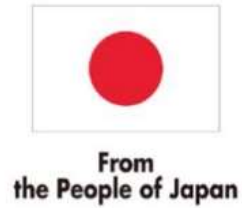


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HE system in Georgia

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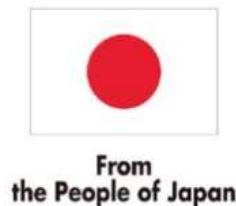
The structure of HE system

- Higher Education is organized according to the principles and standards of the Bologna Process and European Higher Education Area (EHEA).
- Types of Higher Education Institutions (HEI): Universities, Teaching Universities and Colleges.
- Number of HEIs – 63.
- External quality assurance (QA) mechanisms: Authorization and Program Accreditation



Main achievements in HE system in your country over the last 10 years

- Compliance with Bologna process and EHEA, QA reforms are fully aligned with ESG 2015.
- Membership in European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR) and World Federation on Medical Education (WFME); Active cooperation with Bologna Follow-up.
- Internationalization – one of the key priorities in the direction of Higher Education;
- Kutaisi International University (KIU) - aims to become a hub of learning, research, and technology in the region.
- More than 200 foreign-language programs and up to 30 000 foreign students.



Key challenges in the HE system in your country over the last 10 years

- Link to labor market and skills mismatch
- Existing Higher Education funding model - insufficient incentives for enhancing quality (a new funding model is in the pipeline)
- Higher education programs (practical component)

With which participating countries, and in which areas of reforming the HE systems would you like to cooperate and exchange experience?

Countries:

- Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, China, Uzbekistan

Areas for cooperation:

- Focus on Labour market
- Improvement of practical component of HE programs.

