



LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION CONFERENCE

BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
J.TUMO-VAIŽGANTO STR. 2, VILNIUS

By strengthening the resilience of partner countries, we are supporting communities to better prepare for crises, adapt to fast changing challenges, achieve long-term sustainability and security. During the annual conference, we will discuss the key achievements of Lithuania's international partnerships – transformation of the development cooperation system to meet today's needs, to enable a smooth and rapid reconstruction of Ukraine, to strengthen the resilience of partner countries to the global challenges of climate change, digitisation and hybrid threats, and at the same time to strengthen Lithuania's role in the international arena. We will share our own and our partners' success stories that inspire, and lessons learned that help us improve and move forward.

9:00 - 9:30 **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

OPENING SPEECHES

9:30 - 9:50

Mr Gabrielius Landsbergis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr Oksen Lisovyi, Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine (online)

The opening session will be hosted by **Ms Rasa Kairienė**, Director of Development Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

KEYNOTE: Mr Davide La Cecilia, Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

9:50 - 10:00

"Preparations for the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2025 in Rome and approach of Italy to Reconstruction of Ukraine"

SESSION I. BUILDING RESILIENCE OF UKRAINE THROUGH RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY

Discussion will delve into Lithuania's and its partners' strategic approach, priorities and contribution to Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery through development cooperation instruments. The discussion will cover various aspects of Ukraine's development, putting specific focus on how partners can best contribute to building and maintaining country's resilience amid continued destruction by Russia.

Moderator

Ms Mantė Makauskaitė, Chief Advisor for International Partnerships, Office of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

10:00 - 11:00

Panelists

Mr Andrius Kalindra, Ambassador at Large for Ukraine's Reconstruction and Recovery, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr Éamonn Mac Aodha, Director of Multilateral EU Unit, Development Cooperation and Africa Division, Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland

Ms Svitlana Denysenko, Director of the Kyiv School of Economics Foundation, Ukraine

Mr Romas Švedas, Independent Expert in EU Integration, Governance and International Relations, Lithuania

Mr Artūras Žarnovskis, Co-create Future of Ukraine and European Peace Facility Programme Manager, Central Project Management Agency, Lithuania

Q&A session

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

SESSION II. EMPOWERING PARTNERS: APPROACHES TO ENHANCING RESILIENCE AGAINST GLOBAL CHALLENGES

The aim of the discussion is to take a closer look at the experiences of Lithuanian development cooperation project implementers in addressing today's most important and pressing global challenges - building resilience to climate change, disinformation, hybrid threats, developing innovative solutions, and strengthening democratic values and institutions. Participants are invited to share their experiences on how their projects have contributed to solving existing challenges, what lessons have helped them to increase their impact, and how to maintain a sustainable outcome in the long term.

11:30 - 12:50

Moderator

Ms Dovilė Paužaitė, Head of Development Cooperation and Democracy Promotion Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Panelists

Ms Constance H. Wang, Head of the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania

Ms Marcela Luchita, Head of the Development and Partnership Department, Centre for Strategic Communication and Countering Disinformation, Moldova

Mr Kanstantsin Staradubets, Viasna Center for Human Rights

Ms Urtė Andriukaiytė, Civic Resilience Initiative, Lithuania

Ms Aušra Raulušonytė, Create Lithuania Alumni, "Fostering Green Innovation Export through the Instruments of Development Cooperation" project manager, Lithuania

Mr Julius Zubė, Development Cooperation Adviser, NRD Companies, Lithuania

Mr Žilvinas Švedkauskas, OSMOS Global Partnerships, Lithuania

Q&A session

CLOSING REMARKS

12:50 - 13:00 **Mr Simonas Šatūnas**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

13:00 - 14:00 **Standing lunch**

WORKSHOP. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF LITHUANIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: SEARCHING FOR NEW INSIGHTS AND APPROACHES

14:00 - 15:30

Event dedicated to the stakeholders of Lithuanian development cooperation ecosystem and will be held in Lithuanian.

The workshop aims to gather new ideas, insights, recommendations for the preparation of the Strategic Directions for Development Cooperation 2026-2030.

15.30

End of the Conference