IN-COUNTRY WORKSHOP

Strengthening One Health Networks: Advancing Strategic Cooperation Between Georgian and European One Health Sectors

5-6 November

Objective:

To build a robust framework for scientific partnership and cross-sectoral coordination between Georgian One Health actors and EOHA to jointly address shared One Health challenges across Georgia and the European Union.

Hybrid Event

Date: (will be negotiated and determined [projecting tentatively autumn, 2026])

Location: The University of Georgia, 77a Merab Kostava St, Tbilisi 0171, Georgia.

Workshop Agenda

DAY 1

09:00 – 09:45 | Registration

09:45 – 10:00 | Opening Remarks

Konstantine Topuria — Rector, University of Georgia (UG)

Thematic Session 1 — *Identifying Major Global and Regional One Health Challenges*

Session Chair: Mamuka Kotetishvili. One Health Institute (OHI), University of Georgia, Georgia.

Speakers and Core Themes

10:00 – 10:30 | George Chakhunashvili. Department of One Health. National Center for Disease Control and Public Health, Georgia.

-"Enhancing early warning systems by using genomic surveillance and One Health approach in Georgia"

10:30 – 11:00 | Suggesting an EOHA member

11:00 – 11:30 | Levan Tsitskhishvili. Scientific Research Centre for Agriculture, Georgia.

- "One Health Research involving the Scientific Research Centre for Agriculture in Georgia"

11:30 – 12:00 | **Vasil Basiladze**

12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch

Thematic Session 2 — *Framing Harmonized Scientific Partnerships and Cross-Sectoral Coordination in One Health*

Session Chair: [Name] Suggesting EOHA

Speakers and Key Topics

Speakers and topics

13:00 – 13:30 | Amiran Gamkrelidze. Institute for Global and European Health Education and Studies, University of Georgia, Georgia.

- "Our vision for advancing One Health in Georgia and strengthening international cooperation, based on our experience"

13:30 – 14:00 | Nina Porakishvili and Peter Lydyard. Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Georgia, Georgia. School of Life Sciences College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Westminster, UK.

- "Connecting Data, Biology, and Policy: Building Cross-Sectoral Platforms for Next-Generation Health Intelligence"

14:00 – 14:30 | Suggesting an EOHA member

14:30 – 15:30 | Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:00 | Nelly Datukishvili. Faculty of Natural Sciences and Medicine, Ilia State University, Georgia.

- "Harmonizing Molecular Diagnostic Approaches in Food and Environmental Monitoring within the One Health Framework"

16:00 – 16:30 | Speaker 5 (response pending)

16:30 – 17:00 | Suggesting an EOHA member

17:00 – 17:30 | Mamuka Kotetishvili. One Health Institute (OHI), University of Georgia, Georgia.

- "Bridging gaps in scientific data generation, data management, and cross-sectoral collaboration across One Health domains in Georgia and beyond"

17:30 – 18:00 | Roundtable Discussion

18:30 – 20:30 | Inaugural Dinner

DAY 2

10:00 – 10:30 | Welcome Coffee

Thematic Session 3 — *Bridging One Health Policy and Research*

Session Chair: Amiran Gamkrelidze. Institute for Global and European Health Education and Studies, University of Georgia, Georgia.

10:30 – 11:00 | Giorgi Mikadze. The ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia. Georgia

Topic: Food safety policy and research for advancing One Health

11:00 – 11:30 | Suggesting an EOHA member

11:30 – 12:00 | Speaker 3 (response pending)

12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch

13:00 – 13:30 | Final Roundtable Discussion and Workshop Conclusions

13:30 | Adjournment

Composition of the Local Conference Organiser:

The University of Georgia (UG) (LLC) will serve as the lead Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) for the project dedicated to organizing the In-Country Workshop in ONE Health. Supporting co-organizing institutions include the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC; Ministry of Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia), the Scientific Research Center of Agriculture (SRCA, LEPL; Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia), and the G. Natadze Scientific-Research Institute of Sanitary, Hygiene, and Medical Ecology (GNHI) (LLC).

