

### Activity of the Office of Business Ombudsman of Georgia

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### The Business Ombudsman's Activities Goals and Rights

The Business Ombudsman's authority and competence is determined by the Law of Georgia under "Business Ombudsman"

Goal of BO activities is to facilitate protection of rights and lawful interests of entrepreneurs on the territory of Georgia

#### Responding to the problems:

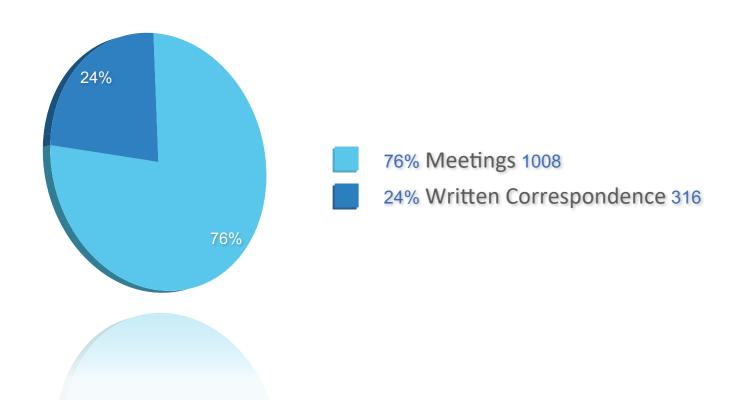
- Recommendation of the Business Ombudsman
- Solicitation of the Business Ombudsman
- Conclusion of the Business Ombudsman
- The Project of the Normative Act

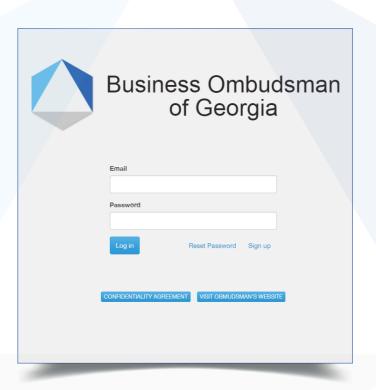
### The Office of Business Ombudsman is represented by:

- The Board of Investors
- The Dispute Resolution Board of the State Procurement
- The Dispute Resolution Board of the Ministry of Finance;
- Commission for the study issues, related to the contracts signed for the purpose of Stateproperty disposal

### In 2018 Office of the Business Ombudsman has reviewed 316 Cases

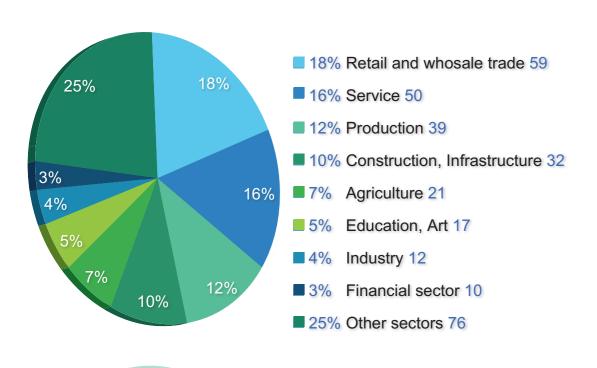
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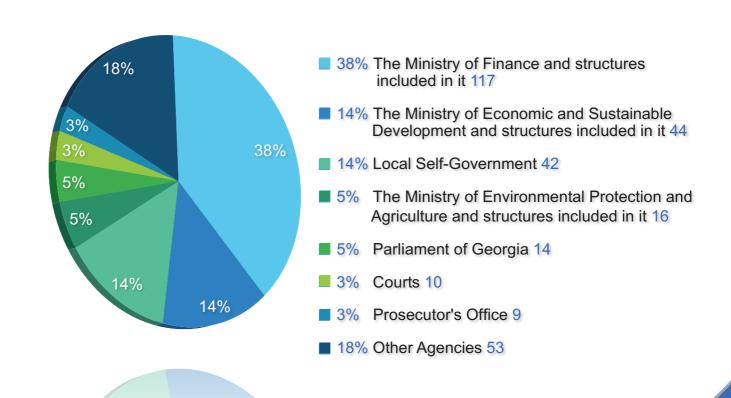


