

# Me, You, Us

## Bakuriani, Georgia

**06.05 - 15.05.2019**





## THE CONTEXT

ME, YOU, US is a youth exchange focusing on giving young people a chance to get a better understanding of cultural diversity and increasing their sense of sensitivity and tolerance. We want to create a space where people can exchange ideas, challenge their views, embrace the differences between them and focus on finding and appreciating the similarities. After the project we would like our participants to see cultural diversity as a chance instead of a threat.

## OBJECTIVES

- Exploring cultural diversity and promoting the concept of it being an opportunity and not a threat
- Preventing radicalization of young people's attitudes by giving them a chance to reflect upon topics such as difference, likeness, identity, inclusion
- Challenging participants views based on stereotypes by exploring the concept of "unique personal stories"
- Creating a booklet on diversity and youth that can serve as a useful tool for other organizations across Europe

## PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

- Age 18-25
- Able to communicate in English
- Motivated to explore new ideas and methods
- Young people interested in discovering new cultures
- Ready to share their personal stories
- Participants are coming in groups of five people per country (4 young people + 1 group leader)

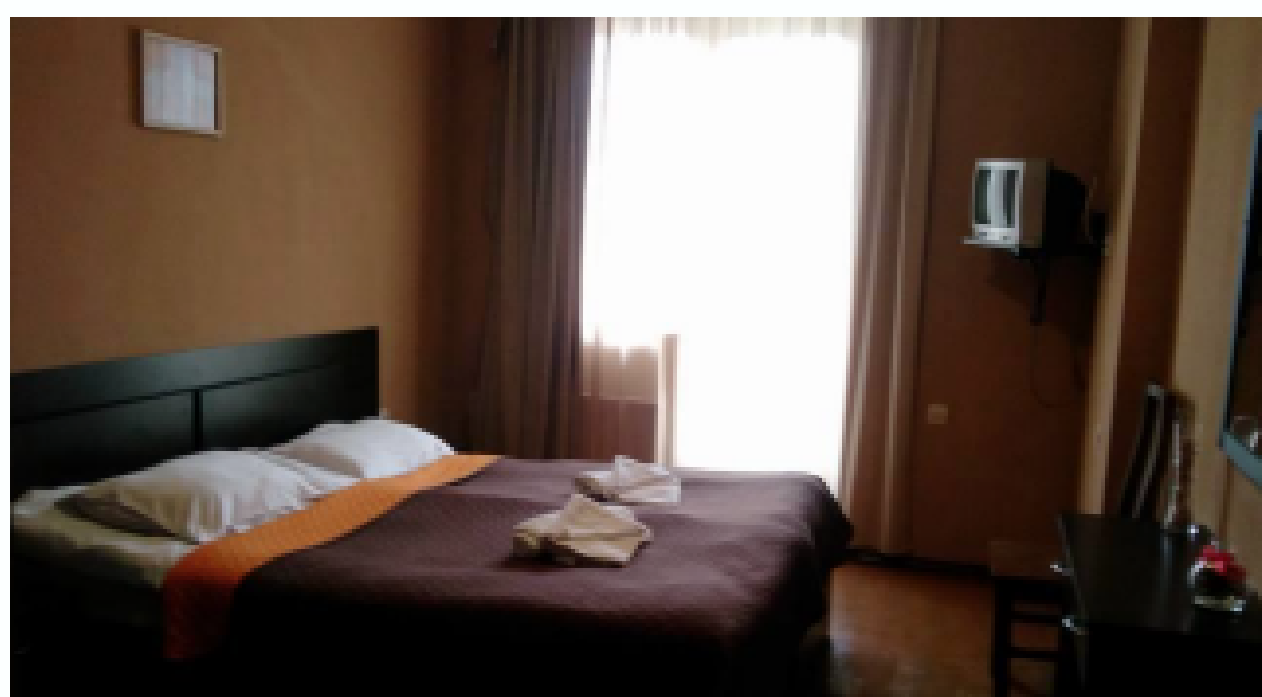
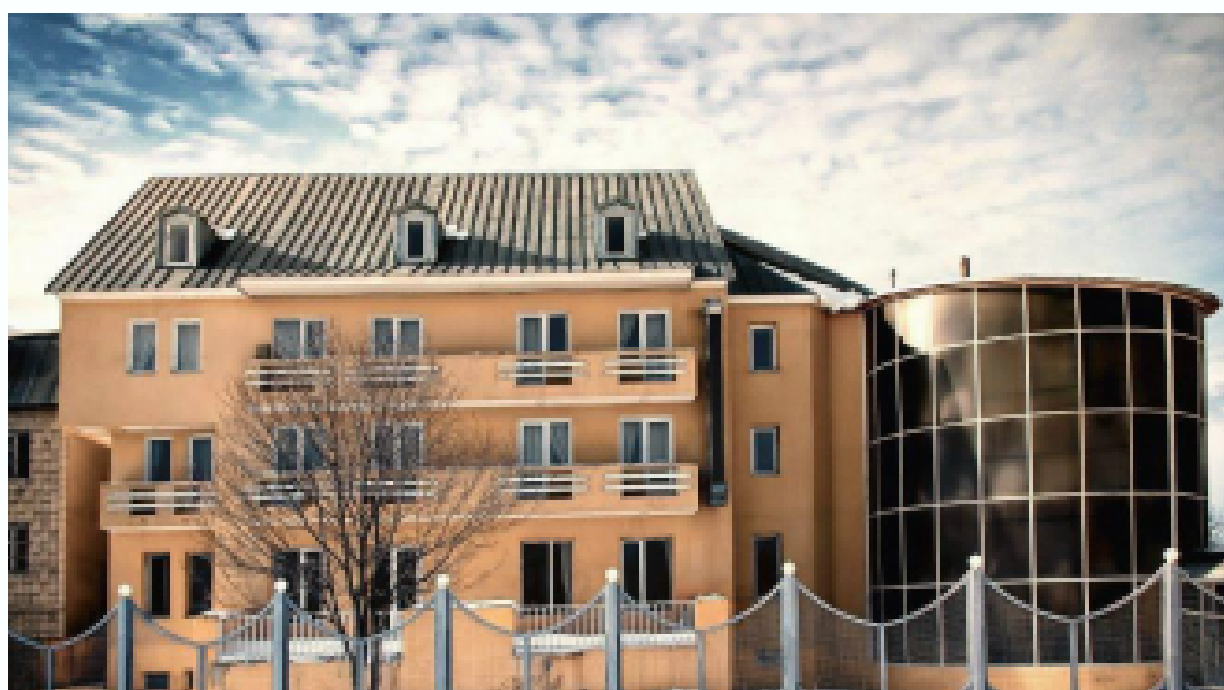
### THE HOTEL