UG, NCDC, SRCA, and GNHI collaborate as a One Health network under a Memorandum of Cooperation signed by all four institutions. This institutional partnership is dedicated to addressing One Health challenges in Georgia through coordinated, multidisciplinary action. Accordingly, each organization will delegate an expert(s) in public health, food safety, or veterinary science to the Organizing Committee for the In-Country Workshop. UG will be represented by Dr. Mamuka Kotetishvili, Ketevan Taktakishvili, Saba Kobakhidze, and Tinatin Endeladze; NCDC by Dr. Paata Imnadze and Dr. Giorgi Chakhunashvili; SRCA by Dr. Levan Ujmajuridze and Dr. Levan Tsitskhishvili; and GNHI by Dr. Rezo Kobakhidze and Mr. Nikoloz Shavdia.

For organizing the above event, Drs. Chakhunashvili, Ujmajuridze, Tsitskhishvili, S. Kobakhidze, R. Kobakhidze, and Shavdia will assist UG in developing the scientific program. Venue coordination and logistical arrangements will be overseen by Ketevan Taktakishvili and Tinatin Endeladze (UG). The project team will be led by Dr. Mamuka Kotetishvili.

Event venue:

A potential venue for the In-Country Workshop is the Conference Hall at the University of Georgia. This space accommodates 100–150 participants in a theater-style arrangement and can host a larger number in a standing configuration. The hall is fully equipped with modern audiovisual systems, reliable internet access, and provides a comfortable, professional setting suitable for academic and industry events. Importantly, the University of Georgia will make the venue available free of charge in support of the conference and its objectives.

The University is centrally located in Tbilisi, with a metro station within walking distance and convenient access via other public transportation routes. It is also easily reachable by private car, with nearby parking available.

Catering services can be arranged on-site. Coffee breaks, lunch, and other refreshments can be served either in the area adjacent to the conference hall or in the university's second-floor cafeteria, providing flexibility and comfort for participants.

Transport:

The nearest international airport is Tbilisi International Airport (TBS), located within the city of Tbilisi. Reaching the city center or any hotel is straightforward by taxi, with services readily available at the airport. Travel time from the airport to the University of Georgia is approximately 30–40 minutes, depending on traffic conditions, and may be slightly longer during peak hours.

Accommodation:

A wide range of accommodation options is available near the University of Georgia to suit different needs and budgets. Within walking distance or a short taxi ride from the campus, visitors can find hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs, and short-term rental apartments.

These options range from affordable budget accommodations to mid-range and higher-end hotels, ensuring suitable lodging for both individual travelers and institutional guests. In addition, the university's central location in Tbilisi is well served by public transportation, making it easy to reach the venue even when staying farther away. Overall, sufficient and convenient accommodation options will be available for all workshop participants.

Professional Workshop Organizer:

The University of Georgia has extensive experience in organizing international scientific and other professional meetings and conferences; therefore, engaging an external Professional Workshop Organizer will not be necessary for planning and managing the event.

Support by legal representative of beneficiarie(s)

Konstantine Topuria, Rector of the University of Georgia

Event Tentative Budget Summary

Type	Person Amount / Duration	Total (EURO)
Accommodation	EOHA's delegates/speakers 5	1300 Euro
Transportation (Air Tickets)	EOHA's delegates/speakers 5	8040 Euro (depending on a country and dates; it still needs to be determined)
Catering	Persons 60	2350 Euro
Badges and other merch.	Units 60	1050 Euro
Synchronized Bidirectional English–Georgian Translation Service		510 Euro
Photo/Video Services	2 days	1500 Euro

Transfer from Airport to Hotel and Back	delegates/speakers 5	250 Euro
Total		15000 Euro

Total Estimated Tentative Budget: € 15,000