

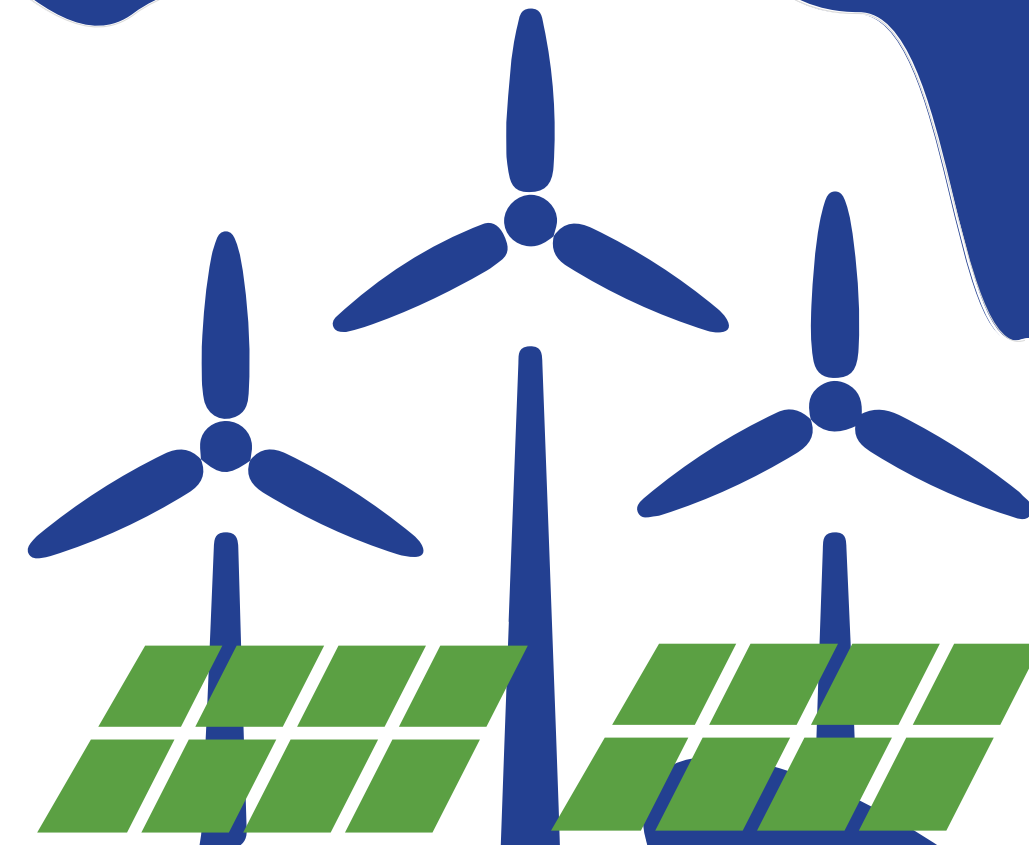
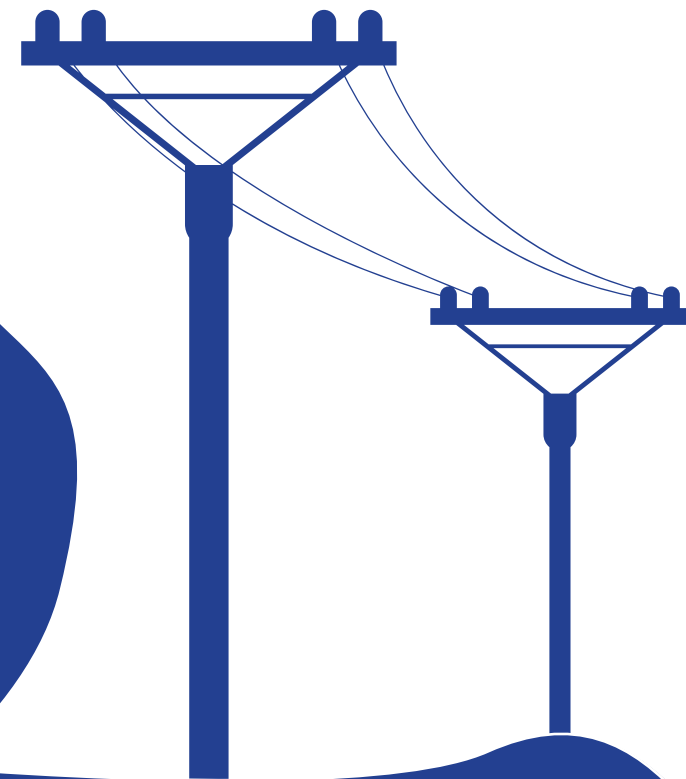
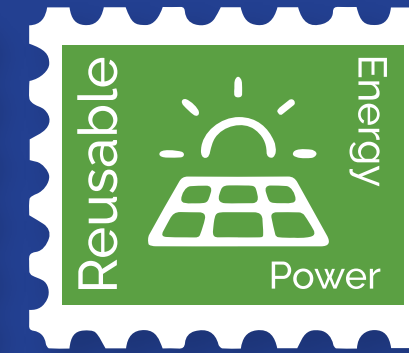
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Youth leading the energy transition



Rustavi, South of Georgia



10th-20th September, 2024



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About the project



- Georgia heavily depends on energy imports from Russia and Azerbaijan, both recently involved in conflicts, with Russia occupying 20% of Georgia's territory. Moving to renewable energy sources is crucial for Georgia's autonomy.
- The country also faces environmental issues like uncontrolled grazing, illegal logging, poor waste management, and melting glaciers, along with political unrest and a widening socio-economic gap.
- A Youth Exchange (YE) project aims to address these issues through informal and non-formal education. Young participants will learn about Georgia's situation, European climate efforts, and energy communities. The project fosters dialogue and unity, encouraging participants to rethink their approaches and strengthen their collective resolve.