The project will take place in Bakuriani, which is a resort town around 180 km from Tbilisi, the Georgian capital. Bakuriani is located in the mountains (around 1700 km above the sea level), so there are many places to have a walk/hike.

We will stay at the Ritza hotel which is fully equipped to host international projects with appropriate equipment, working spaces and leisure time activities. You will be sharing a double or triple room with people of the same sex, each room has one bathroom. There are towels and bed linen in the hotel. Internet is available in/around the training.

We will have meals three times a day. We made preparations and arrangements with the hotel for those of you who are vegetarian/vegan/allergic/have other dietary needs, but please make sure you did write this specifically to us before the project.

All the costs related to accommodation and meals are covered by the project.



### THE WEATHER

Weather in May in Georgia tends to be warm with the average temperatures around 10-15 degrees in the day and 3-6 in the night.

As Bakuriani is a mountainous please bring comfortable shoes and warm clothes.

### PREPARATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Before you come to Georgia we will ask you to do some warm-up tasks in your country groups. Each team should prepare the following:

- One game that you typically play in your country when you are a child. This can be any outdoor/indoor game - the only requirements is that it cannot last longer than 30 minutes. For the games please fill out the template (ask your group leader for it) and send it back to us minimum one week before the youth exchange.
- Intercultural evening: apart from bringing foods and drinks please provide a small intro about your country. This should not be longer than 20 minutes. While preparing this try to get creative and NOT use power points or Youtube promotional videos.
- At least one idea per country that you want to do as an optional workshop for other participants. This can be anything - teaching language, dancing, singing etc. For this please also use the template that we have sent to your group leader.

Apart from the group tasks, each of you individually should take a picture of your favorite place/object/something that you like about your culture. Please print it and bring it with you to the youth exchange.

### INTERNATIONAL SWEET BOX

For coffee breaks we would like to ask you to bring some sweets and snacks from the country you live in, so that we can also have a little cultural sharing while eating

### HEALTH INSURANCE

Please keep in mind that you are responsible for arranging your health insurance for the time you will be in Georgia. Remember that if you need doctor's assistance and you do not have health insurance we will not be able to reimburse the costs of it.

### MONEY

National currency in Georgia is Lari (GEL) and its value in euro is about 2.90 lari to 1 euro but it would be good for you to check the exact rate before you departure as its changing. Payments everywhere in Georgia are accepted only in national currency. The best currency for exchanging is EUR.

