



Joining Ecovillage Georgia as Friendly Lender Guideline 2026

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Sour Plum harvesting, summer 2025



Ecovillage Georgia is an intentional community building a regenerative, ecological and socially just future in rural Georgia. It was initiated by a group of Georgian and international people who share values of trust, cooperation and care, and a desire for a more sustainable, grounded way of life.

In 2023, we jointly purchased a beautiful 6.5-hectare plot of land in the Lagodekhi municipality of Kakheti, nestled at the foot of the Greater Caucasus mountains. The land offers space for housing, fresh water, fertile soil, trees and stunning views; everything needed to build the ecovillage we envision. We are currently in the early stages of building the first ecovillage in the South Caucasus, and we warmly welcome more people to co-create this journey.



WHERE?

An amazing, fertile piece of land at the foot of the great Caucasus Mountains, in the village of **Ninigori, Lagodekhi municipality**, Kakheti, around 2,5 hours away from Tbilisi. The land covers 6.5 hectares and includes approximately 1 hectare of fruit trees, primarily a hazelnut plantation, a small river channel, patches of acacia forest, one large barn building (currently under renovation), and two organic vegetable gardens. Our land has been used as an animal farm for more than 70 years. Part of this land is planned for residential use, an enterprise area, and the surrounding and connecting spaces are being considered for reforestation.

Our amazing land is in the village of Ninigori, Lagodekhi municipality, Kakheti, around 2,5 hours away from Tbilisi. There is an asphalt road leading there and public transport is going nearby. There are also shops and a direct connection to the village.

Lagodekhi area is special for its high biodiversity, with the oldest [national park](#) in the South Caucasus located just a 20-minute drive from our land. The region is rich in rivers, waterfalls, and exceptional flora and fauna. Lagodekhi is also known for its unique microclimate, abundant water resources, and fertile soil, which allow for the cultivation of a wide range of crops. With good planning, it is even possible to grow certain subtropical species, such as kiwis, and to harvest some crops up to three times per year.

Our 6.5 ha agricultural land includes a little stream, fruit and hazelnut trees and a 1000 m² cattle farm building that is being renovated, as well as two small (one room) buildings in the entrance of the property. There is (mobile) internet, gas, electricity and drinking and irrigation water (including a fruit forest area with a functioning irrigation system).



View on the land. Winter 2025



VISION:

We are a group of Georgian and international people, a voluntarily, self-organised, non-hierarchical, inclusive community thriving in mutual respect and support. We are co-learning and implementing approaches to regenerative ecology and culture. Being interconnected with the wider community, we desire to create a sustainable society.

Our goal is to live and work on our land full time and to be a living example of a sustainable and regenerative lifestyle, in harmony with nature and with each other. Through this, we aim to promote culture and biodiversity while protecting natural resources, human rights, and the climate.



Picture from the land, "Root and Rise" Eco feminist retreat weekends, 2025



WHAT?

We envision creating an innovative living, learning and working space for max. 24 households, (individual, families and co-living) as residential, long term living spaces, community area (including the renovation of existing buildings on the land, as a community/educational centre) and permaculture garden, workshop space, social businesses/enterprises, open learning space for young and old, etc.



Fall harvest of 2025, Picture from the old barn



HOW?

The project is currently held and actively developed by a core team that meets weekly and takes care of strategic, organisational, and operational decisions. The core team works on a voluntary basis and carries the main responsibility for keeping the project running, coordinated, and aligned with the community's values. We are a non-hierarchical organization, making decisions based on consent. We use [sociocracy](#) for decision making. Our goal is to reach consent and distribute responsibilities, ensuring clarity on who will be handling what.

The land of the Ecovillage is owned by the not for profit organisation REImagine 4 (COlive, COlearn, COwork, COcreate), which is run by the members of the Ecovillage. Residents, prospective residents and friendly lenders lend money to the NGO that covers the land price, and eventually infrastructure. Each Resident and Prospective resident is entitled to a plot of land to build their house and sustain themselves, and make use of the community infrastructure.



