rescue, ambulance), the detection of free parking spaces/lots and the placement of this information on variable-message signs/boards, the improved protection and effective enforcement of traffic rules, the provision of information to drivers, passengers, and pedestrians via variable-message signs, and the effective management of freight transportation. The introduction of the Intelligent Transport System will ensure road safety in the city. Also, traffic jams and travel times will be reduced, the average speed of traffic will be increased, and the ecological situation will be improved during peak hours.
- | **380 Additional New Buses for Tbilisi** – 200 new 18-meter buses and 180 new 8-meter buses will be added to the updated bus fleet on both new and existing routes! With the arrival of new buses, the route system will be updated as well, and the quality of passenger service will be improved.
- | **Minibus Fleet Renewal** – The renewal of the minibus fleet will be completed by the end of this year and the yellow minibuses will be completely replaced by new minibuses.
- | **Ten Transit Corridors** – Ten new transit corridors will be created in order to increase the operation and efficiency of public transport. As a result, the waiting time for buses will be significantly reduced – on average, from 20 to seven minutes.
- | **New Cars in Tbilisi Metro** – 40 new cars will be added to the metro during the next two years, as a result of which obsolete cars will be replaced, safety will be improved, and travel and waiting times will be reduced.
- | **Metro Station Renovation Program** – The metro station rehabilitation program will be funded by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. 60 million euros will be allocated for this purpose.

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- | **The Systemic Introduction of Season Tickets** – The introduction of various systems of season tickets for passengers is planned to take place in parallel with the establishment of the renewed public transport network in Tbilisi, in line with the best practices of European cities. The system will help increase the ticketing rate while making public transport more preferential and attractive for both the citizens and the guests of Tbilisi.
- | **Two New Cableway Corridors** – Cableway transport fully corresponds to Tbilisi's transport policy and the vision for transport development in the capital. Accordingly, we will implement two new cableway projects: **1. Isani-Metromsheni-Vazisubani** area coverage, and **2. Sarajishvili-Zghvisubani** area coverage. We are also continuing the rehabilitation of the historic Mtatsminda Cableway in Tbilisi and in two years, an updated and attractive transport corridor for tourists and citizens will be added to Tbilisi. It will ensure the transportation of passengers from Rustaveli to Mtatsminda in the shortest possible time.
- | **Bicycle Lanes Measuring up to 315 Kilometers for Tbilisi**, which will allow us to establish a unified network for comfortable transportation by bicycle.
- | **Phase 3 of Taxi Reform** – The third phase of taxi reform will continue, which will ensure the improvement of the quality of service and the creation of stable economic conditions for taxi drivers in the taxi market.



Taking care of our citizens was the main goal, for the sake of which I asked for your trust and support four years ago. This goal was, is, and will be an unconditional priority for me. During this period, our team took care of our city and every citizen; we also implemented many social projects, however, of course, this is not enough. The problems faced by our fellow citizens are a painful issue for my team and me personally, and we are ready to work even more actively in this direction for the sake of a better future for the residents of Tbilisi. The issue of homeless families remains one of the most acute social problems. Unfortunately, there are many families that have lost their homes due to a variety of reasons. My teammates and I have developed ways to effectively address the problem of homelessness with a common vision, and we are following the action plan step by step. Additionally, our goal – in close cooperation with the private sector and the municipality – is to have no unfinished construction sites in Tbilisi in four years, and to satisfy all homeless or affected families. The concept of a Caring City is based on the principle of equality, which takes into account the needs of the citizens on the one hand and the interests of the private sector on the other. This is evidenced by all the support projects that have already been implemented, which have become even more active under the emergency conditions precipitated by the pandemic and remain a priority in our future plans. This means that in the coming years, we will be even more active in supporting the entities that were affected by the economic crisis through significant relief programs. The following projects will be implemented within the framework of the Caring City program:

- I **Not a Single Homeless Family** – We have chosen a systematic approach in order to eliminate the existing acute problem, which involves the creation of a special new program under the municipal budget that will be used to purchase housing for homeless families and transfer the right to use. As a result of this program, we will no longer have a single homeless family in Tbilisi Municipality;
- I **Not a Single Unfinished Construction Project** - City Hall began working on solving the problem of unfinished construction projects in the capital in 2018. A special commission was set up to review unfinished construction projects, and 179 unfinished constructions – i.e., 13,000 affected families – were identified as a result. The total construction area to be completed was determined to amount to approximately 1,000,000 square meters.

