

EBA Flash Report

9th Board Meeting 17th July, 2018 Embassy of Switzerland in Tbilisi



Short Summary of the Meeting:

The CEO Mr. David Lee delivered a report on the EBA activities/events since 8th board meeting. Planned round tables and were discussed by the board.

Mr. Colin Donohue presented the **EBA and Startup Grind Tbilisi** cooperation opportunities and emphasized on bringing European Experts as speakers at the Startup Grind Tbilisi monthly events.

Highlights from past year was discussed at the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Membership Status:

Membership continues to grow on plan (2 new Core members since the last board meeting in May, 2018) and still stays as the primary focus of the management. EBA continues to receive unsolicited applications over the web site as well as through targeted interactions. All new members are being interviewed in person and their businesses and factories visited. Any company not meeting the requirements for European business relationships or the EBA Code of Conduct is rejected.



EBA has more European Core Members than any other International Business Association in Georgia.

Agreed:

EBA will continue to expand its membership with several high profile additions expected this month.



Highlights from Past Months:

✓ EBA in partnership with the EU project “Support to the Georgian Competition Agency” implemented by “B&S Europe” organized the 3rd seminar/workshop in Competition Law and Policy for members.



✓ EBA - the first business-association in Georgia which started advocacy for Alternative Dispute Resolutions for resolving/mitigating the problem related to the time-consuming business disputes: new draft law on Mediation first was introduced to the members of EBA directly from the Minister of Justice.



EBA started to suggest Mediation and Arbitration Services: new company was formed, rules were developed, mediators-arbitrations were chosen.

✓ EBA became member of different platforms including Private Sector Development Advisory Council under the Ministry of Economy and sustainable development of Georgia and Economic Policy Advocacy Coalition which supported by USAID, G4G.

✓ EBA started management development trainings; The first training on Time Management took place on 30th of May with more than 15 CEO-level managers as participants.



✓ EBA employee received Certified Export Manager qualification. Strategy of supporting companies with EU export was developed.

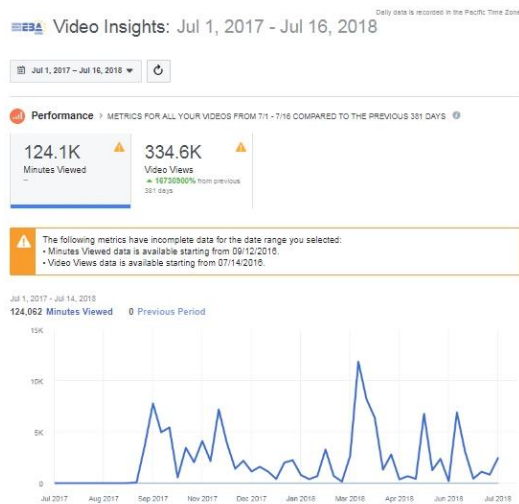
✓ EBA developed the method how to find the best opportunities for exporting European goods in Georgia.

✓ EBA started to actively support Innovation and Green Economy.



✓ EBA CEO Spoke at the 5th British Georgian Society Seminar in Cambridge. Speech was on Investment Opportunities in Georgia with Georgian Ambassador and MPs.

✓ EBA Attended Startup Grind Global in London, UK and supported Georgian Startups.



✓ EBA continues video series with members and social media analytics show huge interest on them.

Report Ends: Report Authorized by EBA Chair John Braeckveldt, 20th of July, 2018