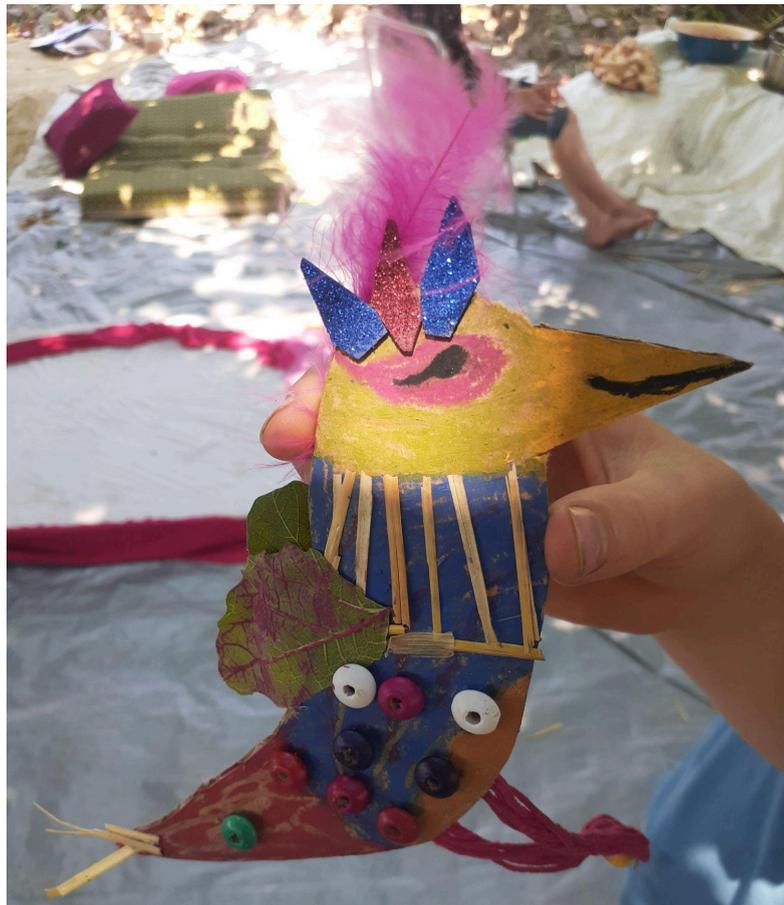
Biodynamic farming workshop April 2025, *Picture of the stream of our land*



CURRENT SITUATION (Start of 2026):

Since the end of 2023, when we purchased the land, we have started big cleaning and the gradual renovation of the barn building, created a compost toilet, a kitchen, and a well-equipped one-room social space. We made two big gardens for vegetables and herbs, diversified our fruit forest with local deciduous and fruit trees, and maintained our older fruit and nut trees. We have hosted retreats, summer camps, tours, and visits from children, friends, and volunteers on the land. We have also developed an architectural plan and are currently going through the legal procedures to change the land status in order to obtain building permissions.

Considering the political situation in the country, our process has been slower than originally planned. Nevertheless, we are moving steadily forward and developing strong plans for 2026 and beyond. An important note is that we do not live on the land full-time yet. We currently spend most of our time there from spring through autumn, and while residential housing construction has not yet started, there is always someone present on the land. Residential houses are planned in the coming year(s), and new residents will have the chance to co-create this area.

