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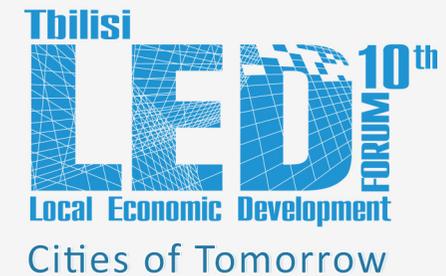
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**LED** 10<sup>th</sup>  
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Cities of Tomorrow

# *Progressive Cities*

*September 13-15, 2017*

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*The Local Economic Development Forum has been organized annually since 2007. It is a unique platform for strategic planning through partnership between local government, private sector and the representatives of NGOs. The forum fundamentally focuses on the regions' potential and identifies specifically what local stakeholders can and need to do towards the implementation of the sustainable development goals. The 10th Local Economic Development Forum (LED) offer diverse solutions to overcome today's major global and local challenges. This approach builds on innovative partnership to reach untapped knowledge and resources and to foster concrete initiatives on the ground.*

*The current program for "Progressive Cities" defines a new plan of actions to strengthen economic development opportunities, cross-border collaboration between local authorities, communities and civil society organizations for the development of joint solutions in The European Union's Eastern Partnership (EaP) neighboring regions; To enhance overall transparency, effectiveness and accountability of the government; To explore different perspectives to set up urban networks that may be regarded as an additional instrument of regional policy that enables the partners to carry out projects which exceed the capacities of each individual partner; The role of international cooperation for sustainable economic development process and etc.,*

*Today, the 10th anniversary forum sets long-term ambitious goals and proposes concrete projects and approaches that eventually contributes towards a more just and livable future for all.*

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## *Main Partners:*



Mayors for  
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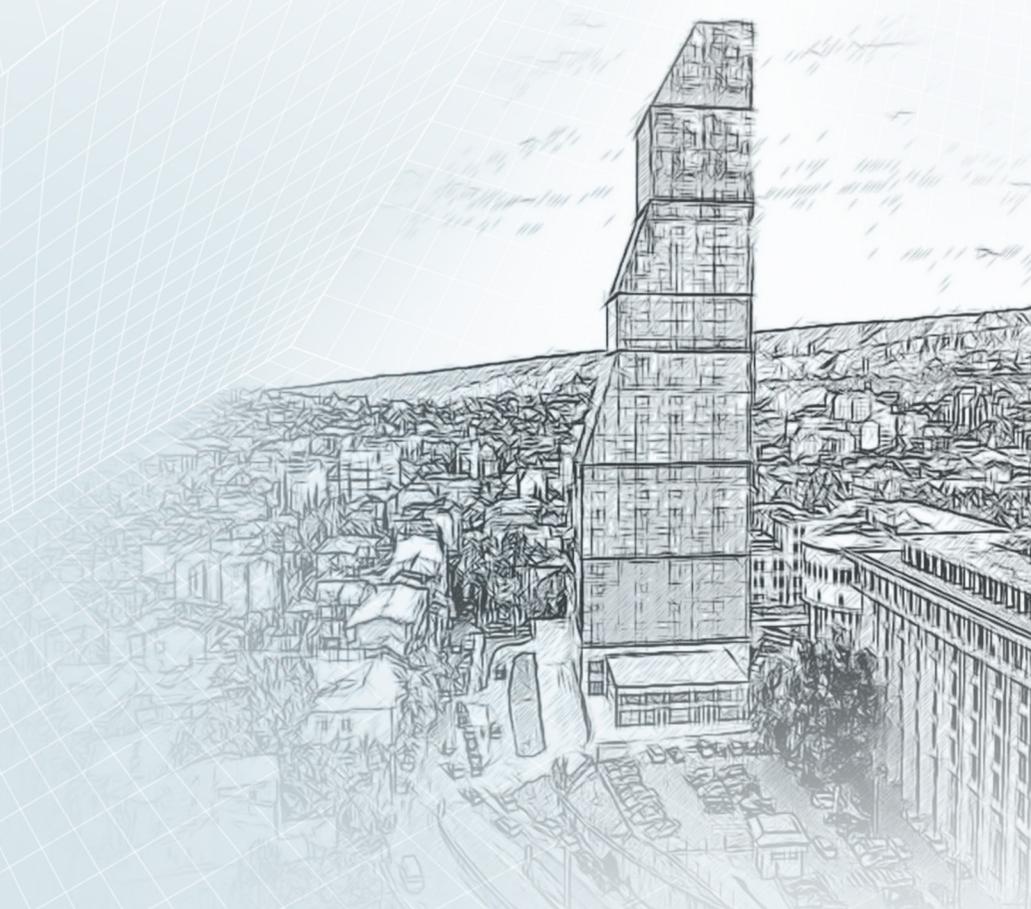
## *Media Partners:*

