

General Government Debt Management Strategy 2023-2026

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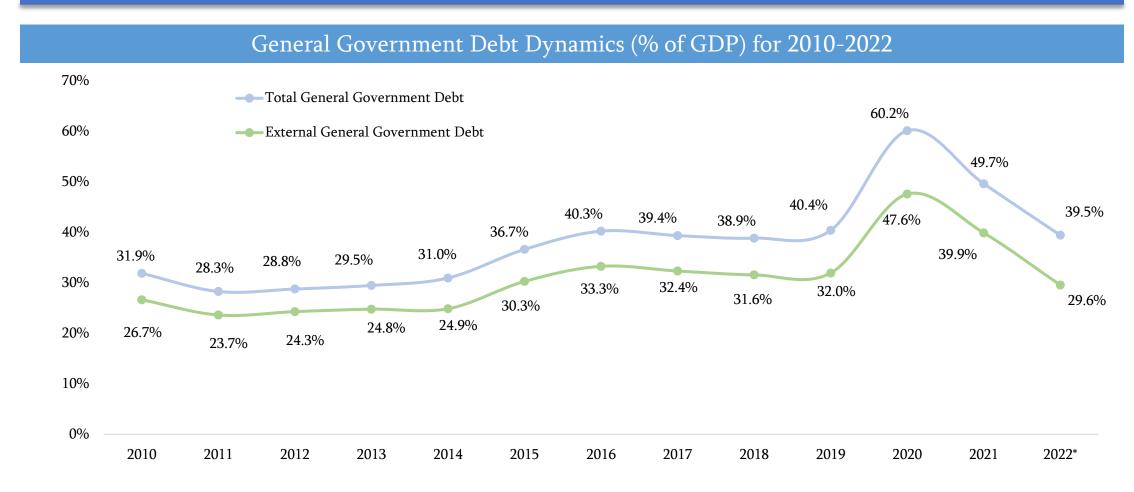
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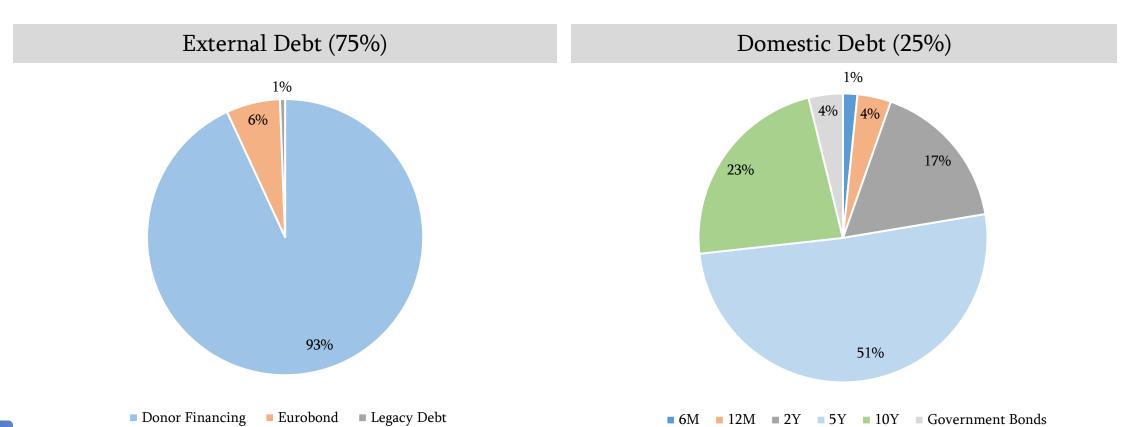
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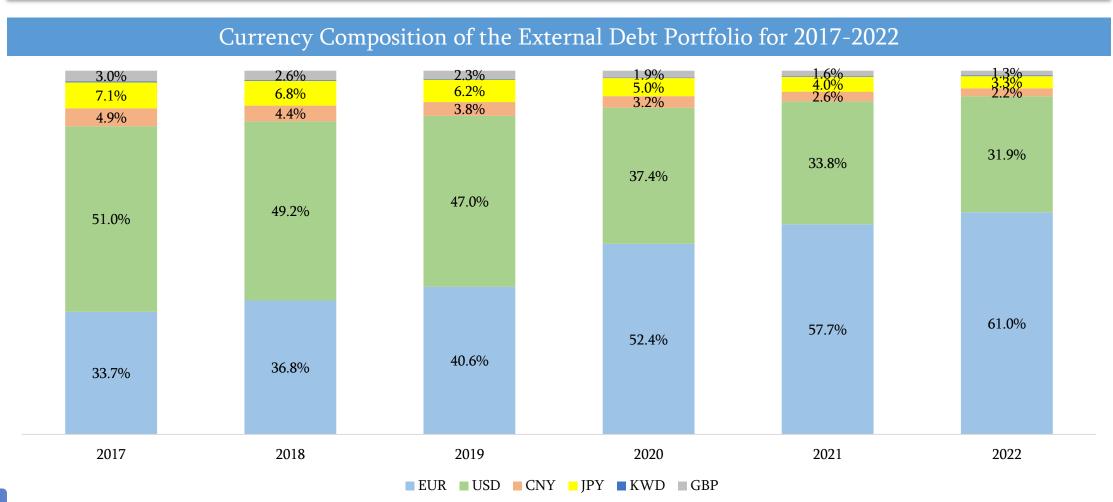




