

**Information provided by Georgia about the following topic discussed in the  
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**OUTBOUND TOURISM: Household / border surveys**

**1) Could you evaluate the present information available regarding flows of visitors?**

We have lack of information on outbound tourism. Borders Police of Georgia calculates Georgian citizens which are crossing the borders and leaving country (1473437). Therefore, we don't have information about their purpose of travel and destinations which they might to visit. Investigating data of Shuttle structure of foreign trade fix the index (209\$) on import of tourist services.

Survey of households investigates residents' total expenditures on education, culture & recreation; it's impossible to single out expenditures on recreation.

**2) About the measurement of tourism expenditure and the BOP debit side data for the "travel" item.**

From the total number of Georgian citizens leaving country are excluded diplomats, students, officials trips. Sources of such information are different public institutions, like ministries, Department of statistics and etc. Estimated number is multiplied on shuttle trade data of tourist services that are justified by border means. (Cause Air-transport passengers are spending (674,5\$) more than Road passengers (134,3\$).

**3) Is there a clear interest in the analysis of outbound tourism?**

At this stage there isn't clear interest to analyse outbound tourism

**4) Are there new initiatives envisaged to improve the measurement of this form of tourism?**