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The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package

The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package (SNGP) aims to strengthen Georgia's ability to defend itself and advance its preparations for NATO membership. The package is composed of defence and related security capacity building initiatives. It involves support for all military services and branches, advice and liaison at all levels (strategic, operational, tactical), capacity-building and training activities, and multinational exercises. As of early 2022, all NATO members and two partner countries have provided support to the implementation of the package in the form of expertise and resources.

Acquisition

The Acquisition Initiative is one of 16 interrelated initiatives under the SNGP. Latvia has led the Initiative since 2015, through the engagement of a non-resident expert. Aimed at establishing an efficient and modern defence and security procurement system compatible with international standards, the Initiative is focused on the institutional level. The Initiative's end state includes the establishment of regulations and national-level legislation for Georgia's defence procurement processes to be more in line with NATO and Allied procedures. As a complementary effort, in 2016, the Initiative paved the way for a cooperation agreement on procurement between Georgia and the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA).

In addition to support from Latvia, Montenegro has contributed financially through NATO's Defence and Related Security Capacity Building Trust Fund to enable Georgia to obtain the support of a Latvian legal expert. This expert drafted a special chapter on procurement in the field of defence and security in line with European Union directives in procurement under the EU-Georgia Association Agreement. The chapter has been integrated into the updated Draft Law of Georgia on Public Procurement.



The Draft Law on Public Procurement was reviewed by the European Commission and was an agenda topic during the Meeting of the Commission on Georgia's EU Integration on 28 May 2021. As a result of the mentioned government discussions, further government consultations with engaged stakeholders have been initiated for final adoption of the new Law on Public Procurement, which is expected in 2022.

Ratification of the new Law of Georgia on Public Procurement will result in reaching the end state of the Initiative, thus setting the basis for successful closure of the Acquisition Initiative under the SNGP.

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