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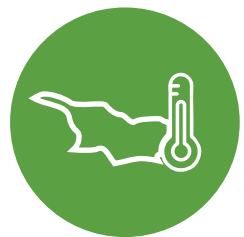
The project topics



The project shall contribute to sustainable growth by providing knowledge and the right incentives to change one's decisions and ways of consuming (e.g., energy) and moving. The project will also inform about quality job and career opportunities.



Highlight the importance of the European unity and foster a sense of unity between all actors.



Gather vital information on climate change and its consequences on Georgia.



You will be able to spend the duration of the project with a group of youngsters like themselves, network and connect with each-other. You will be united in interest in the developments in the energy sector (political factors included). They will be able to rethink their ways in a collective that will hopefully grow stronger throughout the project and beyond.



Implementing the project in Georgia will most likely also increase mobility volume, as Georgia is one of the most interesting Eastern European countries, which will continue attracting people long after the project is closed.





And main objectives



1) Raising awareness about climate change, the necessary transformation of our energy systems, socio-economic and political problems involved;



2) Involving the local population of Rustavi and showing them what solar energy is capable of;



3) Teaching about the European Union's efforts and how everyone can get involved and be part of the solution;



5) Sharing cultural experiences between partners and exposing them to the unique Georgian culture;



4) Connecting youth from Europe and the European partner states and creating friendships;



6) Creating long-lasting networks between the partner organisations and spreading awareness of Erasmus+;



Who can participate



i The project is inclusive and open to people of all religions and ethnicities, disregarding socio-economic or educational backgrounds. No energy transition or climate change knowledge is required, and no experience in Erasmus+ is needed. Even though everyone is welcome, a good level of English is expected and will be considered an advantage.

We are looking for motivated young people between the age of 18 and 30. Participants will spend 8 days with strangers from many European countries in a foreign and “exotic” country and should be mentally prepared.

! Participants, please double-check with the organisers if your travel proposals are ok, you should confirm with us before purchasing them.

The national teams of the youth exchange will be:



14 participants



7 participants



7 participants



7 participants



7 participants



7 participants

Register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11w4cAs57rXmBdMbVLJkn43K2aiqqzyRfowdbUNledr4/viewform?edit_requested=true



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Travel, food, accommodation

The European Union covers tickets, food and accommodation.



Calculate here: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

 Travel distances	 Green travel amount per participant	 Non-green travel amount per participant
Between 10 - 99 km	56€ per participant	28€ per participant
Between 100 - 499 km	285€ per participant	211€ per participant
Between 500 - 1999 km	417€ per participant	309€ per participant
Between 2000 - 2999 km	535€ per participant	395€ per participant
Between 3000 - 3999 km	785€ per participant	580€ per participant
Between 4000 - 7999 km	1.188€ per participant	1.188€ per participant
Between 8000 km or more	1.735€ per participant	1.735€ per participant



Sessions schedule

10th-20th September 2024. The official start is the 11th in the morning

Arrival day

- Official welcome & Introduction

Day 1

- Expectations & Programme
- Getting to know each other
- Principles of cooperation – agreed by participants
- Daily Reflexion Unit: Reflection groups

Day 2

- Trust building activities
- Team-building exercises and debriefing
- Excursion, Tour around the city, City Racing
- Daily Reflexion Unit: Reflection groups

Day 3

- Datas Ezo - Morning Activity
- Datas Ezo - Afternoon Activity
- Datas Ezo - Daily Reflection

Day 4

- Workshop Preparations
- Session on Energy Cooperatives and the role of the Individual Person
- Free time for participants
- Daily Reflexion Unit: Reflection groups

