

On September 26, 2022, DEKONTA presented results of its projects in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee of Georgian Parliament.

The committee discussed the ongoing projects in the field of chemical substances management. The meeting was attended by the Czech ambassador Petr Mikyska, representative of the Czech Embassy and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, and experts of DEKONTA and MEDISTYL companies, who drafted new law on chemical substances and mixtures for Georgia implementing principles of EU regulations: CLP and REACH.

*"The issue that we are discussing today is broad and concerns one of the obligations of the association agreement between Georgia and EU, which is the preparation of the legislative process in the direction of the management of chemical substances and its adoption in the parliament, as well as its implementation. Czech Development Agency, which is our partner in this field, started preparing a relevant law in 2018, for which I thank them",* said the chairman of the committee, Maia Bitadze.

Representative of DEKONTA, Ales Kulhanek, Ph.D. presented outcomes of the ongoing project as well as international practice and the Czech experience in the field of chemical substances management. He also presented outcomes of the DEKONTA's former project that resulted in drafting a new Law on Major Accidents Prevention – transposing principles of SEVESO III Directive into Georgian legislation.

Mr. Alverd Chankseliani, Head of the Waste and Chemicals Management Department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, partner of the project, expressed satisfaction in cooperation with the Czech team and outlined plans of the ministry in legal and institutional reforms in the field of chemical management, as well as a plan to submit the draft Code on chemical substances and mixtures into inter-ministerial negotiation and to the spring session of Georgian Parliament for discussion.

The meeting in Georgian Parliament was followed by the 2nd workshop on chemical management for the representatives of Georgian state administration bodies (from 10 different institutions) that are active in management of chemicals.

