



## **GYLA has filed a lawsuit in the Batumi Riviera case**

The Ministry of Economic and Sustainable Development of Georgia has not satisfied the administrative complaint filed in the Batumi Riviera case, which was filed by the local population and the organization Batumi with the assistance of GYLA. From today, the dispute will be transferred to Tbilisi City Court. Along with the annulment of the construction permit in court, it is requested to suspend the validity of the appealed act.

As it is known to the public, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019, the Batumi City Council approved the development regulation plan in the historical part of Batumi – on the 9.7 ha area indicated in the project located between Iakob Gogebashvili Street and the seashore. According to the plan, it is possible to build a number of multi-storey buildings in the historic part of the city. The dispute over this issue is underway in Batumi City Court.

It should be noted that after the approval of the plan, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019, the LEPL Technical and Construction Supervision Agency issued an order, according to which the architectural design and building scheme of the multifunctional high-rise building "Silk Tower" and Laguna in the area between Iakob Gogebashvili Street and

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the seaside in Batumi had been agreed, on which a construction permit was issued.

During the case study, it was revealed that the construction permit was issued in gross violation of the law. The impact of the project on the environment, the boulevard, the sea, the coast, human health, the city's historical and cultural heritage and the economy has not been assessed in the decision-making process. Consequently, there are violations evident that should become the basis for the annulment of the construction permit.