Day 5

- Field Trip
- Georgian Diner

Day 6

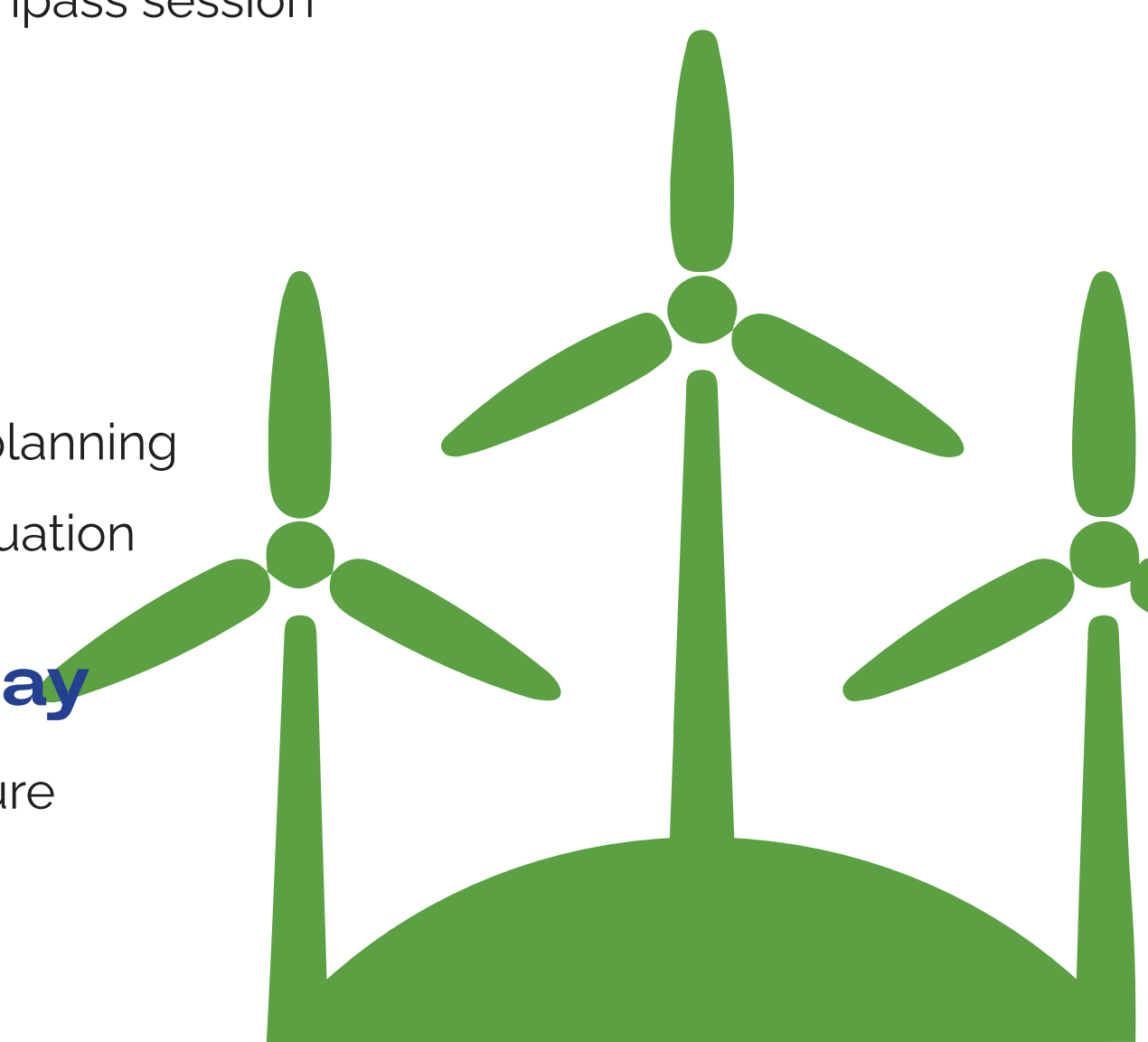
- Session on EU
- Erasmus+ and Youthpass session
- Public Action
- Cultural Evening

Day 7

- Follow-up activity planning
- Summing up - Evaluation

Departure day

- Goodbye & departure





What to bring?



1. Appropriate clothing for Georgian climate (mostly warm, but nights can be refreshing. Raincoats can be helpful)



2. Anything for the cultural night



3. Sunglasses & sunscreen



4. Medication, if necessary



5. Cash (to avoid problems with ATM and commissions). Money can be exchanged almost everywhere



6. Bring your own towels & cosmetics



7. Cameras for documenting our fun & adventure



Intercultural night

Bring smth authentic from your country, cook 1 dish, present your culture

The aim is to raise cultural awareness and to make other participants want to visit your country!

Please, bring with you something that represents your country (food, drinks, sweets, etc.). During the Intercultural night, you will represent your country using presentations, videos, songs, or dances. Every country will have **max.(!) 15 min.** to present the country. Please discuss everything with your national teams to coordinate it in advance



Participants presenting Denmark on cultural night on other exchange project



Food ideas for participants



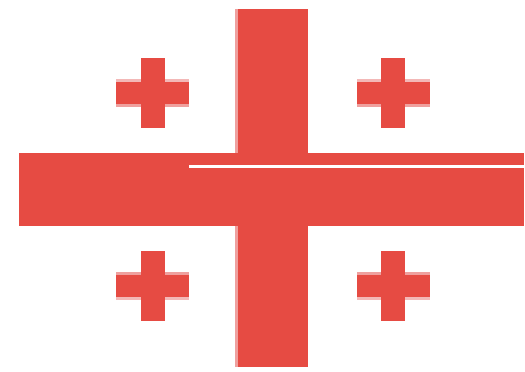
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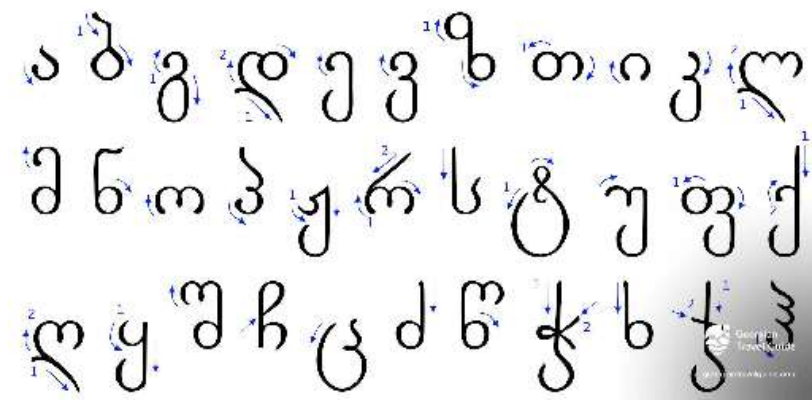


Info about Rustavi and Georgia

GEORGIA (GEORGIAN: საქართველო - SAKARTVELO) is a transcontinental country in Eastern Europe and West Asia. It is part of the Caucasus region, bounded by the Black Sea to the west, Russia to the north and northeast, Turkey to the southwest, Armenia to the south, and Azerbaijan to the southeast. Georgia covers an area of 69,700 square kilometres. It has a population of 3.7 million, of which over a third live in the capital and largest city, Tbilisi.