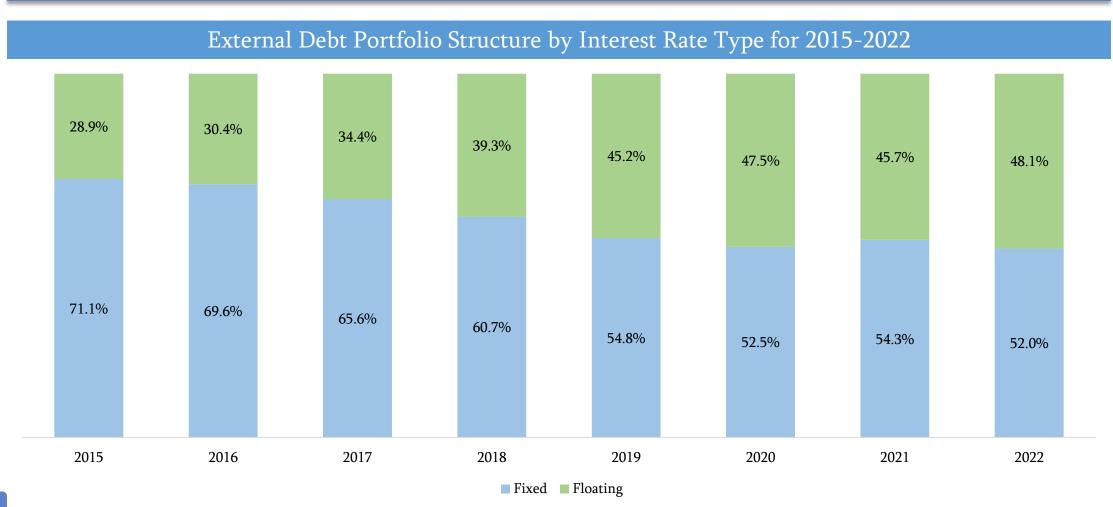
External and Domestic Debt portfolio by types of Instruments as of 2022













Strategic Directions of General Government Debt Management

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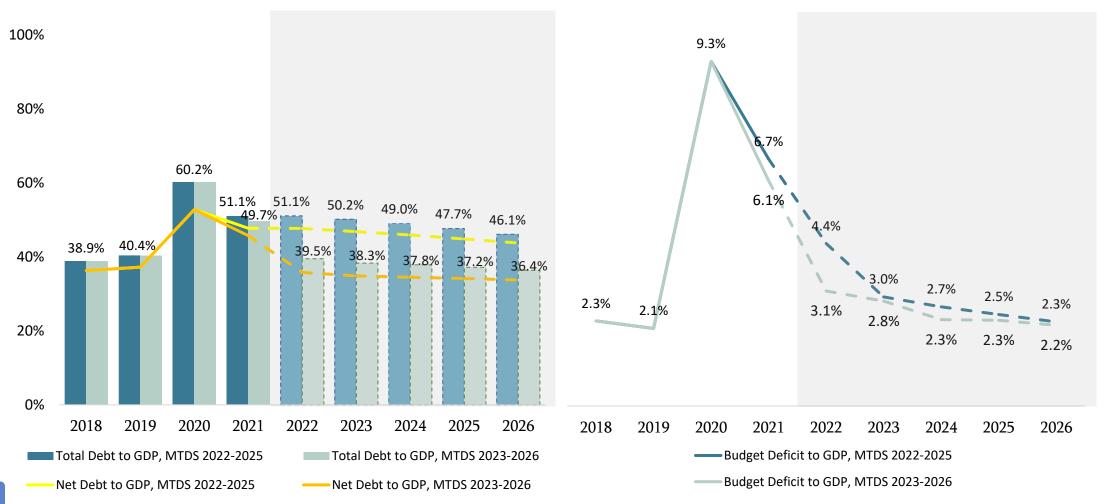


Strategic Directions of General Government Debt Management

- 1. Maintaining the government net debt to GDP ratio at the safe level;
- 2. Increasing GEL-denominated debt share in the government debt portfolio;
- 3. Increasing the focus on the development-oriented external loans;
- 4. Cost and risk optimization of the government total debt portfolio;
- 5. Treasury securities' market development.