# The Office of Business Ombudsman's Referral Statistics by Business Sectors and Responding Agencies, 2018

#### Referral Statistics by Business Sectors



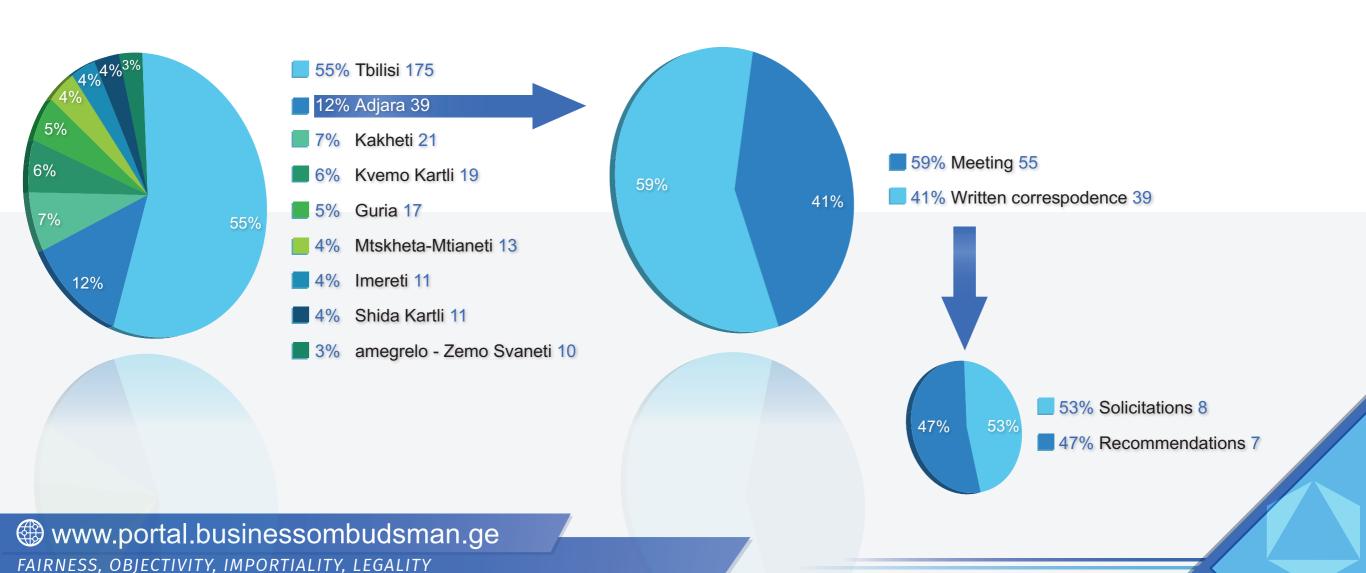
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### The Office of Business Ombudsman's Referral Statistics by Regions, 2018