Flag



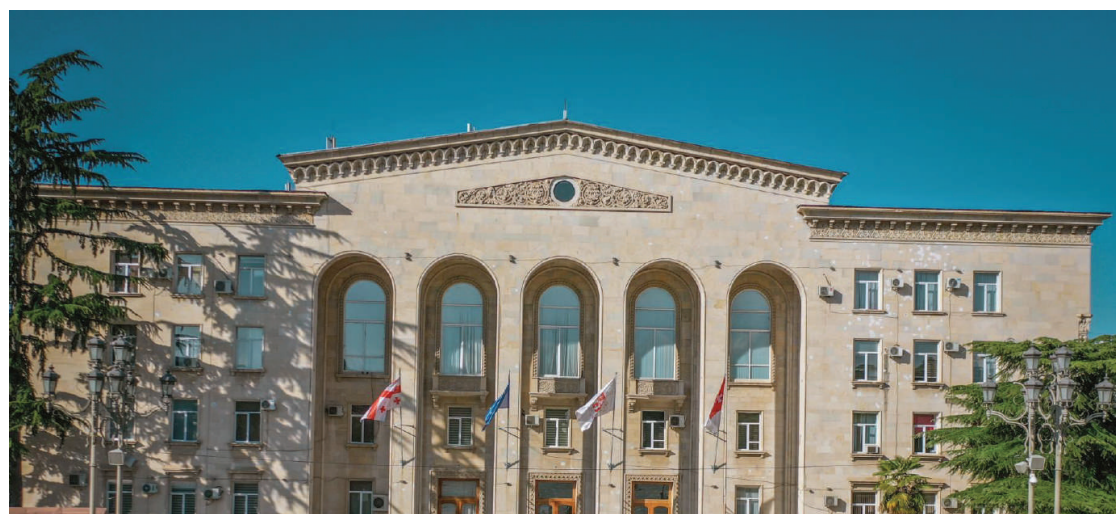
Alphabet - "Anbani" - in Georgian



Currency - GEL - Lari - ლ



Famous for food & Hospitality



Town hall of Rustavi aka Meria

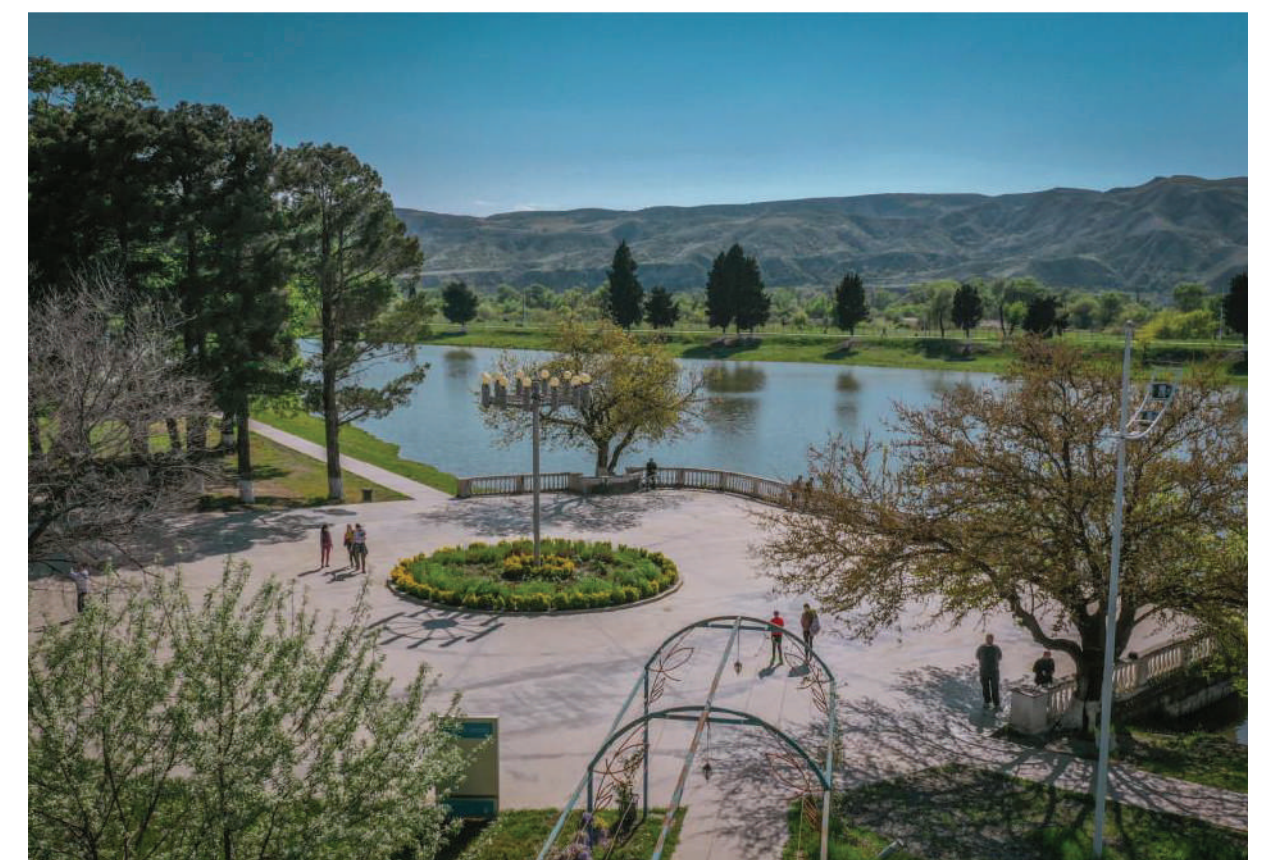
RUSTAVI (GEORGIAN: რუსთავი) Rustavi is one of the ancient towns of Georgia. The history of Rustavi has two phases: an early history from ancient times until the city was destroyed in the 13th century and modern history from the Soviet era to the present. Rustavi was rebuilt as a major industrial center during the Soviet era. Rustavi is the site of approximately 90 large and medium-sized industrial plants.



