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The 5th International Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection will be held on November 19-20

Time

November 19, 2026

09:30 - 10:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

Location: Hotel Paragraph Ballroom 2

10:00 - 10:45 Opening of the 5th International Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection - Opening remarks

- Government of Georgia
- Parliament of Georgia
- International Organizations

Location: Hotel Paragraph Ballroom 2

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10:45 - 12:15 Competition and consumer protection in a sectoral perspective - results, achievements and challenges

Moderator

- **Giorgi Abashishvili** Founder & CEO of Business Insider Georgia & Economic Forum Georgia

Speakers

- **Ekaterine Galdava** Vice-Governor of the National Bank of Georgia
- **Goga Gulordava** Chairman of the Communications Commission
- **Irakli Lekvinadze** Chairman of the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency
- **Davit Narmania** CHAIRMAN OF THE GEORGIAN NATIONAL ENERGY AND WATER SUPPLY REGULATORY COMMISSION
- **David Onoprishvili** CHAIRMAN OF THE INSURANCE STATE SUPERVISION SERVICE OF GEORGIA

Location: Hotel Paragraph Ballroom 2

12:15 - 12:30 Joint Photo Session and Media Communication

Location: Hotel Paragraph Tbilisi, Georgia

12:30 - 13:00 Coffee Break

Location: Hotel Paragraph Tbilisi, Georgia

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13:00 - 14:30 Panel Discussion I - Global Transformation of Consumer Protection: Emerging Risks, Modern Regulatory Approaches and International Cooperation

Moderator: TBC

Moderator

Speakers

- **Gvantsa Chkheidze** PUBLIC DEFENDER OF CONSUMER INTERESTS (COMMUNICATIONS OMBUDSMAN)
- **Natia Chkonia** Deputy Head of Consumer Protection Department, National Bank of Georgia
- **Tsisana Kavelashvili** First Deputy Director of Disputes and Services Management Department of GNERC
- **Nino Guleishvili** Acting Public Defender of Consumer Interests at GNERC (Energy Ombudsman)

Location: Hotel Paragraph Meeting room 4

13:00 - 14:30 Panel Discussion II - Competition and Access in Essential Markets: Safeguarding Consumer Welfare in Pharmaceutical and Food Sectors

Moderator

Speakers

- **Salome Kavtaradze** Head of Legal Department GCCA

Location: Hotel Paragraph Meeting room 3

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13:00 - 14:30 Panel Discussion III - Merger Control in a Changing Economy: Balancing Innovation, Market Power and Structural Integrity

Moderator

Speakers

- **Giorgi Kedelidze** Head of the Strategic Markets Monitoring Department | GCCA
- **Ekaterine Sichinava** Head of the Competition and Market Regulation Department at the Communications Commission
- **Peter Lundy** Expert, Consultant

Location: Hotel Paragraph Meeting room 1

14:30 - 15:30 Lunch

Location: Hotel Paragraph Tbilisi, Georgia

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15:30 - 17:00 Panel Discussion IV — Consumer Protection in Online Markets: Transparency, Accountability and Informed Consumer Choice

Moderator: TBC

Participants:

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- 4.

Moderator

Speakers

- **Amati Amarovi** Deputy Head of the Consumer Protection Department | GCCA

Location: Hotel Paragraph Meeting room 1

15:30 - 17:00 Panel Discussion V -The Interaction between Competition Law and Sectoral Regulation: Enforcement, Regulatory Frameworks and Market Efficiency

Moderator

- **Levan Kalandadze** Deputy Chairman of the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency

Speakers

- **Nikoloz Sumbadze** First Deputy Director of Market Monitoring and Internal Audit Department of GNERC
- **Mari Basilashvili** Senior Specialist, Competition Division, Legal Department, National Bank of Georgia

Location: Hotel Paragraph Meeting room 3

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15:30 - 17:00 Panel Discussion VI — Balancing Competition, Trade and Industrial Policy in Times of Global Economic Transformation

Moderator: TBC

Participants:

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Moderator

Speakers

• **Elene Tskhomelidze** Head of the Anti-Dumping Measures Department, Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency

Location: Hotel Paragraph Meeting room 4

Time

November 20, 2026

10:30 - 11:00 Registration - Coffee/Tea

Location: Hotel Paragraph Tbilisi, Georgia

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11:00 - 11:30 Keynote Address

Moderator

Speakers

- **Teresa Moreira** International Competition expert and former Head of the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Location: Hotel Paragraph Ballroom 1

11:30 - 12:30 Round Table Discussion

Location: Hotel Paragraph Ballroom 1

12:30 - 12:50 Coffee Break

Location: Hotel Paragraph Tbilisi, Georgia

12:50 - 13:50 Closing Ceremony

- Signing of Memorandum(a) of Understanding
- Awards Ceremony: (30 Years)
- Closing Remarks by the Head of the Agency / Group Photo

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13:50 - 14:50 Lunch

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