*Dates of forum: 13-14 September, 2017*

*Venue: The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi*

*Address: 29 Shota Rustaveli Ave, Tbilisi 0108*

*Working Languages: Georgian, English, Russian*



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**DAVIT NARMANIA** *Mayor of Tbilisi*

## **PREFACE**

*The Local Economic Development (LED) Forum is the flagship Forum organized annually by the City of Tbilisi to address a host of challenges that hamper the flexibility in developing program targets and tailoring activities to meet local needs and priorities. Considering the recent approaches for city development concepts, the 2017 program for “Progressive Cities” dedicates to gather ideas and practices to advance economic and social justice; to foster more citizens’ participation and involvement and systems of accountability that can help ensure citizens are heard and responded to; to explore perspectives for setting up urban networks; to enhance the role of international cooperation in the process of sustainable economic development.*

*The goal of the 10th anniversary LED forum is to bring together all players to debate on these issues and ‘co-produce’ a response that is context-specific in order to fulfill its ambitions.*

*Over the past decade, extensive and active participation of our partner cities, international stakeholders and experts made the event a real success, fostering the discussion on Local Economic Development (LED) strategies and policies as well as promoting collaborations between citizens and cities, policy makers, urban planners, infrastructure operators, economists, industry representatives and academicians, all who enable to contribute to long-term and effective solutions to build more sustainable cities and promote innovative and conceptual platform that stimulates the implementation of “Progressive Cities” initiatives.*

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### INSPIRATION & BACKGROUND

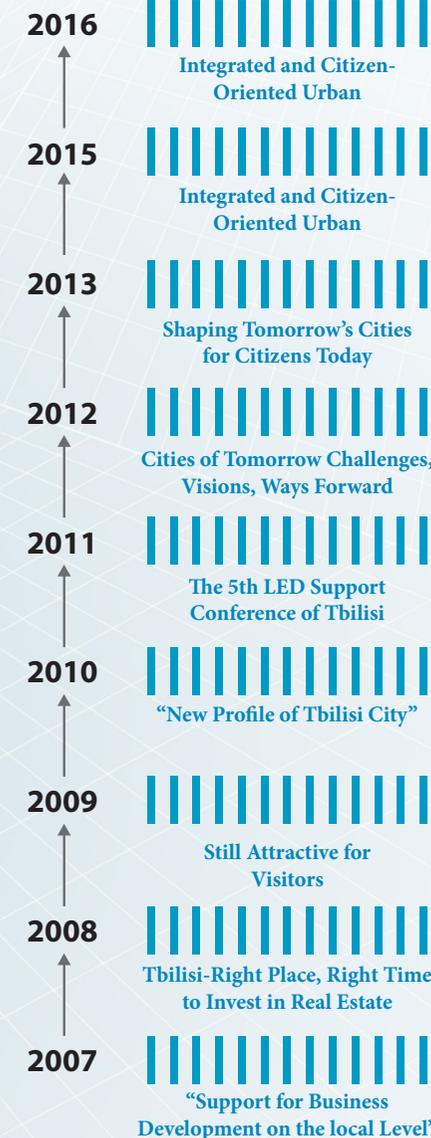
*On the way to the progressive solutions in the enlargement of the city economic opportunities, effective use of local resources and generation of urban resilience, the Local Economic Development Forum has come to be the powerful driver in the city development policy that leads to high quality of living environment and prosperity.*

*The LED Forum is held every year in Tbilisi since 2007 with the participation of international and local cities. It is organized by Tbilisi City Hall in close cooperation with partner organizations, institutes and other professional agencies as well.*

*From its inception, the forum has attracted huge interest and as result every year the forum hosts a large scale of audience. To establish a high-end dialogue platform for local authorities and experts, the forum provides discussions on the forefront issues under the common interests. Puts forward responding measures to accelerate state-of-art solutions on diverse aspects of urban sustainability and promote reinforcement of the city's status among Smart and Progressive Cities globally.*

*Preserving the essence of previous forums, the 10th LED forum keeps pace with the times and opens up areas of innovation, sets ambitious objectives and gives a push to coherent ideas and overtures that contribute to further the process of transformation into smart and progressive city.*

*This year the forum promises the continuation of the success from the past and opening a way to the future.*



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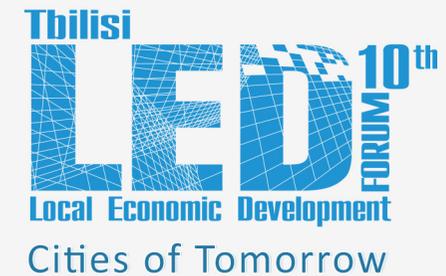
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## LED FORUM HISTORY