Rustavi Metallurgical Plant



ISCR - you will be staying here!



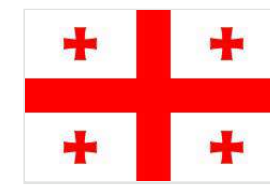
Recreational park of Rustavi aka central park



Useful phrases in Georgian

Official spoken language is "Kartuli" - kartvelian language, meaning Georgian

English 



Kartuli ქართული

hello

Gamardjoba

გამარჯობა

how are you

Rogor khar?

როგორ ხარ?

I'm fine and you?

kargad shen?

კარგად შენ?

Yes / No

ki / ara

კი / არა

thank you

madloba

მადლობა

you are welcome

araphris

არაფრის

cheers to us!

gagvimardjos!

გაგვიმარჯოს!

where is..?

sad aris..?

სად არის?

how much does it cost?

ra ghirs?

რა ღირს?

Stop the car

Gamichere

გამიჩერე

you will need to use this word in public transportation

the day after tomorrow

zeg

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Public transportation

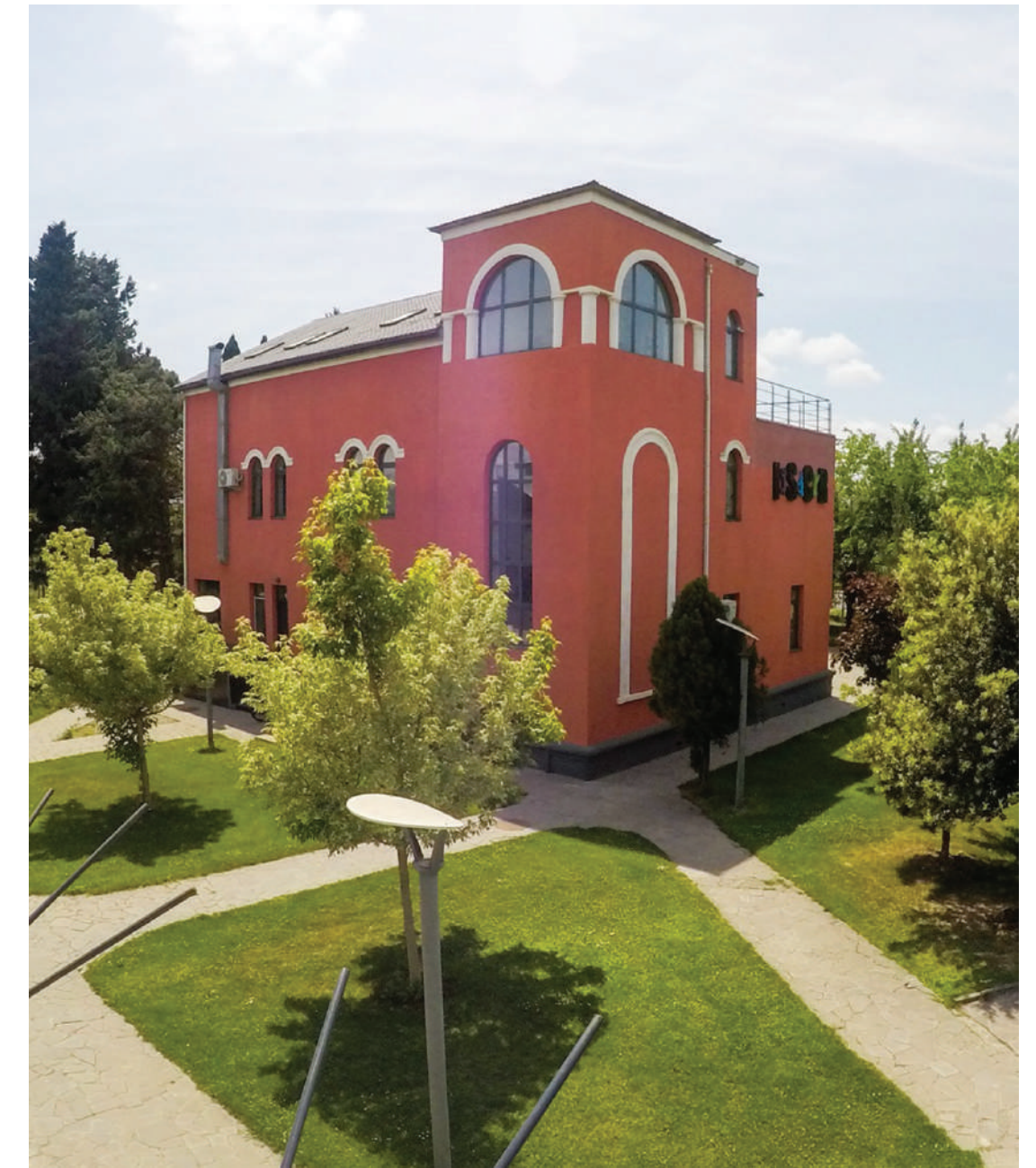
Inside Rustavi

Your location

You will be located in Old Rustavi, on the other side of the bridge, at International Scout Centre of Rustavi, on **9 Balanchivadze Str.** Even though it is an ideal place for collective activities, it's quite remote. For this reason, you might have to walk 100m to the closest station, or call a taxi (Bolt taxis are white in Georgia.)