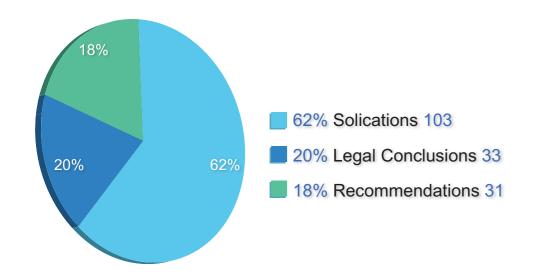
#### Referral Statistics by Regions

#### Referral Statistics from Adjara Autonomous Republic

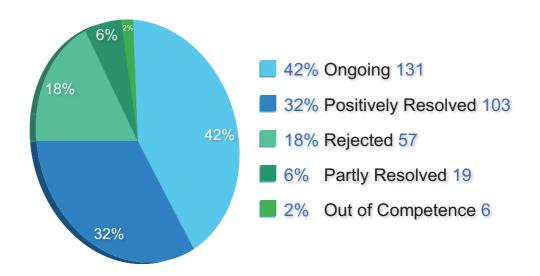


# Responses & Statuses Statistics for the applications submitted to the Office of the Business Ombudsman in 2018

#### Application Responses Statistics

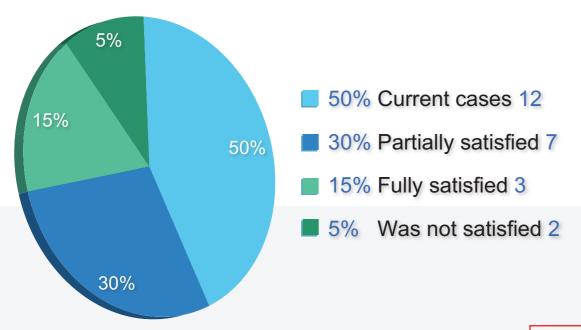


#### **Statuses of Cases**



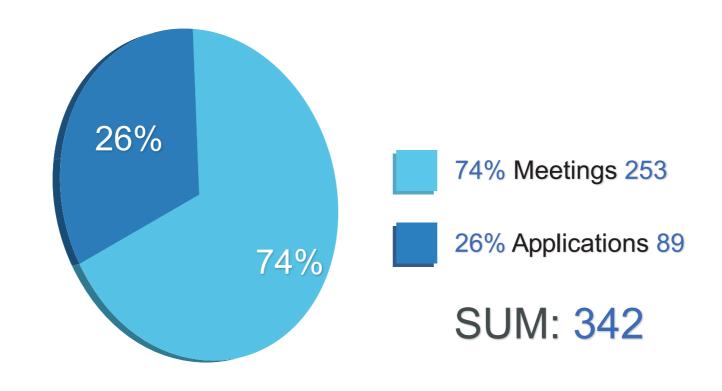
Among 65% of completed cases, the position of Business Ombudsman was fully or partly considered

# Statistics of Cases with the participation of the Office of the Business Ombudsman in the Dispute Resolution Board of the Ministry of Finance, 2018

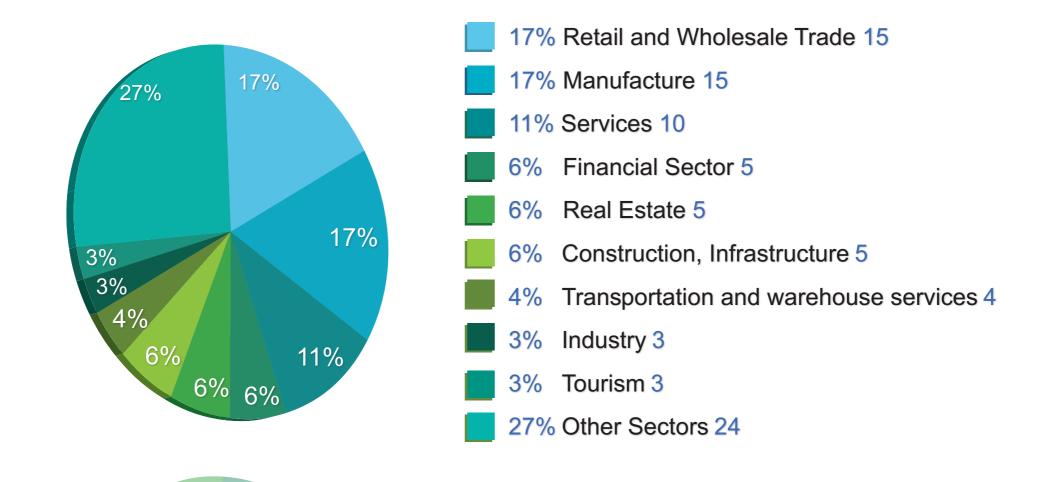


Among 85% of completed cases, the position of the Business Ombudsman was considered in the Dispute Resolution Board

