

SICI Members' Workshop 2025

Tbilisi, Georgia

11-13 June, 2025



Guidance and Practical Information

Venue

SICI's Members' Workshop 2025 will take place at the **Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace**, Tbilisi, Georgia;

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/tbssi-sheraton-grand-tbilisi-metechi-palace/overview/?nst=paid&hmGUID=ede81504-2dd2-4f6e-1114-751fa4aff720>

Address: 20 Telavi St, Tbilisi 0103, Tbilisi, Georgia;

Closest bus-stop: In front of Statue of Saint George, appr. 100 m. to the hotel entrance. Bus number: 305, 309, 337, 325, 393. Underground: M1 (300 Aragveli); Distance from 300 Aragveli M1 to the Sheratoni Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace - 650 m. (9 minutes).

At the venue

Internet: Free Wi-Fi is available at the venue.

Please, note that photos will be taken during the event and may be used for publications and websites, both by the SICI and the NCEQE.

Recommended Hotels:

Golden Tulip Design Tbilisi

Website: <https://shorturl.at/8pmSY>

Address: 37, Ketevan Tsamebuli Avenue 0103, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Ibis Styles Tbilisi

Website: <http://ibis-styles-center.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>

Address: 4, Galaktion Tabidze Str. 0105, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Holiday Inn Express Tbilisi Avlabari

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/tbilisi/tbsta/hoteldetail>

Address: 4 Lagodekhi Str. Tbilisi 0103, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Moving around Tbilisi - Transport

Transfer from the airport

Bus

The municipal bus stop is located in front of the Tbilisi International Airport arrival hall and provides passenger transportation on route №337 - Airport - Tbilisi city center - Airport. The fare can be paid by bank card. The cost is 1.00 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.33€).

Bus timetable: 06:59 | 22:59

Route Scheme from Airport: Kakheti Highway - Black Sea Str. - Queen Ketevan Ave. - Baratashvili Str. - Rustaveli Ave.- Kostava Str. - Queen Tamara Ave. - Station Square.

Route Scheme from Station Square to Airport: Queen Tamara Ave. - Heroe's Square - Meliqishvili Ave. - Rustaveli Ave. - Freedom square - Baratashvili Str. - Queen Ketevan Ave. - Black Sea Str. - Kakheti Highway - Airport.

For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yckj5y4t>

Taxi from the Airport

Airport Taxi

Taxi service at Tbilisi International Airport is available outside the terminal, just at the curbside of the Arrival Hall and provides 24-hour service to the passengers. The journey time to the city center takes 20 - 30 minutes and it depends on traffic. Taxi fee ranges from 40 to 60 GEL (equivalent of approximately 13 - 20€).

For more information please, visit: <https://www.tbilisiairport.com/en-en/passenger-guide/to-from-the-airport/page/taxi>

Taxi Company Bolt - Recommended Company

When moving around the city, we recommend taxi company “Bolt”. You can use the “Bolt” application. Cost varies by price and location. For instance, from airport to Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metekhi Palace the cost is approximately 25-30 Gel (equivalent of approximately 8-10 €).

Public Transport

Public transport is provided by Tbilisi Transport Company - TTC. You can travel with TTC by bus or Minibus.

Transport card “Metro Money” is a universal mean for payment in municipal transport (Tbilisi underground, Tbilisi bus, Tbilisi microbus) and ropeways. Purchase of “Metro Money” card is possible to any payment office of underground stations and ropeways. The cost of a card is 2 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.70€). One-way trip for municipal transport (Tbilisi underground, Tbilisi bus, Tbilisi Microbus) costs 1 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.35€) (for the first-time travel) and for next hour and a half travelling by bus, underground and microbus, or during changing the other transport is free of charge.

To make deposit on card is possible:

- In any underground station;
- Self-service terminals of “Bank of Georgia”.

Besides, the transit pass is usable for travelling. It can be purchased at “Metro Service Plus” box offices and “Bank of Georgia” express service centers. The cost of the card is 2 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.70€). The transit pass packages are:

- 1 day – 3 Gel (equivalent of approximately 1€);
- 1 week – 20 Gel (equivalent of approximately 7€);
- 1 month – 40 Gel (equivalent of approximately 14€);

In the Tbilisi municipal transport, it is possible to pay with the bank card. When using bank card of foreign countries, cost of a one-way trip for municipal transport is 1.5 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.5 €).

Payment in transport is also possible with Apple Pay. For more information please download mobile application:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.azry.wandio.ttc.android&hl=en&gl=US>

Useful Information

Georgian Visa Information:

Detailed information about the visa can be found on the following official website:

A. <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=956&lang=Eng>).

B. <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en>

Furthermore, if an official letter from the NCEQE is needed for the visa purposes, please contact the officials of the NCEQE (see the contact details below).

Weather:

The average temperature in Tbilisi in June ranges from High 30°C to Low 18°C. Summer is the best season for visiting Georgia.

Currency:

The monetary unit in Georgia is "Lari" (or "GEL" in the international currency market), the sole legal currency in the whole Georgia.

You can exchange foreign currencies at any bank or specialized exchange offices (usually located near metro stations, hotels or large shopping malls).

In Tbilisi, in major hotels and supermarkets, one can use Mastercard, Eurocard, VISA and Maestro credit cards. However, it is advised to have some cash (GEL) outside the capital.

Electricity:

All power sockets in Georgia provide a standard voltage of 220V with a standard frequency of 50Hz. Georgia uses power outlets and plugs of type C and type F.

Contact:

If you have any questions, please contact the LEPL - National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement officials:

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