

Agreement
between
the Government of Georgia
and
the European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

The Government of Georgia and the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), hereinafter referred as “the Parties”,

Having regard the Agreement for the Establishment and Statute of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), initialed in Athens on 27 October 2004, and in particular the art. II, according to which “The purpose of the Organization is the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the area of public law lato sensu, including inter alia national, comparative and European public law, human rights law, environmental law, etc., and the promotion of European values through public law throughout the world. To this effect, the Organization shall organize and support scientific, research, educational, training, teaching, institution building and other activities and provide assistance for democratic institutions in Europe and worldwide”,

Given the Resolution of the Parliament of Georgia of June 28 2010 on Ratification of the Agreement for the Establishment and Statute of the EPLO,

Given the art. IX, paragraph 5, of the Agreement for the Establishment and Statute of the EPLO, according to which “The Board shall issue the Rules for the detailed objectives and governance of the Organization in accordance with and complimentary to this Agreement”,

Having regard the regulation adopted by the governing bodies of the EPLO, having particular regard to art. II, paragraph 4, which establishes that “Every member state shall recognize the titles of studies offered by the EPLO, the ELGS, the Academies and other educational units, etc., as equivalent to their own titles of studies of higher education and shall take all the necessary measures to that. To that effect, the EPLO shall organize its studies in the ELGS as well as in the other academic units, following the best practices and policies of the European Universities with a structure comprising three (3) years for undergraduate studies, one (1) year for Masters 1, one year for Masters 2 and three (3) years for Ph.D. studies, at least for each level of studies”,

Having Regard the Agreement between the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and the EPLO of August 13, 2020 which established the EPLO Regional Branch in South Caucasus with the residence in Tbilisi, and its paragraph 4 of the article 3 – “Activities of the Regional Branch of EPLO in South Caucasus”, which states that: “Georgian side will timely take action in order to achieve the recognition of the degrees of



higher education offered by the European Law and Governance School (ELGS) or any other Academy, Institute, etc. of the EPLO as equivalent to those offered by the Georgian Universities, taking into consideration the relevant procedures and regulations of Georgia in this field”,

Having regard to the European Council Resolution of 18 February 2021 on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030),

Taking into account the Decree of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Italy, issued on February 27, 2023, and its article 1, in accordance to which: “the academic qualifications achieved at the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) and accompanied by the «Diploma Supplement», are declared equivalent to corresponding qualifications issued by Italian universities”,

Taking into account the principles of the Bologna Process and the Space alignment policies of the European Union of Higher Education (EHEA), guaranteeing the immediate recognition of the qualifications issued by EPLO and their consequent equivalence to qualifications of higher education institutions by other participants of the Bologna Process,

Convinced that the Parties share similar missions and wish to cooperate in areas of mutual concern to enhance the effectiveness of their development efforts,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The European Public Law Organization (EPLO) higher education institutions, including its Agency “European Law and Governance School (ELGS)”, based in Rome, Italy, and having campuses at the moment in Athens (the Hellenic Republic), Cascais (Republic of Portugal) and Rome (Italian Republic), is recognized as an international organization operating, inter alia, in the field of higher education as enshrined in the Statute of the EPLO and the Agreement between the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and the EPLO.

Article 2

The academic qualifications achieved at the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) higher education institutions, including the ELGS, accompanied by the «Diploma Supplement», are recognized, after confirming the authenticity of the issued educational document and establishing the conformity of the qualifications reflected in the



educational document with the existing qualifications in Georgia, as equivalent to corresponding qualifications issued by Georgian Higher Education Institutions. This agreement applies to educational documents issued before the entry into force of this agreement.

Article 3

Any disputes regarding the application or interpretation of this Agreement shall be resolved between the Parties by means of consultations and/or negotiations.

Article 4

Amendments and additions maybe introduced to the Agreement upon mutual consent of the Parties, which shall be formed as separate documents and enter into force in the same manner as the present Agreement. The document formed thereby, shall constitute an integral part of this Agreement.


Article 5

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the next month following the date of the receipt of the last written notification through the diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other on the completion of internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

This Agreement is concluded for a period of 5 years and shall be automatically prolonged for further periods of 5 years. Each Party may terminate this Agreement at any time, by giving a written notice of termination to the other Party through diplomatic channels. In such case, this Agreement shall expire 6 months after the date of the receipt of the written notice.

Done at Tbilisi, on 10.09.24 and at Athens, on 12.09.2024 in two copies, each in Georgian and in English languages each text being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of the provisions of the Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of
Georgia



For the European Public Law Organization
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