

SWOT Analysis of Anaklia Deepwater Port Construction Projects

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Ports play an especially great role in the issues of strengthening of transportation independence and defensive power of the country, also in increasing its transit potential, improving the socio-economic conditions of the population etc. All the acting ports of Georgia are giving to the country budget the essential part of the customs' taxes.

The construction of Anaklia Port will bring diversification of the possible risks for the country and distribution of cargoes, promotion of employment, filling up the budget and implementing the town-formative function. In the form of Anaklia port, Georgia has the potential to get vessels of any capacity, tonnage and draught, in coastal zone. Existence of such new logistic center is a precedent and welcome measure, which should be seen in the increased consignments that can come from China and India to Europe in the nearest future and vice-versa. This will also be important for our neighboring, so called "locked" countries, which desperately need the shortest route to the world ocean. The construction of large powerful ports will provide our country with competitiveness on the Black Sea.

Anaklia deep-water port construction project, designed by "Inzhinermsheni" Ltd (T. Karchava-S. Eragia) introduced for the expertise in 2010, consisted of: 18 m.depth, inter-ground marine port of 100mln tons turnover, cargo airport, fuel liquefaction plant, access railway and automobile roads, transportation, energetic and engineering services infrastructure, at the southern part of the Enguri river-mouth, between the villages Anaklia and Khorga. It is the most important project for sustainable socio-economic development and political stability of the country.

However, the "winner" company, of conducted in 2015 tender, "Anaklia Development Consortium" (owner Khazaradze and Conti group) here considers construction only a container terminal-port-hab, which has often been mentioned by the government members, as a logistics center on the Black Sea. The planned location of the port-hub (in case of better alternative: T.Karchava-S.Eragia' project) is completely destroying the development of recreational potential in Anaklia and creates social, economic and ecological problems (more than 100 families frightened by the expropriation have been displaced from their ancestors' land and houses, getting compensation from country' poor budget; Almost 4 km in length, totally 100 hectares of coastal area have been ruined irreversibly and unplanned; local population health is impacted by the various sources of environmental pollution), about which we will discuss below.