You will have the chance to exchange money in Tbilisi on the day of your arrival. It is also possible to do it in Bakuriani. Most of the shows in the town accept credit cards as well.

# TRAVEL COSTS

Your travel costs is the money you spend for the transportation on your way to Georgia. This means your air ticket, bus/train tickets to get to your own country and bus tickets to get from the airport to Tbilisi. Please remember that we are not able to reimburse your travel by taxi or your own car, only public transportation.

You need to buy your own tickets before the project and the cost will be reimbursed to you after the youth exchange (providing you send us all the travel documents requested and fulfill all the tasks for participants, such as dissemination activities and your individual report in the mobility tool).

The maximum amount of money per participant we will reimburse you is the following:

- Armenia: 150 EUR
- Ukraine: 245 EUR
- Spain: 790 EUR
- Poland: 330 EUR
- Germany: 330 EUR
- Austria: 330 EUR

Note:

1. The amount of money is based on the distance between Bakuriani and the city where your sending organization is based. It is possible to travel from another location but it might mean that your reimbursement will be lower (that is why it is important that you send us the flights proposal before you buy it so that we can discuss the details)
2. As you might know, the Erasmus+ travel lump sum is a bit higher than we stated here. This is because we are deducting 30 EUR per person to organize your travel from Tbilisi to Bakuriani and back.

## TRAVELLING TO GEORGIA

As we mentioned, you are responsible for finding and buying your flight to Georgia yourself. We recommend you to fly to Tbilisi, but in case the tickets are very expensive we also recommend you to check the connections to Kutaisi operated by Wizzair (this is especially good for people travelling from Germany, Poland, Austria and Spain). You need to be in Georgia between May 6 (arrival day) and May 15 (departure day).

Regardless if you are planning to come to Tbilisi or Kutaisi, the procedure concerning the tickets is the following:

1. You send the details of your favorite flight (exact dates and costs) to Mariam (mjugh15@freeuni.edu.ge)
2. After the confirmation from our side you buy the tickets and send us the confirmations from the airlines as a final proof of your participation
3. We reimburse the costs to your bank account after the project (once we have received all the documents from you)

## TRAVEL

### Important:

Please collect all the tickets and boarding passes in original and keep it with you. In case you lose your boarding pass or train/bus ticket we will not be able to reimburse you.

Note: participants coming from Armenia will receive a separate emails with details about the Yerevan-Tbilisi-Yerevan bus we will book for you.

## GETTING TO TBILISI

Please note that we will organize a bus to Bakuriani ourselves, but it is your responsibility to get to the city center of Tbilisi on your own as we do not provide pick up service from the airport.

