

Phase II

- *Activity V* - Manual on local and international legal framework

Objective of the activity: This activity was intended to provide a reference manual for providing guidance to all stakeholders in complying with the law.

Reason for the activity: Between 2003 and today, the legislative framework regulating the vine and wine sector in Georgia has gone through a lot of changes: new legislations have been adopted and old ones have been modified or deleted. Georgia has now a full set of laws and regulations. However, due to these rapid changes and lack of information dissemination, knowledge of the obligations and procedures necessary to comply with the law are not sufficiently understood or even known by grape producers, wine producers, wine merchants and also by government officials.

Output of the activity: after discussion with all interested stakeholders, a document was produced under activity 5 with the intention to give the list of the different requirements and obligations imposed by national law from grape producing to wine selling. The document produced was hoping to contribute in establishing a common framework for private enterprises and state officials on implementation of current wine legislation.

Expected follow up: this activity was initially intended for SAMTREST to check all regulatory information provided and to make sure it was up to date with current legislation.

The secondary objective was for SAMTREST to provide on internet the information and to regularly update it.

The document produced under activity N°5 was delivered to SAMTREST on time but so far it has not been updated nor made available on internet.

Attached please find the:

- Draft reference Manual on Wine and Vine legislation in Georgia
- A practitioner's guide to the national and international legal framework for the protection of Georgia's wine appellations and geographical indications