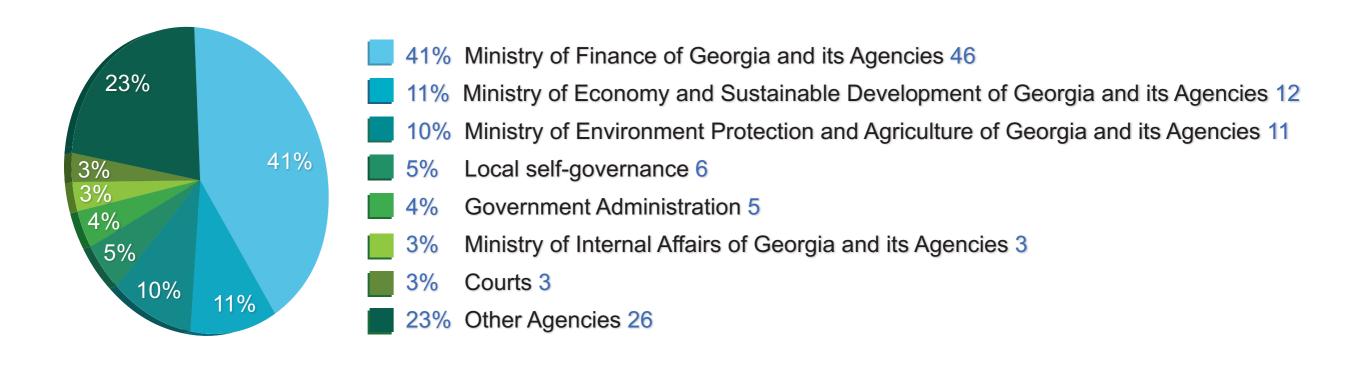
#### Referral Statistics in the Office of Business Ombudsman, 1st Quarter 2019



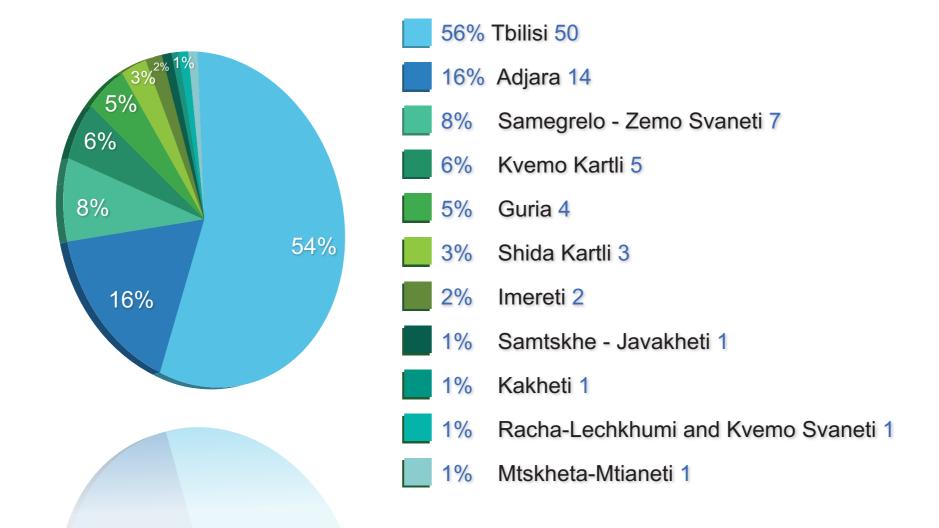
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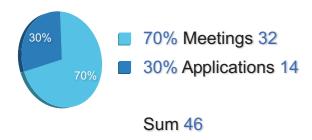


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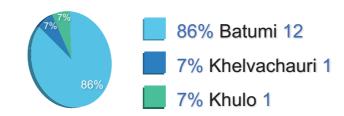


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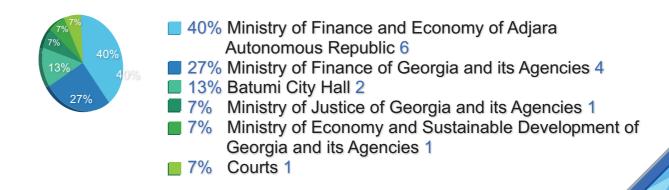
The Office of Business Ombudsman's Referral Statistics by the Local Self-government Authorities in Adjara Autonomous Republic, 1st Quarter 2019



