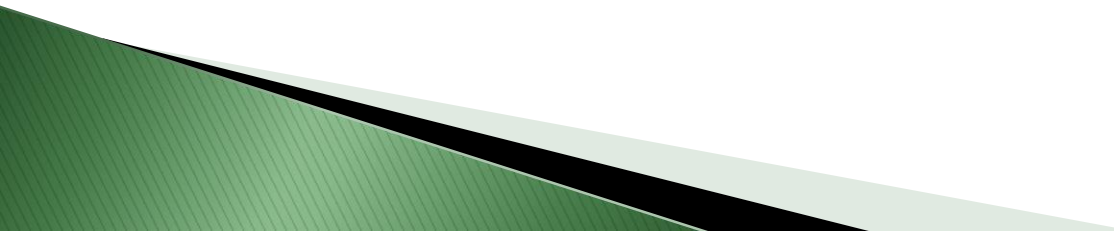


**TO TEACH IN ENGLISH or
NOT TO TEACH IN ENGLISH ...**

IS THAT THE QUESTION?

I will talk about

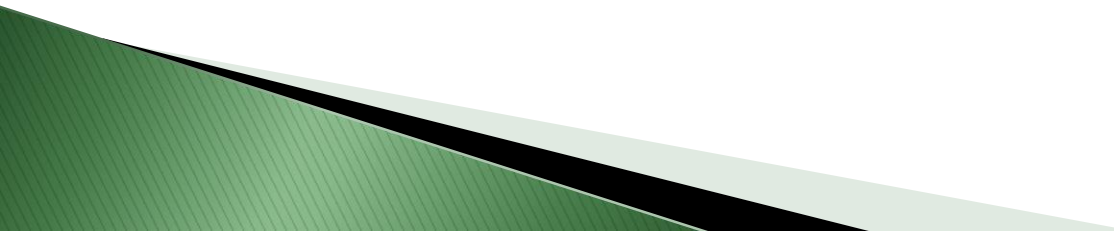
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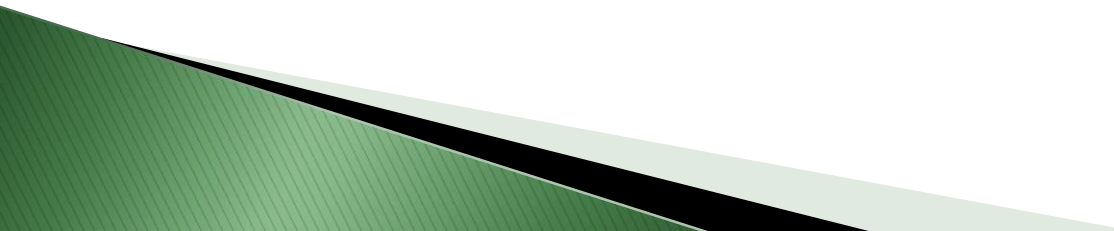
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Population - 4,500,000