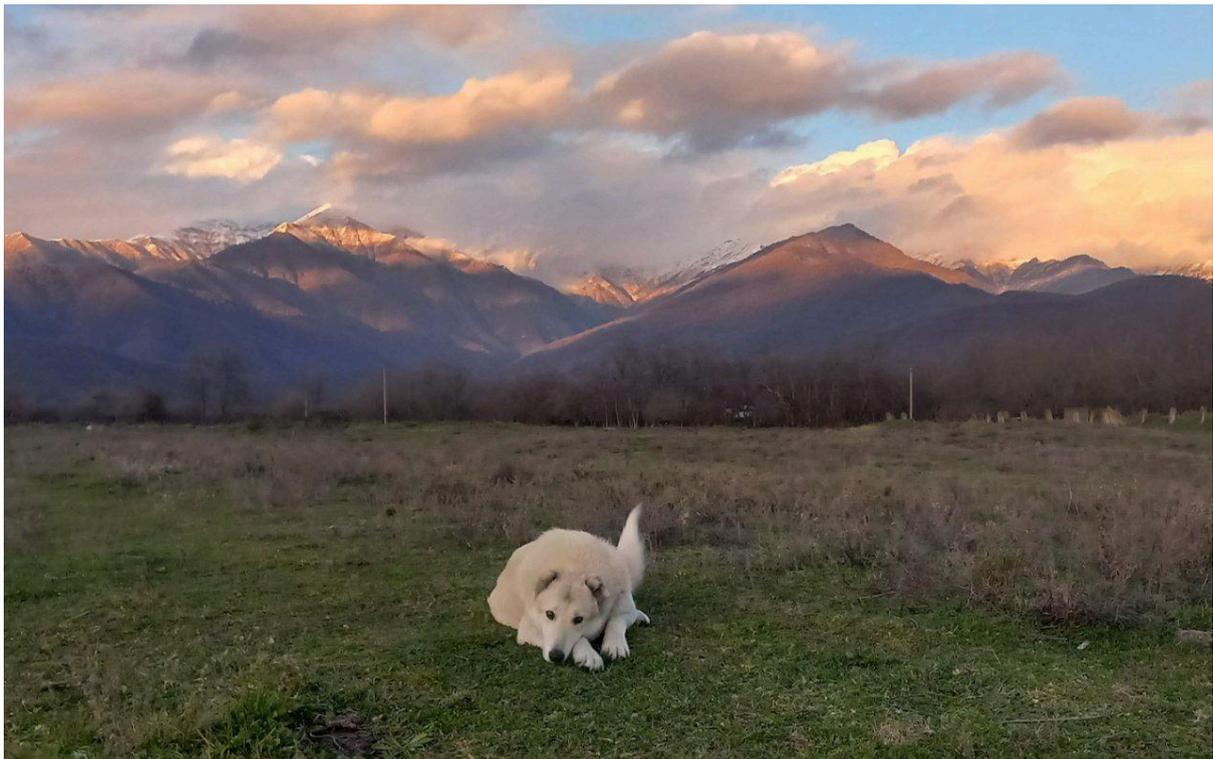


Summer camp 2025: Bird making workshop by Mathis



Steps to join as Friendly Lender:

Since the project is in its initial phase, we invite our friends, family members, and supporters to become **friendly lenders** of Ecovillage Georgia. To support the Ecovillage, you can lend us a minimum of 1000 USD on a negotiated time frame. Lending us money will help to sustain and develop the project. Our aim is to fully cover the land cost through residential shares once around 30 residents have joined the ecovillage. We will repay the loans when residents or new friendly lenders join the project, and our total debt does not exceed the value of our property. Thus loans are secured by the value of the property, a legally valid contract, a loan certificate and will be repaid according to mutually agreed timelines and conditions, without interest. Repayment is planned as the project grows and new residents or loaners join, and exact timelines are agreed individually in the loan agreement.



Pipkia “Snow white” who came to Ecovillage and adopted us.

Picture from our land with the Caucasus view, November 2025



Benefits to be a Friendly Lender:

- Becoming a friendly lender gives you the possibility to join the project later on as a resident, when you have more time and capacity to be involved and to continue contributing to the community.
- As a friendly lender, you also have the opportunity to host a non-profit event, workshop, or session on our land, provided it aligns with the values of Ecovillage Georgia and is discussed and agreed upon with the core team.
- Friendly lenders receive priority access to participate in our events, workshops, and informal or non-formal activities.
- You can share in our surplus harvest - we often bring hazelnuts, fruits and other products to Tbilisi to give to our friends.
- Above all, becoming a friendly lender means the joy of supporting an ecovillage community — a group of people who share similar values and are actively working toward social and ecological regeneration.



Full rainbow on our land. *Picture from summer, 2024*



♥ If you wish to be a part of the project as a friendly lender, please fill up [this form](#) or contact us elsewhere. The Ecovillage Georgia team will get back to you to agree on further steps and meet you within a couple of days!

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Resistance symbol, our mulberry tree. *Picture from summer, 2025*

🙏 Thank you for your time and support!

Ecovillage core team