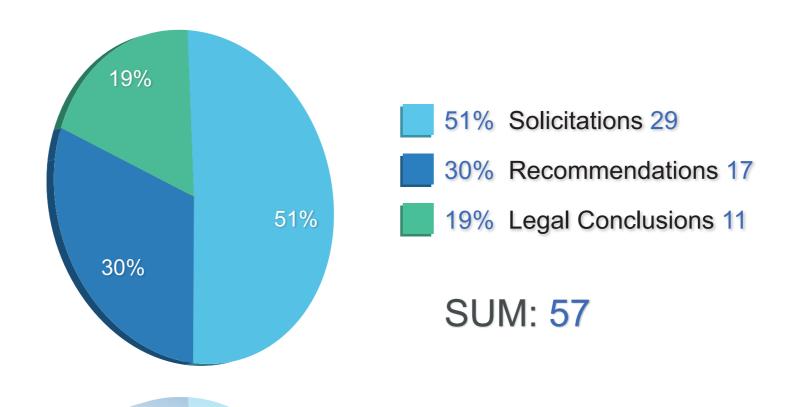
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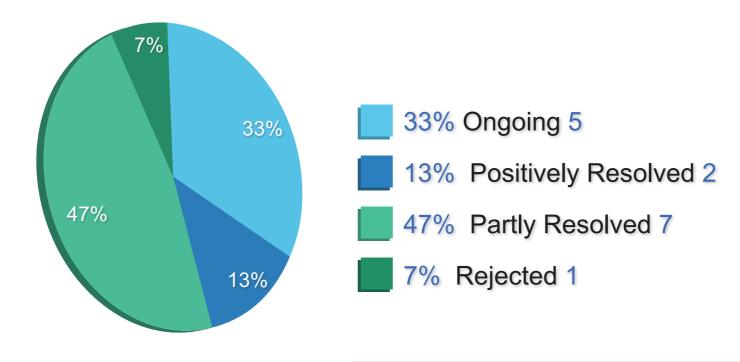


## Responses Statistics for the applications submitted to the Office of the Business Ombudsman, 1st Quarter, 2019



Among 80% of completed cases, the position of Business Ombudsman was fully or partly considered

## Statistics of the Cases with the Participation of the Office of the Business Ombudsman in the Council of Dispute of the Ministry of Finance, 1st Quarter 2019



Among 90% of completed cases, the position of Business Ombudsman was fully or partly considered

### Implemented and Initiated Projects

### Business Support Projects:

- Business Ombudsman's web Portal www.portal.businessombudsman.ge
- Meetings with small and medium sized businesses in regions
- Office of the Business Ombudsman takes the role of the leader in Business Integrity in Georgia
- Ensuring to elevate the qualification levels of the Public sector representatives during the settlements of business disputes through mediation













### Implemented and Initiated Projects

# Projects for strengthening the function of the Office of Business Ombudsman:

- Sharing the Business Ombudsman's "Friend of Court" (Amicus Curiae) functions in the Common Court's System
- Enhancing the Office of the Business Ombudsman in Adjara
- Memorandum of cooperation with a Council of Business Ombudsman Of Ukraine
- Capacity Building Training for the Office of the Business Ombudsman
- Involvement of the Office of the Business Ombudsman in National Anti-Corruption Action plan developed by OECD recommendations













#### Reviewed Cases and Issued Recommendations of the Office of the Business Ombudsman of Georgia

New regulations on tobacco control

New regulations on grocery labeling

New regulations on lending to individuals

On the organic law of Georgia on agricultural land

On the changes about penalties and rules of enforcement of the clinics involved in the universal healthcare program

On Defining Loss Norm of the Crude Oil Storage

On administering the utility payments

On money deposits towards the supply of electricity

#### The Priorities of the Office of the Business Ombudsman, 2019

Strengthening the Function of the "Court Friend" (Amicus Curiae)

Rising the effectiveness of the judicial disputes by the support of strengthening mediation and arbitration platforms in Georgia

Promoting business interests in state regulation during privatization of agricultural land

Supporting the implementation of the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) system

Strengthening the analytical direction

Focusing on small business issues

Empowering the Business Ombudsman's involvement in the discussion platforms - Parliament, sector ministries, local municipalities

Assessing the legislative initiatives, monitoring the existing ones and identifying the faults

Communicating with the Business Support International Communities and engaging in their activities

Increasing the awareness of Business Integrity

Promoting the transparency in cooperation between public and private sector

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