

# SEAP Development Challenges

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- 16 Georgian municipalities (self-governign units) signed the Covenant of Mayors (CoM)
- Remissia technically supported 10 municipalities to elaboarte SEAPs

Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Gori, Akhaltsikhe, Mtskheta, Telavi, Bolnisi Municipality, Telavi Municipality

- USAID funded project „Enhancing Capacities for Low Emission Development Strategy of Georgia“



## Main Challenges

- Lack/absence of trustworthy statistical information/data (especially on local level)
- Low quality/incompleteness of provided information
- Not enough different data sources for cross checking
- Lack of human and technical resources within the municipalities to conduct the inventory, analysis of data, projections, monitoring
- Lack of interest/motivation from staff members to do extra work related to SEAP



## Main Challenges (Cont.)

- Frequent changes within the municipalities, especially among the decision makers
- Lack of coordination and communication among the municipalities (especially the ones, sharing the similar problems and challenges)
- Too much dependancy of local governments to make cetrain decisions (loans, grants) on central government
- Lack of leadership within the municipalities



## Possible Solutions

- Political support from decision-makers on local level
- Local SEAP coordinator – initial face to face meeting with her/him and regular communication/coordination
- Using different sources of information and cross-checking the data
- Using local expertise as much as possible
- Establishing special unit – data gathering, analysis and monitoring (Akhaltsikhe Sustainable Development Agency)
- Memorandums – national statistics office
- Club of CoM signatory municipalities



THANK YOU!

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