Past

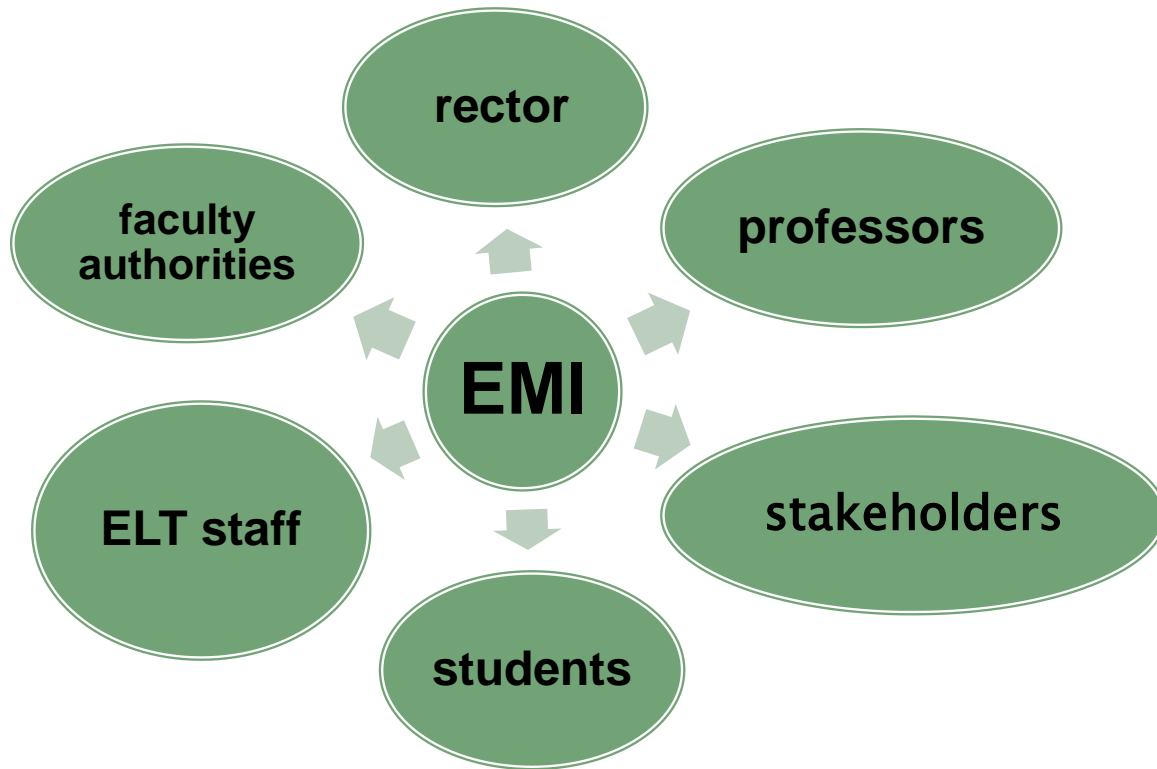
- ▶ Language of instruction - Georgian
 - ▶ Materials - Georgian, Russian
 - ▶ Foreign languages - English, German, French
 - ▶ Teaching in English - a challenge
 - ▶ Post-Soviet period - English leads
 - ▶ 1994 - 2001 - four joint universities founded
 - ▶ Competition
 - ▶ Lack of Georgian materials
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Current situation

- ▶ Ilia State University Business School
 - ▶ MBA
 - ▶ New Programmes being developed
 - ▶ Medical University
 - ▶ Tbilisi State University
 - ▶ Joint academic programmes
 - ▶ Incoming students
 - ▶ Overseas professors
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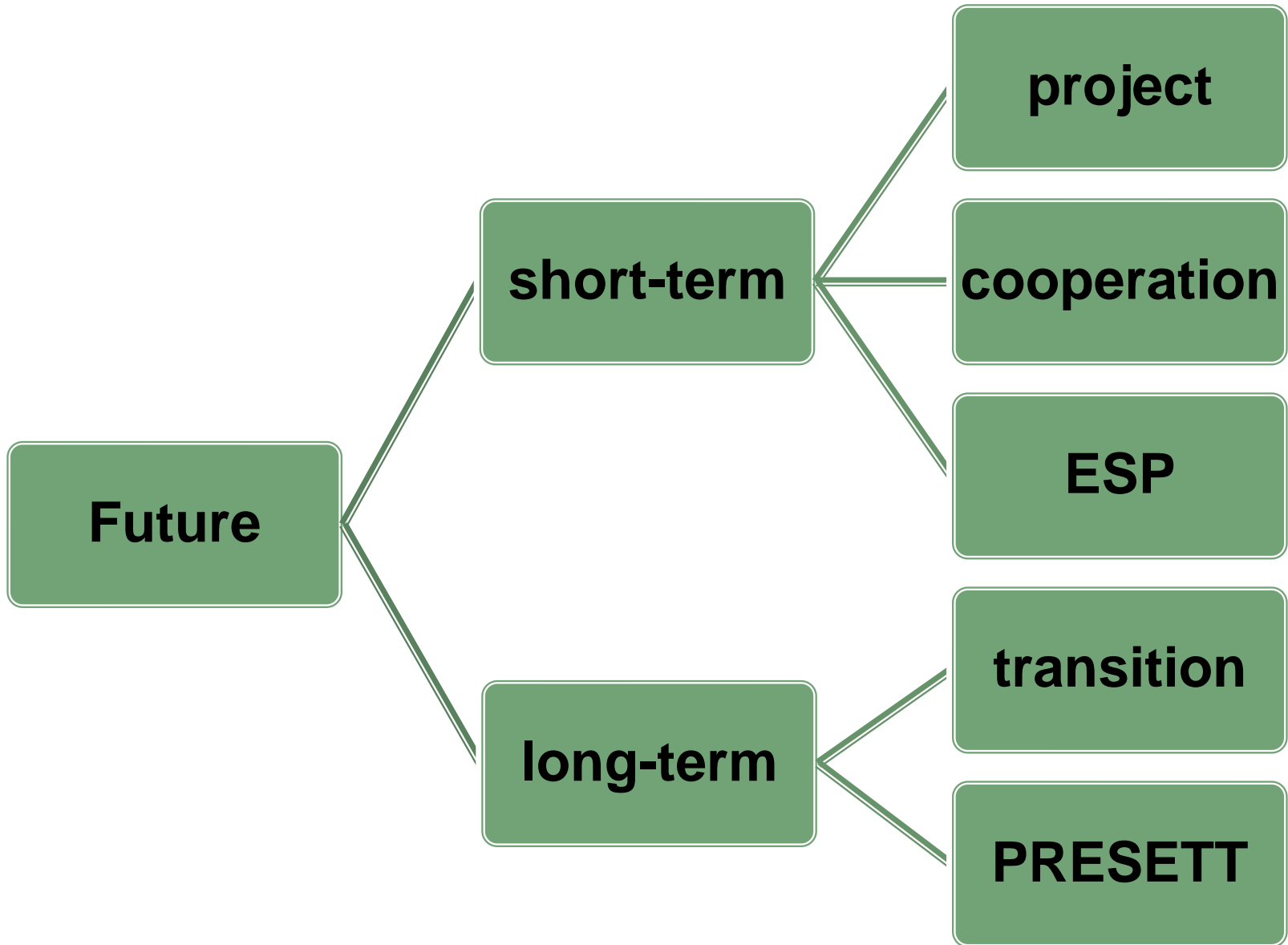
Opportunities and challenges today

