

Phase II

- *Activity IX* - Updating current set of laws regulating the wine

Objective of the activity: The objective of this task is to help the Ministry of Agriculture in up-dating the current wine and vine law.

Reasons for the activity: The law on Wine and Vine of Georgia was drafted in 2000 under FAO assistance and, following parliament discussion amendments and various changes, was adopted on February 4th, 2003. It was then followed by the adoption of various sets of Normative acts and decrees.

Over the last three years the wine sector in Georgia has significantly been modified: technical equipment in wineries has greatly improved, trade in vine cuttings and rootstocks have drastically increased, borders of appellations have been modified, role of SAMTREST has been modified, etc.

Current set of laws no longer reflect the evolution of the sector and needs to be up-dated accordingly.

Document / main outputs provided: Set of articles and amendments that could be modified in the current Law.

Local stakeholder main inputs: Draft document was submitted to the Agrarian Committee of the Parliament for review and consideration for proposed amendments.

Attached find:

- Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Wine Law prepared by the Agrarian Committee of the Parliament
- Proposed Provisions to be inserted in the Law on Wine and Vine