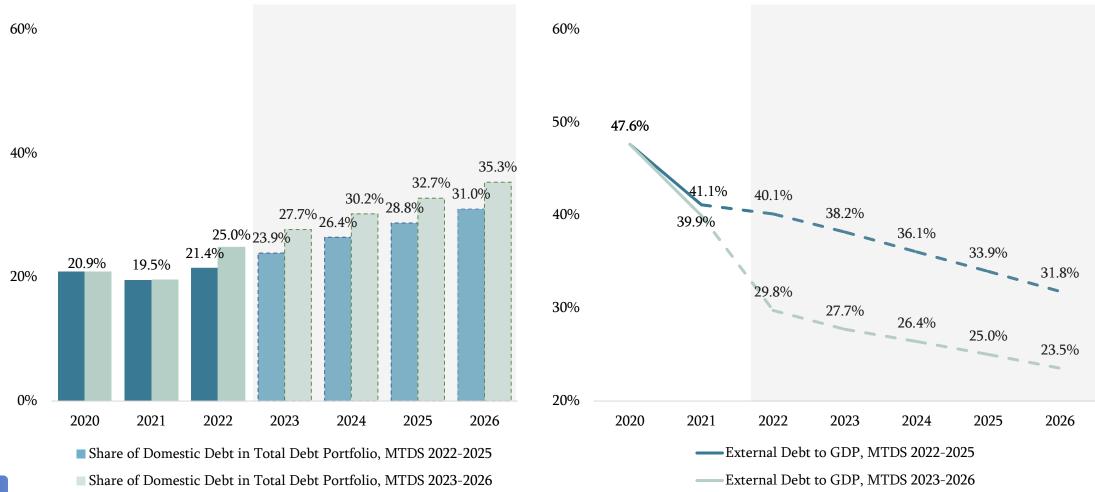
1. Maintaining the Government Net Debt to GDP Ratio at the Safe Level





2. Increasing GEL-denominated Debt Share in the Government Debt Portfolio





3. Increasing the Focus on the Development-oriented External Loans

Principles for investment loans:

- ➤ Large and complex projects;
- ➤PIM Methodology;
- >State-owned enterprises' reform :
 - On-lending takes place only in case when state-owned enterprise implements corporate governance practices;
 - o For fully corporatized enterprises, the government will stop on-lending practices.

Principles for program loans:

- ➤ Significant transformational reforms;
- For the program loans an annual limit of \$ 250 million is set from 2022.

4. Cost and Risk Optimization of the Government Total Debt Portfolio



To manage refinancing risk, it is important that:

- ➤ The average time to maturity (ATM):
 - The government total debt portfolio should not fall below 5.5 years;
 - The domestic debt portfolio should be maintained above 3 years.
- The share of the debt maturing within 1 year should not exceed 15.0% of the total debt portfolio.

Key parameters considered while taking a new loan are:

- ➤ Grant element;
- ➤ Loan currency;
- ➤ Type of interest rate.





5. Government Securities' Market Development

- ➤ Increase the market liquidity;
 - Concentrate the portfolio on various strong benchmarks;
 - Meet international index inclusion requirements (FTSE Frontier Emerging Markets Government Bond Index, JP Morgan GBI-EM).
- ➤ Diversify investor base.



Target Indicators

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Types of Risk	Indicators	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Preliminary)	2026 (Target)
Refinancing Risk	Debt maturing within 1 year (% of total) for total government debt	9.2%	7.4%	Max. 15.0%
	ATM for total government debt	7.9	7.5	Min. 5.5
	ATM for government domestic debt 3.0 2.8	2.8	Min. 3.0	
Interest Rate Risk	Share of fixed-interest external debt in government external debt	54.3%	52.0%	Min. 50.0%
Exchange Rate Risk	Share of government domestic debt into total government debt	19.6%	24.8%	Min. 30.0%
Solvency Risk	Government net debt to GDP ratio	45.7%	35.8%	Max. 40.0%



Target Indicators

Indicators	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Preliminary)	2026 (Target)
Limit on External Program Loans	-	277 mln USD	250 mln USD
Conversion of on-lent resources into market instruments	-	-	900 mln GEL
PIM-based investment loans	-	100%	100%
Program loans approved by the Fiscal Board of the Ministry of Finance	-	100%	100%
Non-resident investors participation in the local market	9.6%	4.2%	25%
Compliance with JP Morgan GBI-EM index inclusion requirements	42.8%	52.4%	100%

Thank You!