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Meeting with Italian Minister of Economic Development



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Georgia and Italy have a significant potential for furthering their economic cooperation, as it was pointed out at today's meeting between Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili and Italian Minister of Economic Development Carlo Calenda, who also discussed some of the key issues of trade and economic relations between the countries.

According to Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Italy is one of one of Georgia's largest trade partners, with the trade volume growing by 23% in 2016, and the DCFTA with the EU offering new opportunities for closer bilateral cooperation.

The parties hope that the Business Forum in Rome will further attract Italian entrepreneurs to Georgia's investment potential and encourage growth in Georgian export.

During the meeting, Italy's vast experience was emphasized, especially when it comes to SMEs. The Prime Minister of Georgia introduced Carlo Calenda to the Georgian Government's four-point reform agenda deigned to carry out economic growth-oriented reforms, to create a system of education focused on human capital development, spatial planning, and effective governance.

The Georgian Prime Minister and the Minister of Economic Development of Italy spoke of the potential for tourism cooperation.

The parties agreed an Italian business mission, consisting of leading Italian companies, would visit Tbilisi in May to study Georgia's investment environment.

Giorgi Kvirikashvili, in the company of representatives of the business community, also attended a working dinner at the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, during which the parties once again discussed Georgia's investment opportunities and attractive business environment. Prime Minister's Press Office