

Sustainable Urbanization in Georgia: Challenges and Opportunities

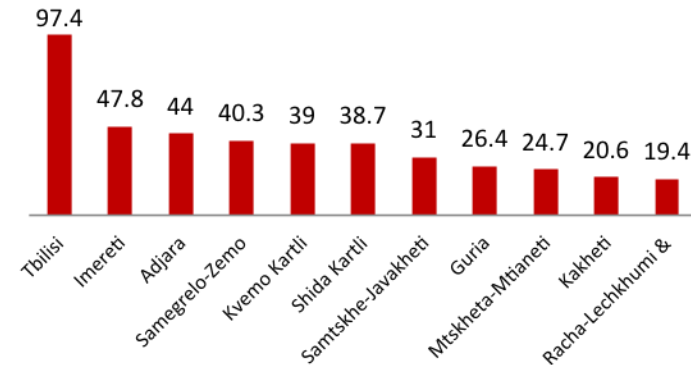
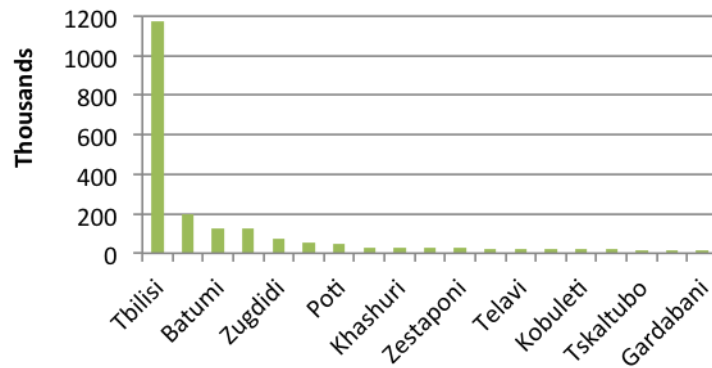
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Challenges:

- huge misbalance in urbanization rate distribution of population
- urban-rural population balance
- lack of large cities
- underrepresentation of medium size cities
- Tbilisi is dominating in urban hierarchy
- majority of the regions are deeply rural.



Sustainable Urbanization in Georgia: opportunities

Policy Area	Action	Responsible Entities
Institutional and Planning	<p>Inter-sectoral policy integration (transport, energy, infrastructure, housing, spatial planning).</p> <p>Bring strategic vision in to the design and coordination of the policies in order to achieve more than one outcome.</p> <p>Integrate environmental concerns in to the policies.</p> <p>Strengthen inter-agency collaboration amongst national government, ministries, and municipal authorities.</p> <p>Develop/ adopt sustainable building code</p> <p>Endorse Energy Efficiency Measures</p> <p>Develop Urbanization Strategy</p>	<p>Ministry of Environment Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development Ministry of Energy Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development</p> <p>(Support) Municipalities</p>
Regulation	<p>Update regulatory framework</p> <p>Strengthen implementation</p> <p>Enforcement</p> <p>Establish green construction standards</p> <p>Influence and improve consumer choices</p>	Same
Fiscal Policy	<p>Use innovative fiscal arrangements to fund core investments</p>	Same, Ministry of Finance
Technology	<p>Advance technologies by sector</p> <p>Develop local construction materials –replace use of global supply by local resources</p>	Same

Sustainable Urbanization in Georgia: progress

- Policy Framework for Green Transportation in Georgia 2012

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, in collaboration with the World Bank, aiming to achieve reforms and build infrastructure for sustainability.

- Several initiatives have been put forward to make construction companies greener through recycling construction materials, using environmentally friendly and energy-efficient materials and greening manufacturing, replacing global supply with locally produced materials.