



## Joining Ecovillage Georgia as Prospective Resident Guideline 2026

[Link](#) to the application



Ecovillage land, Bird view 2025,  
Barn building, future Educational and Community center



**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 join us on this journey.**



## 🌍 WHAT IS AN ECOVILLAGE?

An ecovillage is an intentional, traditional or urban community that is consciously designed through locally owned, participatory processes in all 4 dimensions of sustainability (social, culture, ecology, economy into a whole systems design) to regenerate its social and natural environment.

**Ecovillage Georgia:** We envision creating an innovative living, learning and working space for Max. 24 households,(individual and co-living) including residential, long term living opportunities, community area (including the renovation of existing buildings on the land, as a community/educational centre) and permaculture garden, workshop space, small, fair businesses, open learning space for young and old, etc.



Ecovillage Georgia tour, back garden - 2025



## WHERE?

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 m<sup>2</sup> 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).



Ecovillage Georgia land, bird view, future community and educational center 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 aim to contribute to a sustainable and fair society.

Our goal is to live and work on our land full time and to be a living laboratory of exploring sustainable and regenerative lifestyles, 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.

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Ecovillage Georgia land, community vegan lunch 2024



## 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.



Future community educational center, Natural building workshop - 2024



## 💡 WHY?

We are united in the desire to build up a regenerative, just and resilient community with a positive impact on the people around us and globally. We strive for a lively, valuable community and trustful surrounding to use our full potentials and to constantly learn with and from each other.

Building a life together and developing a sense of belonging is our community path. By sharing our skills, learning together, building our own natural housing, gardens, exchanging knowledge, staying inclusive toward diverse groups of people, and practicing self-organization, we aim to relearn and co-learn what it means to live in an intentional community.

We think that places like ours have strong potential to cultivate healthy relationships between humans and nature, and to build supportive systems among people. In the face of the climate crises, increasingly extreme weather events, democracy and human rights backsliding, and global militarization, we see sustainable communities and ecovillages as pioneers and living laboratories for a different way of life in co-living, caring, and regeneration.



Hazelnut pruning, our yearly tradition on the land, in February. 2024



### **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.



Our core team after a community session. 2025 summer



## 🐾 Steps to join as a Prospective Resident:

If this resonates with you and you can imagine living with us, we invite you to apply as a prospective resident. Joining Ecovillage Georgia is a gradual process based on mutual learning, trust, and transparency. We invite interested people to first connect with us, spend time on the land, and participate in meetings and activities. We understand that joining or leaving a community is a significant life decision, and we aim to approach this process with care, honesty, and clear communication.

### **Becoming a Prospective Resident of Ecovillage Georgia means:**

- Private access to 300 m<sup>2</sup> of land to build a home and create a small personal garden.
- Shared access to community areas, including fruit forests, gardens, the community center, and other common spaces.
- Active participation in community life and contributing to the development of the ecovillage.
- Having the possibility to run an individual or shared social enterprise on the land.



Ecovillage Georgia and [Green Silk Road](#) team. After summer hike - 2024



## ☰ Step by Step:

### 1. Application & First Contact

The first step to join Ecovillage Georgia as a prospective resident starts with this [short application form](#). It helps us to learn more about you, your experiences, and your expectations. After receiving your application, the core team will get back to you to schedule an online or in-person meeting. This conversation is an opportunity to get to know each other personally, exchange information, ask questions, and gain an initial sense of mutual compatibility.

### 2. Probation Period & Integration

If all sides feel positive about continuing, you will be invited to a probation period of at least 1.5 months. During this time, both the individual and the community reflect on compatibility, we ask you to attend one or two of our weekly online calls and/or meet on the land, in order to understand how we work and to get into the community flow. We are implementing a buddy system, meaning that each Prospective Resident is supported by a contact person from the core team. This person helps newcomers to:

- Integrate smoothly into the project and the land
- Understand community agreements and structures
- Learn about decision-making processes and ongoing work

### 3. Financial Contribution & Legal Framework

If the probation period goes well and the connection continues smoothly, we proceed with the refundable financial contribution and legal framework.

- The minimum contribution to become a Prospective Resident is 6,000 USD.
- This contribution is formalized through a legal agreement that covers a 1.5-year starting period.
- After this period, the agreement can be extended, meaning transitioned into full residency, based on mutual consent.
- In case plans have changed or any of the parties does not see a joint future, the financial contribution will be returned and the contract will end.



Sunset on the land with Caucasian view. 2024



## **Community participation:**

We ask prospective residents to approach community life with openness to learning, feedback, and self-reflection, as well as a willingness to gradually participate in shared communication and decision-making processes. A genuine intention to grow together as a community is essential. Once mutual agreements are in place, residents become more actively involved in the project, including regular participation in weekly meetings and collective decision-making.

### **Leaving the Community**

If mutual consent is not reached, or if a resident decides to leave the project, they can make an official announcement to the core team. In such cases, the core team together with the Prospective Resident will seek a new prospective resident or friendly lender within a period of 6–12 months to replace the existing agreement. Once a replacement is found, the original loan is repaid and the contract with the departing member is formally closed.



Ecovillage Gathering and clay workshop at Vake Park, Tbilisi. 2023



### ✔ Present situation:

Since the end of 2023, when we purchased the land, we have begun cleaning the area and gradually renovating the barn building, including the creation of a compost toilet, a kitchen, and a well-equipped one-room social space. We have diversified the fruit forest with local deciduous and fruit trees and hosted retreats, summer camps, tours, and visits from children, friends, and volunteers. An architectural plan has been developed, and we are currently going through the legal procedures to change the land status.

Due to the political situation in the country, our progress has been slower than initially planned. Nevertheless, we are moving steadily forward and developing strong plans for 2026 and beyond. We do not yet live on the land full-time; we spend most of our time there from spring through autumn, and residential housing construction has not started so far.

Current and planned activities include renovating the east wing of the barn, improving garden infrastructure and the irrigation system, reforestation and fruit forest maintenance, and organizing summer camps, day tours, camper van stays, natural building workshops, and volunteer programs. We are also strengthening local and international networks, supporting neighboring farmers, developing small-scale socio-economic activities, and experimenting with value-added products using our seasonal harvest, such as hazelnuts and mirabelle plums.



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[In Search of Miracles](#) youtube channel about us, October - 2025



## Plan of Ecovillage Land development - 2025

Created by *Samuel Ralet*





✉ **How to reach us:**

♥ If you wish to be a part of the project as a resident, please [fill up this form](#) and 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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Playing volleyball, May - 2025

Thank you for your time!

Ecovillage core team  
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