

- Two following publications:

1) Baseline study
“Russia-Georgia
relationships: in search of
new ways of development”
(working paper), 2014



2) Collection of analytical
papers “Russia-Georgia:
basic directions of
relationships”, 2014

- Final International Conference in Tbilisi
summarising First Phase of the Program, 2014

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FOSTERING RUSSIA - GEORGIA NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS PROGRAM

GOAL OF THE PROGRAM: Creating a favourable environment for normalisation of relations through multi-stakeholder cooperation between Georgia and Russia, synergizing and empowering of interconnected factors that promote and support Georgia-Russia dialogue.

THE PROGRAM IS CARRIED OUT BY INTERNATIONAL CENTER ON CONFLICT AND NEGOTIATION (ICCN) WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND.

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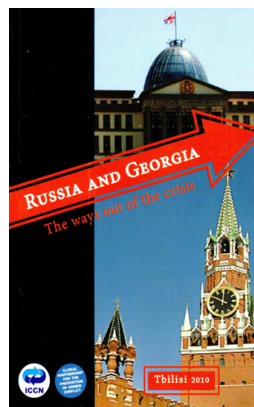


BACKGROUND: Shortly after the August 2008 crisis, Professor George Khutsishvili initiated the most long-standing of dialogue efforts between Russian and Georgian high-profile political experts, named later, as per the site of the meetings, the Istanbul Process. GPPAC, as a global network of civil society organisations, working across conflicts at the international level, and perceived as being able to

play an impartial role in facilitating the dialogue process, supported and partnered ICCN in this important initiative, offering a framework that provided the needed, politically neutral environment for the Russian and Georgian sides to engage with each other. Overall up to 50 leading



experts and opinion leaders participated in ten expert meetings throughout 5 years. Collection of analytical papers entitled “Russia-Georgia: ways out of the crisis” was published in 2010. In August 2013 ICCN’s broadened initiative, aimed at developing the Istanbul Process of Georgia-Russia expert dialogue to a qualitatively new process, with a wider-scale set of activities has been launched with financial support of the Government of Switzerland.



PROJECT DURATION:

AUGUST 2013 - OCTOBER 2014

PHASE ONE OF LONGER TERM PROGRAM

Activities carried out within the frames of the Phase One of the Program:

- Five expert dialogue meetings within the format of Istanbul process with up to 20 leading expert-participants from Georgia and Russia



- Several partnership meetings in Tbilisi and Moscow

