Green Guria – Supporting Local Democracy and Rural Development for Inclusive and Resilient Green Growth

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Georgian delegation during a study trip to Austria from 15th to 19th April 2024, ©ÖIR

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