



### Center for Documentation in Akhalkalaki

Land registration and the land cadaster are important issues in Georgia. Thousands of people are not aware of the size of their land holdings. People often cannot indicate the precise boundaries of their land plot. Sometimes, these plots even overlap with neighboring land and this can lead to disputes among locals, sometimes even ending up in court. The majority of registered plots (according to the existing findings, only 20% of all land plots are registered) are measured inaccurately. In the past, people received documentation of ownership without cadastral data that caused serious trouble in terms of registering their land.



Employees: 4 locals  
Total budget of the project: GEL 37500.00  
EU share: GEL 25250.00  
Co-financing: GEL 12250.00



Considering the abovementioned, Ararat Hovanesyan made a step forward when he decided to open up a center for documentation in Akhalkalaki. According to him, most of the companies working in this area measure plots without even leaving their offices and with no actual equipment and this results in an overlapping of borders and prevents the making of a precise drawing.

Good quality equipment is very important during the measurement process. The equipment can be used indoors and outdoors. Ararat Hovanesyan and his partners were able to procure such equipment with the support of the Akhalkalaki LAG and the financial support of the EU.

“LAG members are locals and so they were well aware of the importance of having such a service providing accurate measurements in the region. They supported us in preparing a proposal, we received a grant and procured the GPS apparatus that ensures accuracy. The equipment is made by a Swiss company, LEICA, and it is known for taking exact data,” said Ararat Hovanesyan.





The grant amount was sufficient to procure office equipment as well. The center operates in the region on a full scale and offers its services to the regional population. The center measures agricultural land, buildings and also revises the measurement sheets which were incorrectly compiled in the past.

“We made a decision to provide full service to our clients and this includes not only measuring their plots but the whole process starting from taking the points to getting an accurate extraction from the public registry. Clients pay us only for the measurement sheets while our other services are provided without any charge,” said Mr Hovanesyan.

The center’s staff members provide measuring services using their own cars. They also set up the meetings at the Public Registry. The center has a strong reputation among the population and people are happy with the services they receive. Satisfied clients lead any kind of business to great success.



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*The European Union supports agriculture and rural development of Georgia through the programme of ENPARD, which has been implemented in Georgia since 2013. The total budget is 179.5 mio EUR. The main goal of the ENPARD is to reduce the rural poverty. The main priority of the first phase of the program was to support agricultural development, whereas the main aim of the second and third phases is to promote economic opportunities and capacity building of people living in the rural areas. For the additional information, please follow the link: [www.enpard.ge](http://www.enpard.ge)*