- ▶ Vision - internationalisation, more overseas contacts, more cooperation

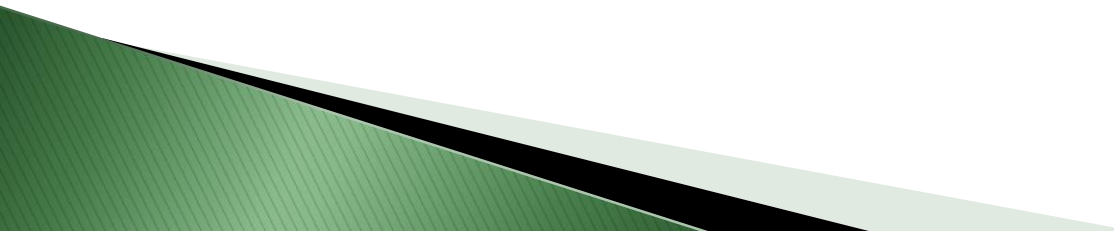


- ▶ Monolingual class sharing L1 with the teacher!

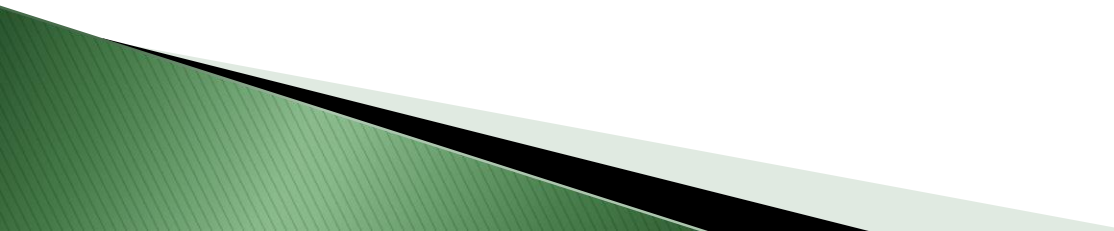
Future ...



To teach in English, some benefits

- ▶ promote Georgian research and scholarly potential
 - ▶ increase cooperation opportunities
 - ▶ attract the best Georgian students
 - ▶ raise chances to study abroad
 - ▶ attract international students
 - ▶ invite overseas professors
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Not to teach in English, some drawbacks

- ▶ localise Georgian research and scientific potential
 - ▶ provide service sector workforce
 - ▶ face brain drain
 - ▶ discourage international students and overseas professors
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Is that the question?



THANK YOU!

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