# NIS Advisory Group Members

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# Scope of Work

**Objectives of the Advisory Group:**

1. Strengthen the legitimacy of the NIS process and help secure the buy-in of the anti-corruption community into the final report and recommendations
2. Contribute to achieving wide consultation and debate on the results and recommendations of the NIS assessment
3. Advise TI Georgia on the main aspects of project implementation

**Specific tasks of the Advisory Group:**

- Review and validate NIS indicator scores for each pillar and provide expert feedback on NIS draft report findings (TI Georgia and the TI Secretariat in Berlin will revise the final report, based on AG recommendations)
- Advise on research (e.g. identifying interviewees)
- Advise on outreach (e.g. identifying NIS workshop attendees)
- Attend the NIS workshop, and possibly help to facilitate breakout sessions
- Review the recommendations section of the final report after the NIS workshop to ensure that it adequately reflects the participant's discussions and focuses on strategically important policy areas
- Promote the NIS Assessment findings and recommendations once published

**Validating Scores:** A validation meeting among the Advisory Group, the researcher and the NIS coordinator is held after the scores have been assigned by the researcher. The aim of the validation meeting is to review and comment on the initial scores before they are presented at the National workshop. If the Advisory Group does not agree with a specific score, it can request either (a) a justification (i.e. ask the researcher to provide further evidence in the country report so that the qualitative information aligns with the quantitative score), or (b) a change in the score by the researcher. The Advisory Group decides on these requests via majority vote, if necessary. The outcomes of the meeting should be recorded in a supplementary document. TI Georgia then reworks the NIS report and scores and submits them to TI-Secretariat for review to check whether, from an outsider's perspective, the respective score matches the qualitative information presented in the report. Where a disagreement arises between the researcher, TI Chapter, Advisory Group or TI-S, the final decision about the score is made by TI Georgia.

**The National Integrity Workshop:** The National Integrity Workshop, scheduled to take place in October, is an integral part of the entire NIS assessment process and serves to connect the research component with the advocacy component of the project. Advisory Group members should attend the workshop, and either help facilitate or provide some other specific role, TBD upon further consultation with members.