

## PROJECT CONCEPT BY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION DEPARTMENT

### “SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY BY PROMOTING AND MOBILIZING OF THE BELARUSIAN SCIENTIFIC AND EXPERT COMMUNITY”

19 April 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT	
<b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>	Republic of Belarus
<b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>	Democracy and civil society
<b>3. Project description</b>	
<b>3.1. Project aim</b>	To promote cooperation and integration of Belarusian researchers and experts in social sciences and humanities and arts. To support discussion between the Belarusian academic community and civil society on democratization processes and future of the country.
<b>3.2. Project objectives</b>	1. To strengthen the Belarusian community of researchers and experts in the social sciences and humanities and arts by organizing conferences, seminars and / or workshops. 2. To carry out research and studies in the fields of social sciences, humanities and arts. 3. Encourage the involvement of civil society representatives in public activities, social and cultural initiatives through lectures, training and / or discussions.
<b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>	Scientists, intellectuals, artists and cultural representatives, residing in Belarus or fled to Lithuania, Belarusian civil society.
<b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>	From 30 June 2021 to 15 November 2021 (depending on the activities planned, contracts may be signed for 2-3 year period)
<b>5. Additional information</b> <i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Experience in implementing projects of a similar nature;</li><li>- Financial contribution of applicant and / or other additional sources of financing.</li><li>- Experience in organizing international or regional events on Belarus issues;</li><li>- Expertise and knowledge of the situation in Belarus;</li><li>- Relations with Belarus and Belarusian diaspora academia, culture, arts and science representatives.</li></ul>

*\*According to Paragraph 35 of the Description of the Procedure for the Implementation of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Activities by State and Municipal Institutions and Agencies approved by Resolution No 278 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania dated 26 March 2014, an application can be assigned additional scores for compliance with the additional project application evaluation criteria indicated in the institution's call. The additional criteria may be provided for if a specific development cooperation activity is planned in the call or if specific abilities or experiences are expected from the applicants.*