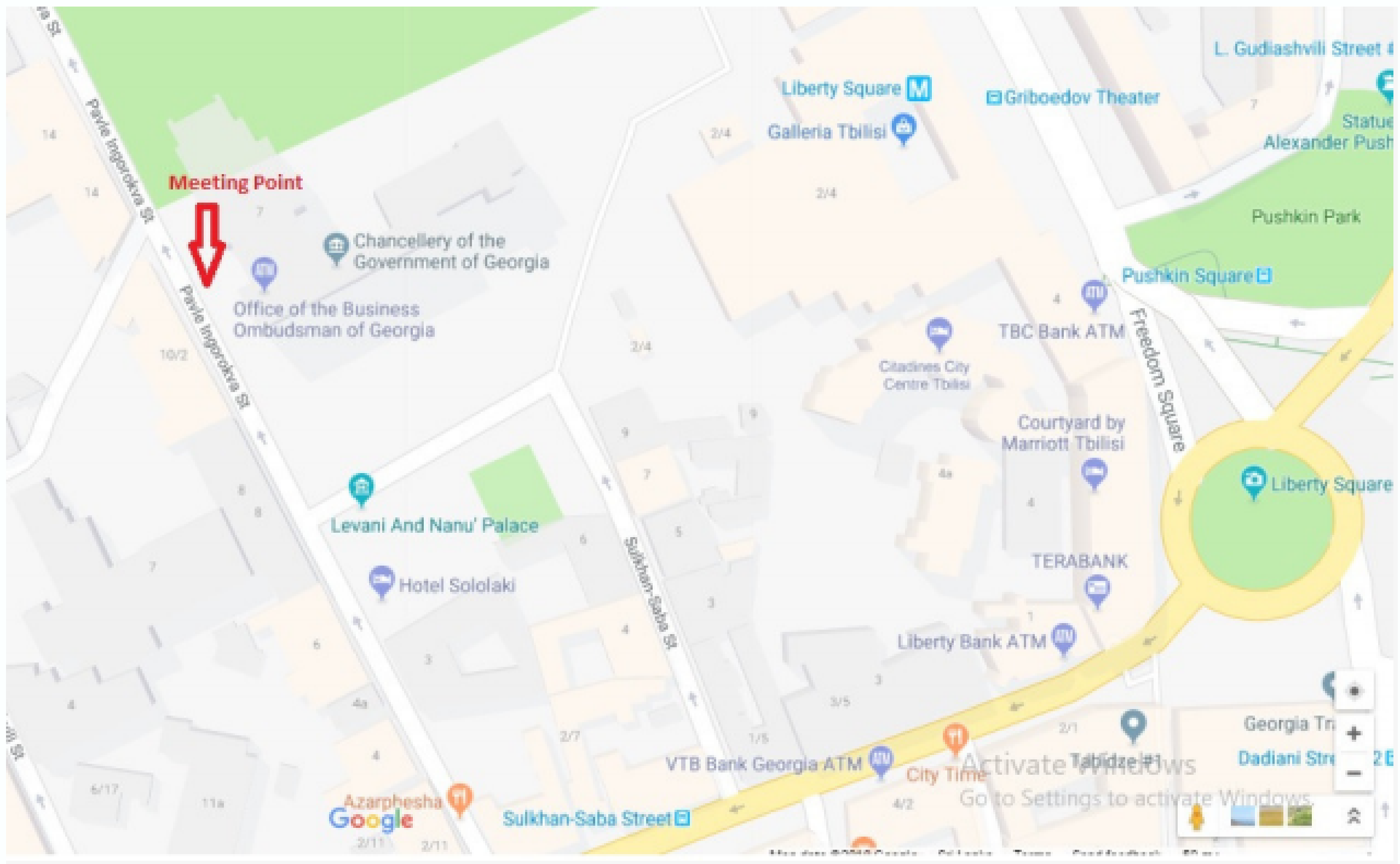
This is how you get to the center:

- **From Tbilisi airport:** the best way is to take public bus no 37 which goes every half an hour from the airport to the center of Tbilisi (Liberty Square).
- It is not advisable to take a taxi as usually it is very expensive. In case you decide to do so, remember to agree on a price in advance (should not be more than 25 lari). You can also order a taxi in advance using mobile application called Taxify.
- Important: please remember that if you decide to take a taxi the costs will not be reimbursed.
- **From Kutaisi airport:** there is a direct bus from the airport to the center of Tbilisi (Pushkin Square). It is operated by the company of GEORGIAN BUS. The ticket costs 20 GEL and you buy it at the airport (there is a ticket booth right next to the exit of the airport).
- Important: it is very hard to organize a transport from Kutaisi to Bakuriani so even if you arrive there we will still ask you to come to Tbilisi first.

## GOING TO BAKURIANI

On the arrival day (6 May) we will have 2 minibuses taking us from Tbilisi to Bakuriani: one around midday and one later in the afternoon. The exact time will be announced once all the participants have bought their tickets.

The meeting place is the Chancellery of Georgian Government (Pavle Ingorokva str). It is 5 minutes walking distance from the Liberty Square.



## EXTENDING YOUR STAY

According to the rules of the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ who is funding the project, you are allowed to extend your stay up to 4 days in total (so you can come some days before or stay some days after or both, but not more than 4 days total). Please remember that in case you decide to do so, you will be responsible for finding your own accommodation. The costs of your extra stay will not be reimbursed.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- If you are a citizen of European Union it is enough to travel with your national ID
- If you are a citizen of Ukraine or Armenia you would need your passport
- If you are a citizen of a country different than your residency that is non-EU, please let us know so we check you do not need a visa
- In any case: please make sure that your travel document is valid (not expired)

# Survival Georgian

English	Georgia (Qartuli)
Hello	Gamarjoba გამარჯობა
Good Morning	Dila Mshvidobis დილა მშვიდობისა
How are you?	Rogor Khar? როგორ ხარ?
Thank you	Madloba მადლობა
You are welcome	Arafris არაფრის
Good/bad	Kargi/Tsudi კარგი/ცუდი
I do not understand	Ar Mesmis არ მესმის
What time is it?	Romeli Saatia? რომელი საათია?
I love Georgia	Me Mikvars Sakartvelo მე მიყვარს საქართველო

## FACEBOOK GROUP

In order to make communication easier we created a facebook group for the project. You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/409282706511878/>  
This is where we will be posting updates and reminders, so please join us there as well.

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