What you need to know

There are three types of transportation in Rustavi : Bus, Marshutka (transit van), or Taxi (yes, we use taxis as public transportation, because it is cheap and often the fastest solution). You can take either the **Marshutka #22** or the **Bus #2** from the main road to get to ISCR (the last stop on the line). You can pay as you get off (80 cents for Marshrutka, 50 cents for the Bus). The bus stops on designated stops, but the Marshrutka is more flexible. Simply say the magic word: "Ak Gamichere" (stop here in Georgian), and they will stop immediately. The buses work between 06:22 AM to 22:46 costs 0.50 Gel, you pay inside using coins or by card.



This is "Marshutka"



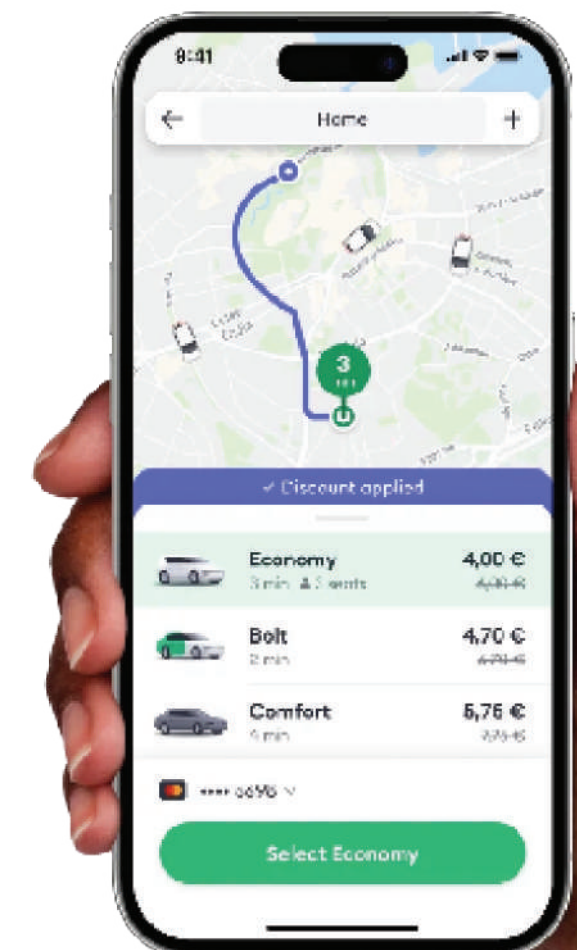
This is bus



This is Taxi

Taxi numbers

Inside Rustavi you can call: **+995 0341 25 09 09**, **+995 0341 28 88 88**. Tell them your address and destination, and the car will pick you up in apx 15 minutes. The taxi costs 5 Gel to get from one side of Rustavi to the other. Or you can download the Bolt app and use it in or in between Rustavi and Tbilisi.