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## ***SEPTEMBER 13-14*** ***TBILISI / GEORGIA***

### ***The 10th International LED Forum***

*With the title „Progressive Cities”*

*The 10th Local Economic Development Forum aspires to explore innovative approaches to develop quality of life, to enhance principles of good governance at local level with tools of implementation, to set up urban networks that support cities development strategic frameworks and capabilities of local communities and promote the sustainable economic development through international cooperation and assistance.*

### ***Why Attend?***

*Influence policy and decision-making. Share your experiences and insights. Collaborate with partners in other sectors.*

*Learn proven strategies and new technologies. Engage in discussions that will shape the future. Understand your role in tackling global challenges.*

### ***Who Participates?***

*Mayors & policymakers working to make cities progressive and resilient; weigh and balance public values*

*Professionals solving problems and developing new approaches for sustainable economy.*

*CEOs & business leaders of companies driving the global markets.*

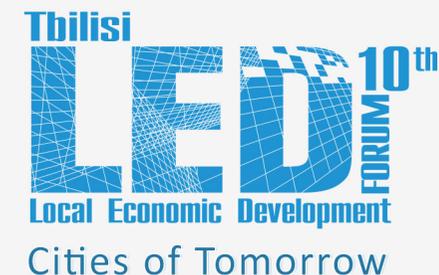
*Planners, engineers, & architects designing sustainable cities.*

*Educators & civic pioneers shaping what—and how—we learn.*

*Creative entrepreneurs setting trends and inspiring creativity*

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### 13 SEPTEMBER

09:30	<i>Registration</i>			
10:00	<i>Welcome Speeches</i>			
10:30	<i>Coffee &amp; Tea</i>			
11:00	<b>Main Panel - PROGRESSIVE CITIES</b>			
12:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
13:00	<b>Good Governance</b> R 1	<b>Urban Resilience</b> R 2	<b>Environment</b> R 3	<b>Future Cities</b> R 4
14:30	<i>Lunch</i>			
15:30	<b>Cities for Economic Growth</b> R1	<b>Resilient Future</b> R2	<b>Energy Efficiency</b> R3	<b>Goals &amp; Vision</b> R4
17:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
18:00	<i>Discussion Panel</i>			

### 14 SEPTEMBER

09:30	<i>Registration / Coffee</i>			
10:00	<b>International Relations</b> R1	<b>Invest IN city</b> R 2	<b>City Tourism</b> R3	<b>B2B</b> 12:00-18:00 R 4
12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
13:00	<b>Eastern Partnership</b> R 1	<b>Invest for Economic Growth</b> R 2	<b>Marketing &amp; Branding</b> R 3	
15:00	<i>Lunch</i>			
16:00	<b>Mayors' Discussion Panel - Urban regeneration for smart transformation</b>			<i>Congress hall</i>

### 15 SEPTEMBER

10:00	<i>Cultural Tour – Place on your Map</i>
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### **GOOD GOVERNANCE**

*City tools for implementation of the long-term oriented initiatives for sustainable and economic growth;  
„Focus points” to strengthen the government accountability in inclusive economy;  
Specific indicators measuring government performance in Economic Growth processes;*

### **URBAN RESILIENCE**

*Key Drivers to build Resilience  
Investing in Resilience - Milestones for strategic planning*

### **ENVIRONMENT**

*Cities & Urban networking  
Environmental Impacts of Urban Growth*

### **FUTURE CITIES**

*Growth and development of cities, towns and regions*

### **JOINT DISCUSSION PANEL**

*Approaches in Impact of Citizens Involvement in the planning process of city development*

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/EASTERN PARTNERSHIP**

*Cities and Cross-border Cooperation for progressive future-innovative approaches*

### **INVEST IN CITY**

*Cities for Economic Growth - to build strong and mutually beneficial relationships for sustainable economic development process*

### **TOURISM**

*What makes city special FOR visitors - Place on your map*

### **MAYOR'S PANEL**

*Urban regeneration for smart transformation*

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#### *Cultural Tour (to be defined)*

10:00	<i>Meeting at the hotel</i>
10:30	<i>Tour around Tbilisi - Mtskheta</i>
14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
16:00	<i>Tour to the Cognac factory Sarajishvili with degustation During the visit to the factory, we will explore the art of creating cognac, visit the store of unique alcohols and will attend the process of creating cognac. Get acquainted with the history of creation of Georgian wine and brandy. During the degustation technologist will explain how to share the flavors and the age of the drink. Tour is conducted in Georgian, Russian and English languages. Return to Tbilisi.</i>
19:30	<i>Farewell Party</i>