My team and I have already implemented a number of unfinished construction projects and have satisfied the victims of various development companies, including Sveti, Olympic Star, and Axis. We will continue to work actively in this direction, and we – in close cooperation with the private sector – will do our utmost to ensure that we no longer have any unfinished construction projects or families affected by these problems in Tbilisi.



- | **Business Support Program** - – Our team has developed an economic benefit package that entails the following: 1) The full exemption of lessees from rent during 2021-2022, which will benefit up to 700 lessees; this involves a total of 11 million GEL; 2) The exemption of open cafes from rent until the end of 2022, which will benefit up to 160 open cafes; this involves a total of approximately 800,000 GEL; 3) Up to 1,000 lessees and open café owners will be able to extend the term of the use of real estate under the current contractual terms for an additional two years. Furthermore, the municipality will offer contract renewal/extension (until 1 January 2024) to the lessees whose terms of use have expired or whose contracts were terminated prematurely (from 1 January 2020 to the present) or whose contracts expire before 1 January 2022. This measure will apply to the lessees who are still making use of the said property despite the expiration/termination of their contracts; 4) Thousands of lessees who have been fined millions of laris in penalties for breach of contract due to nonpayment of lease will have their penalties written off; 5) Tourist facilities will be exempted from cleaning fees on a one-off basis.

### HEALTHCARE PROGRAM

- | The following programs will be added to the existing healthcare programs starting next year:

#### Expansion of the Onco-Medicine Program

- | The medicine funding sub-program will be expanded to include a list of medications needed for the treatment of oncological diseases, as well as to fund medications needed for the treatment of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and rheumatoid arthritis.

#### Joint Endoprosthesis

- | Endoprosthesis of joints will be financed, which implies the provision of financial access to pelvic-femoral and knee joint endoprosthesis for the residents of Tbilisi;

#### Organized Screening

- | Organized disease screening will be carried out, which means the timely involvement of the population in targeted examinations aimed at cancer prevention.

#### Multiple Sclerosis Screening Program

- | The funding program for medications required for the treatment of multiple sclerosis will be expanded to include high-tech testing required by patients with this diagnosis, namely, MRI scanning.



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## Breast Cancer Diagnostics

- | Funding will be provided for breast ultrasound, MRI scanning, and other laboratory tests in order to facilitate access to breast cancer diagnostic tests and correct diagnostics.

## Expanding Disease Screening

- | The cervical cancer screening component of the Disease Screening Program will be expanded; namely, HPV testing will be added to provide access to more modern and high-quality tests.

## Personal Assistance Service Program for Persons with Disabilities

- | A personal assistant service will be funded in line with a special standard in order to support persons with disabilities, which means providing support while receiving education, performing work, using public services, or carrying out daily activities. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of independent life for people with disabilities;

## Funding High-Tech Medical Testing for Socially Vulnerable Residents

- | The program involves providing socially vulnerable residents with access to costly medical tests and funding the subsequent high-tech medical tests: Angiography, computed tomography, and MRI scanning.



Hundreds of projects in the field of culture, education, and sports are implemented every year with the organization and support of Tbilisi City Hall. The number of new municipal facilities is also growing from year to year, and their infrastructure is developing as well. The already rich and diverse life of the city is growing in scale and becoming more open and accessible to citizens, even during the pandemic. It is extremely important for more museums, theaters, libraries, as well as sports-related, informative-educational, and cultural centers to appear in Tbilisi, and for more festivals, performances, and sports activities to take place. We have been involved in this process with great enthusiasm and we will spare no time, resources, or energy in the next four years as well. And all this is being done together, for Tbilisi!

