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Georgian twinning programme with the Office of Rail Transport

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Delegation from the Georgian Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgian Railways and representatives of the Georgian railway twinning project visited the headquarter of the Office of Rail Transport in Warsaw. The study visit of the Georgian experts is part of the EU-funded twinning project “Supporting the approximation of the Georgian legal and institutional framework to the EU rail transport acquis”.

The topics discussed during the meeting included NSA’s activities improving rail transport safety, how the Office of Rail Transport operates as the NSA and the rail regulator on a daily basis and how the Office cooperates with the European Union Agency for Railways and other NSAs.



The Georgian representatives were also able to learn that the role of the NSA is not limited to the implementation of the European regulations only, but it can also have a greater impact on rail safety. The initiatives, which go well beyond the necessary EU framework, were also presented: the Rail Safety Academy, the ABC Railway Campaign II and a series of reports on railway history. During the meeting the mode of cooperation with the European Union Agency for Railways was also discussed.



During the meeting, the President of the Office of Rail Transport, Ignacy Góra, pointed that he very much looks forward to continuing cooperation

beyond the timeframe of the project. *The NSAs must always strive for continuous improvement and this activity is easier when you have friends to help. I am sure that not only the Georgian Railway Transport Authority can learn from us, but we can also benefit from your fresh perspective on matters of common interest*, said Ignacy Góra.



The Polish Ministry of Infrastructure, the Office of Rail Transport, the Centre for EU Transport Projects, PKP S.A., PKP PLK S.A. and the Railway Institute won a twinning project in Georgia in 2020 “Supporting the approximation of the Georgian legal and institutional framework to the EU rail transport acquis” with a budget of EUR 1.25 million. During the twinning projects, Polish public administration institutions provide beneficiaries with knowledge and guidance based on the legal framework in Poland. On the basis of the legal solutions discussed, the beneficiaries can build their own legal and administrative system similar to the Polish one. Participation in twinning project can also contribute to reducing the adaptation costs for Polish companies which plan to enter this new market.



