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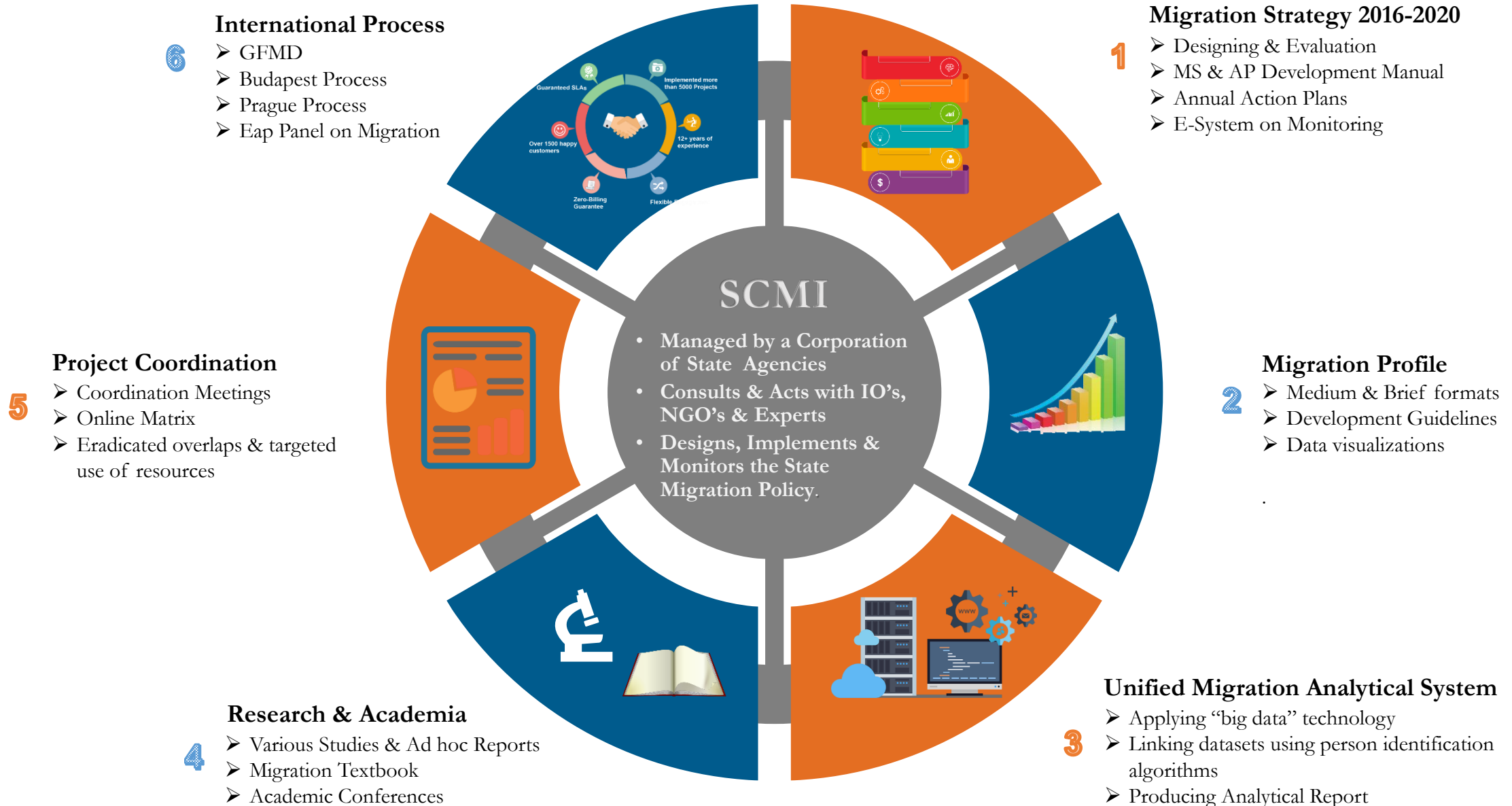
Migration Management in Georgia

SCMI Secretariat

MFA

2019

Migration Management System in Georgia



Challenges & Ongoing Action



1

Name/Surname Change

Since restriction of procedures (May 2018) positive decisions on Name/Surname change has **decreased almost twice** compared to the same period of a previous year.

2

New Biometric Passports

From 2020 Georgia is planning to introduce new Generation Biometric Passports, which will be **in full compliance with the technical specifications of EC Implementing Decision #7774 (30.11.2018)**

3

Elimination of Non-Biometric Passports

- Since 2014 Georgia fully phased out issuing non-biometric passports. Hence, the number of non-biometric passports **significantly decreased in past 5 years.**
- Georgia systematically reports Interpol **on lost and stolen passports.**

4

ETIAS

Suggestion to Include Personal Number field in ETIAS system in order to ensure **tracking of Georgian Citizens' identification data.**

Combating irregular migration and asylum system abuse

Information campaigns

1st wave

Raising awareness, managing expectations (2015)

2nd wave

Awareness raising on rights and obligations under visa-free regime (2017)

3rd wave

Special emphasis on prevention of the abuse of asylum procedures (2018-ongoing)

EU/Schengen Mobile Application

Legislative initiatives

Restricting the surname-changing procedures

Criminalizing facilitation of asylum system abuse

Restricting the issuance of Travel Document for Return to Georgia



Cooperation with EU Agencies

FRONTEX

Working Arrangement;
Coordination Points – Air 2019

EUROPOL

Liaison Agreement – liaison officer deployed;
SIENA

EUROJUST

Cooperation Agreement - liaison prosecutor will
be deployed

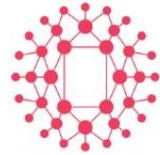
Cooperation with EU Member States

Bilateral agreements with 17 states

Police attachés in 11 states

Georgia is a safe country in 12 states

98% of positive decisions on readmission



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