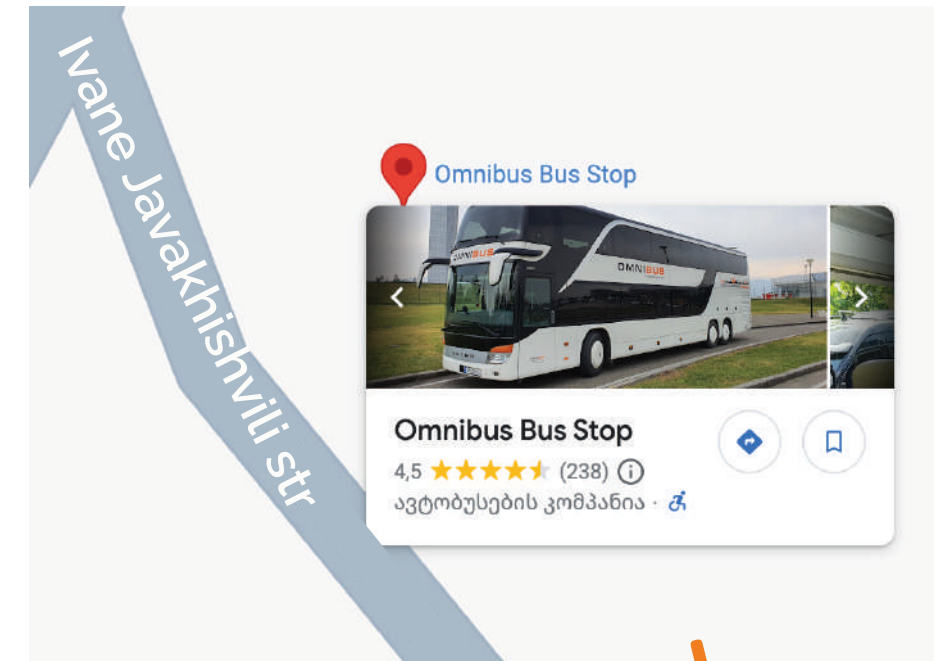


Public transportation

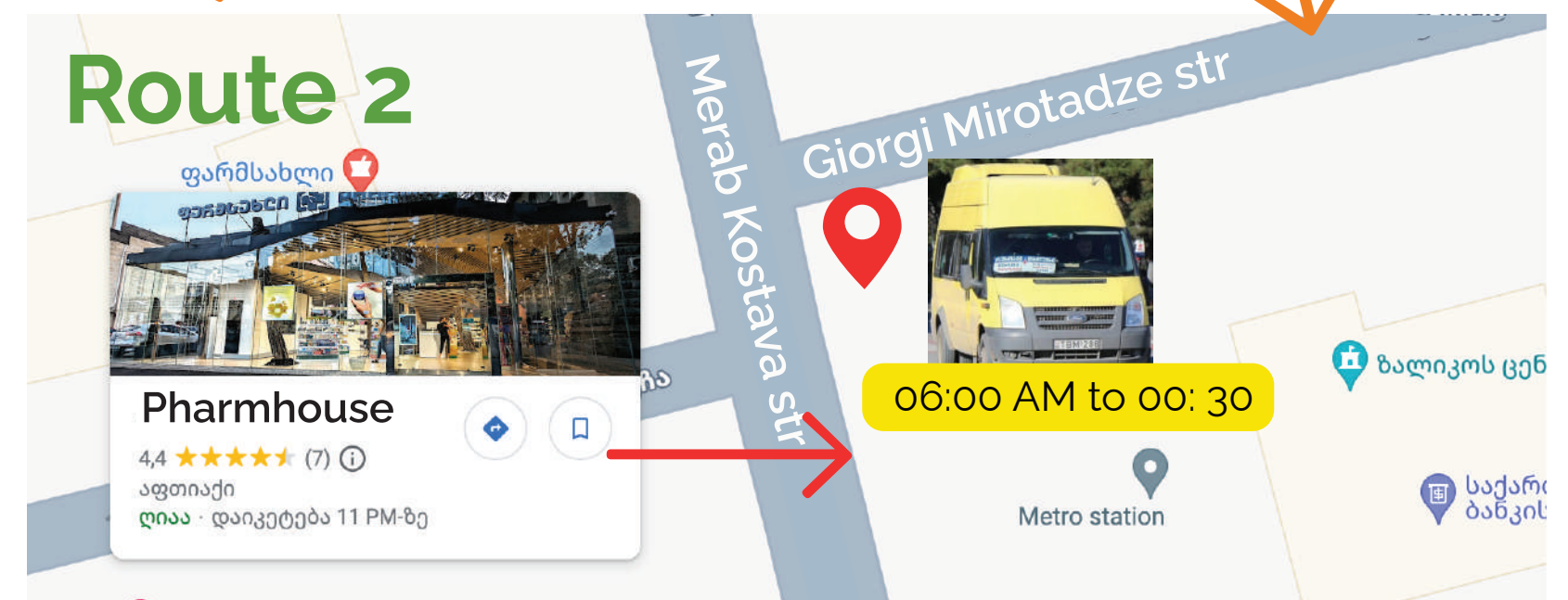
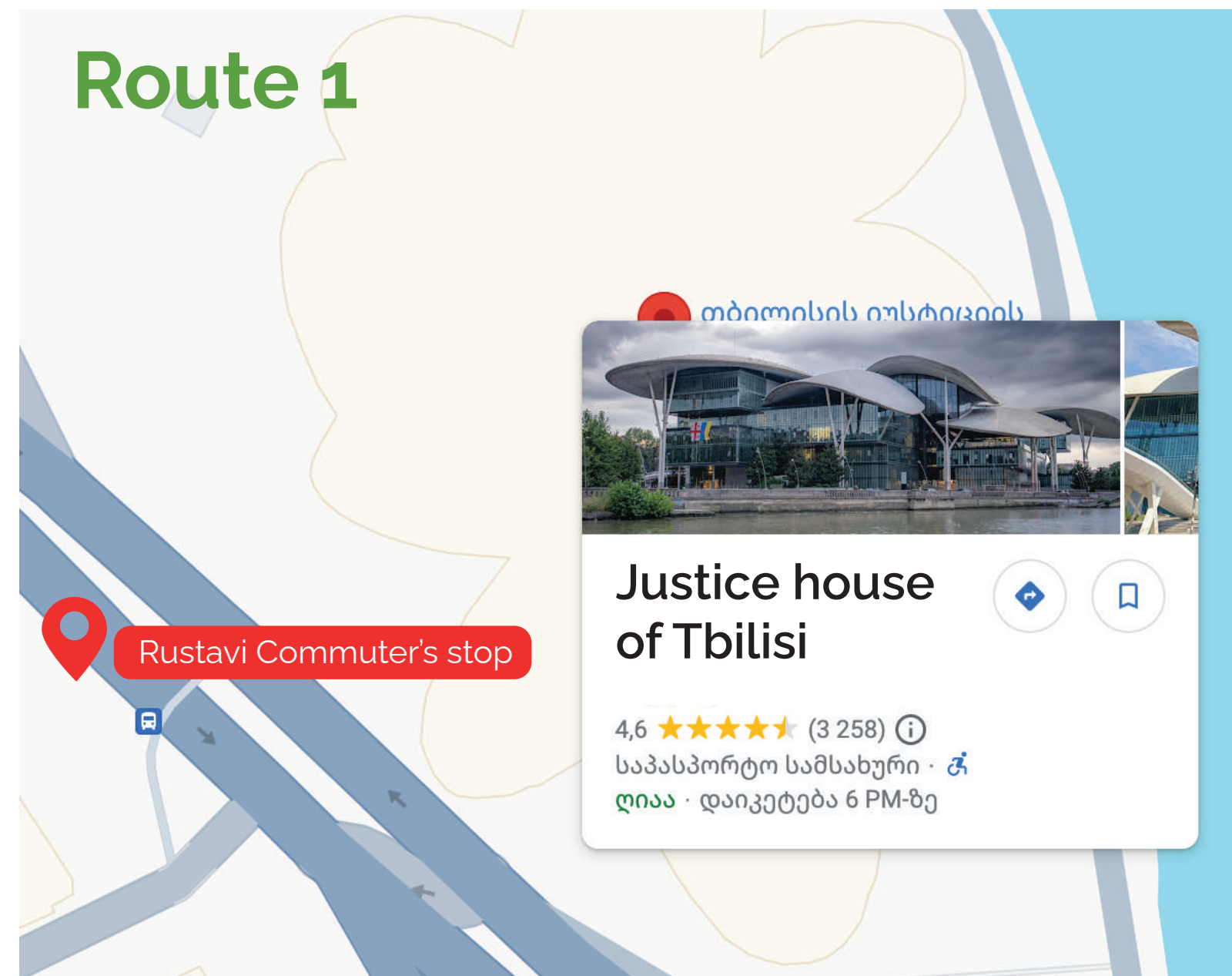
Kutaisi → Tbilisi → Rustavi