### Sports for Younger and Older Generations

- | Special benefit packages will be developed within the framework of the Sports Rehabilitation Program for young people under the age of 18 who are engaged in sports. The goal is to increase the accessibility of preventive examinations, medical tests, and rehabilitation services. The packages will be free for socially vulnerable citizens and persons with disabilities;
- | In order to promote physical activity and health among senior citizens, all services in all sports centers subsidiary to Tbilisi City Hall will be free of charge during a certain period of the day to users over the age of 65.

### Tbilisi School and University League

- | Within the framework of the project, various sports clubs will be established in schools and universities, which will participate in annual school and university leagues. City Hall will provide training for sports teachers and sports equipment for schools. The project will involve up to 300 schools and 39 higher education institutions operating in Tbilisi.
- | The support and development of the Tbilisi Football Master League will continue. The number of participating teams will increase to 200 over the next four years.

### Sports Infrastructure

- | The project involving **ten multifunctional Youth Centers** in underway, and eight additional centers will be constructed during the next four years. The construction of sports fields will also continue, and more than 500 sports fields will be built in all districts and neighborhoods of Tbilisi;



- | **A multifunctional youth village** that is in line with international standards and equipped with modern technologies will be built in the green space measuring 30,000 square meters in Kojori. Educational, residential, festival, recreational, and sports infrastructure will be set up in a unified space. The Youth Center concept has no comparable equivalent in Europe in terms of scale; it will be able to host large-scale youth projects of both international and local significance at any time of the year. Project expenditure documentation has already been drawn up for the construction of the youth village.

*Project budget: 30 million GEL.*

- | The project of the modernization of **Youth Houses** will be implemented in all ten districts of Tbilisi. Modern common workspaces, as well as facilities intended for informal or educational meetings and training courses will be set up. Three Youth Houses will be fully rehabilitated, and seven new centers that are in line with modern standards and design requirements will be constructed in parallel. As a result of the project, more than 10,000 young people will be able to take advantage of an improved environment and youth services that are in line with European standards;

### Public Art Fund

- | The current pace and way of life does not leave people with the time and energy to become acquainted with contemporary art, to visit the relevant institutions, and to devote time to themselves and to art
- | The goal of the Public Art Fund is to make contemporary art accessible to everyone, to display in the streets of the city, and to make it a part of everyday life in the city.



## Contemporary Art Center

- | This will be a noncommercial exhibition space. Its function will be to present temporary, variable exhibitions of modern museum quality to the public, and to offer educational programs at the exhibitions. This space will be used to exhibit the works of Georgian artists along with the works of regional and international artists. This will be a very important institution, which will introduce the works of contemporary artists to the population of Tbilisi on the one hand and contribute to the development and promotion of contemporary Georgian artists on the other.
- | The construction **of skate parks** will continue in various districts of Tbilisi. The construction of six additional skate parks is planned. This will ensure the coverage of all of Tbilisi and the construction of recreational and entertainment infrastructure for young people.
- | **Digital hubs** will be set up on the premises of Youth Centers and equipped with modern equipment. Digital hubs imply the creation of spaces intended for work and education with a focus on the study of the digital specialties that are in demand in the modern labor market, as well the provision of opportunities to work remotely on international projects. The creation of four hubs and the training and employment of up to 1,000 young people annually is planned within the framework of the first stage of the project.

