



## **Supporting the capacity of agricultural producers in Samtskhe-Javakheti region and developing producer co-operatives**

The Estonian Embassy in Georgia financed development cooperation project by Georgian NGO Regional and Local Government Development Institute and NGO Jaan Tõnisson Institute in Estonia.

The aim of the project is to reduce rural poverty and increase the agricultural and economic capability of the farmers in the rural areas of Samtskhe-Javakheti region in Georgia, supporting the creation of rural and agricultural producer co-operatives based on Estonian transition experience. The project supports Georgian government preparations to implement European Neighbourhood Program for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD) co-operatives activities in Samtskhe-Javakheti starting in the autumn of 2014. The project consists of a 5-day training for 10 agricultural producers from the region, carried out in the Estonian University of Life Sciences. The training focuses at best practices and experiences of Estonian agricultural producer co-operatives.

The project is implemented in co-operation with the Estonian Farmers Federation and Estonian University of Life Sciences who have practical experiences in launching and developing successful co-operative activities.