We will organise a pick-up two times on the 10th September underneath the bicycle on Rustaveli str. Go to the omnibus stop on Mikheil Javakhishvili St. Exact times will follow, once you start your bookings.

Taking public transportation in Georgia is not an easy task. Most information available (if there is any) will be in Georgian - Except the few trains circulating between Kutaisi and Tbilisi. If you fly to Kutaisi you can buy your bus ticket at the airport and arrive to Tbilisi for 25 GEL (8 EUR). Buses are scheduled according to flights. The bus will stop on Ivane Javakhishvili str. From there nothing goes to Rustavi, so you should either take a taxi for 30 Gel (10 EUR) or a yellow van opposite of Tbilisi's Justice house. (see Route 1)



← **Rustavi Van station**



Alternative stop is in front of Casino Adjara, on the side of Tbilisi Sports' Palace. Marshutkas leave every half an hour or when they are full. They operate from 06:00 to 00:30. In period of 19:00 - 21:00 they are always full, and city gets overcrowded too.

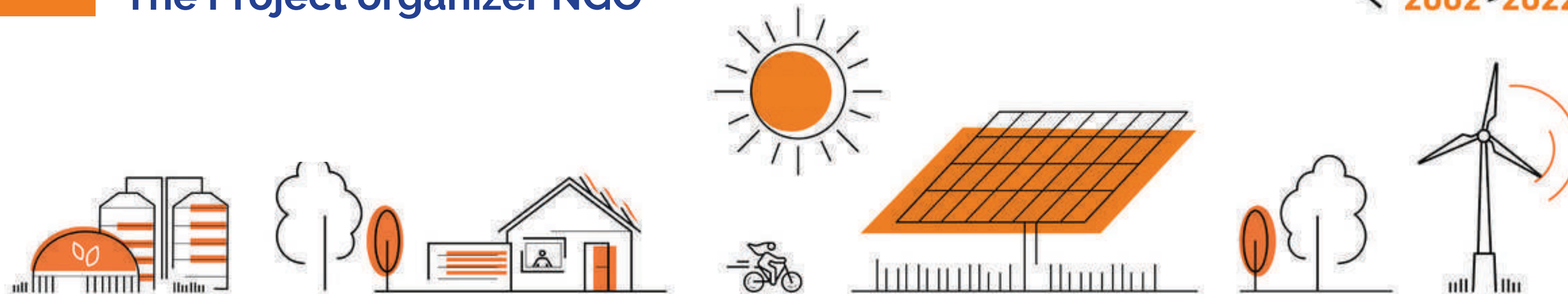
Tip: You can pay your transportation fee (2.80GEL) directly to the driver. When you are in Rustavi you should say Stop!

Every van that goes to Rustavi will drive on this road. To make it stop, you need to give them Hand sign. It won't stop if it's full.



Eurosolar Luxembourg

The Project organizer NGO



Eurosolar Luxembourg a.s.b.l. is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting renewable energy in Luxembourg. It is a national branch of the European Association for Renewable Energy (Eurosolar), which aims to foster the development and implementation of sustainable energy sources. The organization focuses on advocating for policies that support renewable energy, educating the public and stakeholders about the benefits of renewable energy, and supporting projects and initiatives that advance the use of sustainable energy technologies. Eurosolar Luxembourg actively collaborates with various entities, including government bodies, businesses, and other non-profits, to accelerate the transition towards a renewable energy future.



Paul Zens - President of Eurosolar Lux

Paul's letter to participants

Dear participants,

Welcome to the European Youth Exchange in Rustavi, Georgia! Our world faces urgent environmental challenges, and transitioning to renewable energy is crucial.

With generous support from the European Union, this youth exchange can take place and potentially reach a great number of people from all over Europe. Spreading awareness of the problems and the solutions that can benefit the whole society are among our key motivations to promote this project.

Let's embrace this chance to make a difference and drive the change towards renewable energy together - today.

Best regards,
Paul Zens






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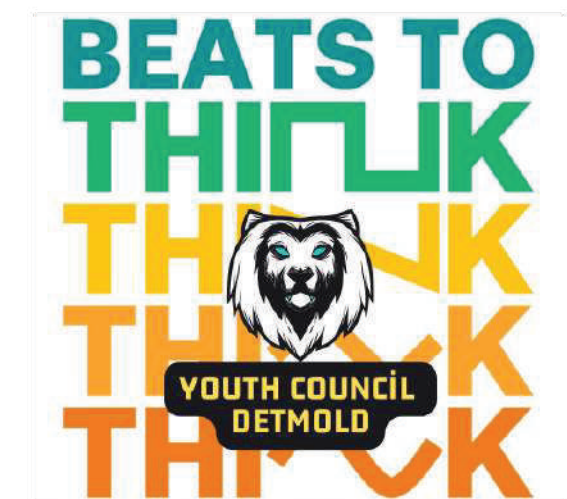
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