## Transition of Georgia to a new waste management in the sense of circular economy using the examples of Tbilisi and Batumi

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Georgia is making great progress towards the implementation of a circular economy waste management system as envisaged by the EU. The government has enacted comprehensive regulations to define recycling rates and set targets for the various EPR waste streams. Here, the EBRD supports with projects to develop appropriate and adapted prevention and recycling strategies for the 2 largest and most important cities in Georgia, for the capital Tbilisi and for the city of Batumi on the Black Sea coast.

These strategies include concepts for the introduction of separate collection, new waste treatment systems such as MBT and MRF, and composting of biological waste. Close cooperation with the PROs plays an important role here, especially the PRO for packaging, which will be involved and engaged in the implementation here.

The new circular economy oriented innovative waste management system and strategies will be presented using the example of the 2 mentioned cities Tbilisi and Batumi.