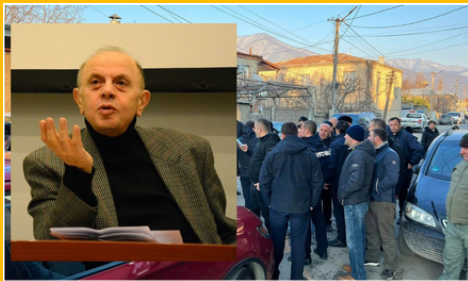


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Democracy Research Institute (DRI)

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- DRI: Georgian Dream has not implemented even its own plan regarding the 8th recommendation of the European Commission

- DRI: The fourth recommendation relating to the strengthening of the fight against corruption cannot be considered fully implemented at this stage

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In order to evaluate the progress of the implementation of the plan by the ruling party, the DRI applied to the Parliament of Georgia. The 8th recommendation of the European Commission calls for the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups and an effective response to the incidents of violence. In response, we received a confirmation of "active work" for the implementation of the plan and a promise to provide more specific information "in the near future". Until now, no information can be found in open sources about the work done by the Parliament of Georgia in the direction of the implementation of the 8th recommendation of the European Commission.

The European Commission opinion makes it clear that the 4th recommendation of the European Union implied the creation of an anti-corruption body to effectively fight corruption at all levels. The Georgian Dream plan significantly missed the spirit and content of the recommendation of the European Commission. The draft law initiated by the ruling party did not even formally address the issue of asset declarations of officials, protection of whistleblowers, strengthening of administrative capacity for monitoring the financing of parties and election campaigns.