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On June 5-6, Tbilisi, a capital city of Georgia hosted European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG 2018) and became the first city to open its doors to an event of such scale for the first time in region. More than 500 guest from various Europe-

an countries arrived to participate in EuroDIG.

During a two-day event, all the issues related to internet were discussed: human rights protection in internet; deepening knowledge in internet; children's rights protection in internet; cybersecurity issues.

The European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) is an open multi-stakeholder platform to exchange views about the Internet and how it is governed. Created in 2008 by several organisations, government representatives and experts, it fosters dialogue and collaboration with the Internet community on public policy for the Internet. Culminating in an annual conference that takes place in a different European city.

The main aim of EuroDIG is to promote the engagement of Europeans in multistakeholder dialogue in order to share their expertise and best practice and, where possible, identify common ground. This enables EuroDIG to pull together national perspectives and to apply and shape European values and views regarding the Internet. It is the place to start and to facilitate a discussion not to finalize it and therefore a decision shaping not a decision making initiative (Continued on P. 2).

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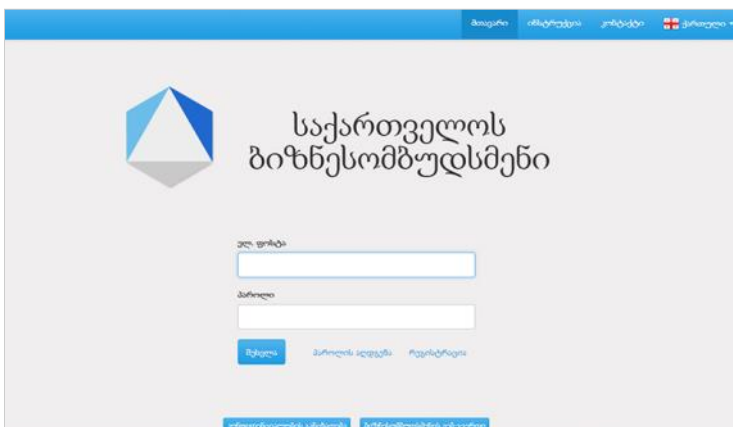
(Continued from P.1) DEA Representatives took part in various sessions of the forum – Agency’s Chairman **Nikoloz Gagnidze** and **Natalia Goderdzishvili**, Head of Legal Division of the same agency gave a number of presentations and informed the audience about the main principles of e-Governance development in Georgia; prospects of spreading e-services and rising public awareness; Georgian experience in empowering digital signature and trusted e-Services and preparing respective legal amendments.



They have also spoken about cybersecurity and provided a detailed overview of the functions of CERT.GOV.GE (Computer Emergency Response Team) – DEA’s structural unit.

“The format provided by EuroDIG enables us to establish a direct communication with the representatives of European countries – industry experts and major players - and to show Georgia’s advance and achievement in internet-related fields. This helps us deepen ties even further and plan our future cooperation. Our achievements attract interest among European partners and in return it is a good opportunity for us to share the best available practices.” – **Nikoloz Gagnidze**, DEA chairman.

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From today, entrepreneurs will be able to contact Business Ombudsman via a new e-Portal, which can be found at – <https://portal.businessombudsman.ge>. A newly launched online platform will help entrepreneurs effectively solve a range of problems they face, which in return increase investments and consequently working places.

Through the portal, entrepreneurs will be able to electronically contact business ombudsman about various subjects, including issues concerning entrepreneurial right’s protection. The portal was created by the support of International Finance Corporation (a World Bank group). The project was finance by State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland (SECO).

“The portal will make it even easier for entrepreneurs to bring their problems to us and at the same time will enable us to be more prompt and flexible in solving those problems. It is important that with the help of e-Portal, we will be able to produce an accurate statistics depicting a detailed picture of Business Ombudsman’s activity, thus making the results of our work more sizable. A new portal will also help us analyze the amount of investments and the number of working places created or maintained in the country. I would like to say thank you to the International Finance Corporation for giving us such an important opportunity.” – **Irakli Lekvinadze**, Business Ombudsman of Georgia.

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