## European Youth Card

- | Since 2020, the Tbilisi Youth Centers' Union (Non-entrepreneurial (Non-commercial) Legal Entity) has become a member of the European Youth Card Association, which gives us the exclusive right to issue a European Youth Card to Georgian young people. Card holders will benefit from discounts on various products and services in 36 European countries. The project aims to improve the socioeconomic status of young people and to increase the accessibility of various services. In addition to international discounts, Georgian young people and students will benefit from the discount system in Georgia as well, in the fields of culture, education, sports, and healthcare, as well as in shopping, entertainment, and food and beverage facilities.
- | The cashback principle will be put in operation in addition to the discounts. This will help the municipality finance youth projects and additionally, it will involve the private sector in the implementation of various projects for young people.
- | The main areas of the Fund's activity will include the funding of studies, as well as the provision of support to various projects and startups. The card's target user group includes up to 700,000 young people.

## Education Funding for Large Families and Persons With Disabilities

- | In order to ensure access to higher education for students from large families and students with disabilities, funding will be provided for the education of the above-mentioned persons registered in Tbilisi in authorized higher education institutions. More than 600 students will be financed annually.



## Rehabilitation of Museums

- | The **Kostava Museum** will be fully rehabilitated, and the exposition will be renewed;
- | The **Ilia Chavchavadze House-Museum**, located on Chubinashvili Street, will be rehabilitated;
- | The **Mikheil Javakhishvili House-Museum** will be rehabilitated;
- | Space will be allocated for the **Tbilisi Dolls and Toys Museum**, and visitors will once again have the opportunity to visit the museum which has been in exile since 2021;
- | Within the framework of Tbilisi – World Book Capital, **the first Georgian music publishing house** will be restored in the Literature-Memorial Museum of Ilia Chavchavadze.



## Rehabilitation of Eight Libraries

Eight libraries will be restored/updated in various districts of Tbilisi, which means that library patrons will be able to take advantage of multifunctional spaces. Children's and multimedia spaces will be set up in addition to traditional reading halls, and the first rehabilitated children's library will be restored on the premises of the Lado Asatiani Children's Library.

## Rehabilitation of Six Art Schools

- | N(N)LE Revaz Laghidze Art School #4 of the Tbilisi City Hall;
- | N(N)LE Otari Taktakishvili Art School #19 of the Tbilisi City Hall;
- | N(N)LE Art School #12 of the Tbilisi City Hall;
- | N(N)LE Zurab Anjaparidze #28 Art School of the Tbilisi City Hall;
- | N(N)LE Soliko Virsaladze School of Fine Arts #1 of the Tbilisi City Hall;
- | N(N)LE Davit Toradze Art School #22 of the Tbilisi City Hall.

## **Rehabilitation and Renovation of Akhmeteli Theater in Gldani**

- | The first stage of the rehabilitation of the additional wing of Akhmeteli Theater was carried out with the aim of creating an inclusive theater. The given location will be fully equipped and adapted in line with modern standards. Also, the exterior and interior of the theater will be renovated, and the main hall of the theater will be rehabilitated with the installation of the appropriate modern acoustic and light systems.

## **Restoration of the Monuments of Both Pantheons**

- | There are up to 600 graves in Didube and Mtatsminda Pantheons (60 in Mtatsminda, more than 500 in Didube), which are part of the Tbilisi Pantheon of Writers and Public Figures. More than 200 graves and more than 25 monuments are badly damaged and in need of restoration. We will develop the appropriate project in order to begin the rehabilitation process, and we will begin the restoration works in line with the said project.

## **Setting Up Thematic Art Hubs in the Dendrological Park**

- | Modern work and educational spaces will be set up for art groups in the Dendrological Park, which will host thematic workshops, training courses, and master classes. Additionally, workspaces will be provided to facilitate the activities of the said groups.

## **Funding Ethnic Minority and National Projects:**

- | The goal of the program is to ensure the preservation of the multicultural identity of Tbilisi, as well as the creative self-expression of the ethnic minorities living in the capital. It also aims to promote the integration of ethnic minorities into society and to support cultural diversity, which means creating conditions for dignified coexistence and promoting national traditions.



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