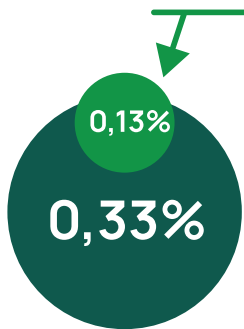


LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 2020



LITHUANIAN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN 2020*

EUR **63,2 mln.**



0,13 % of Gross National Income (GNI)

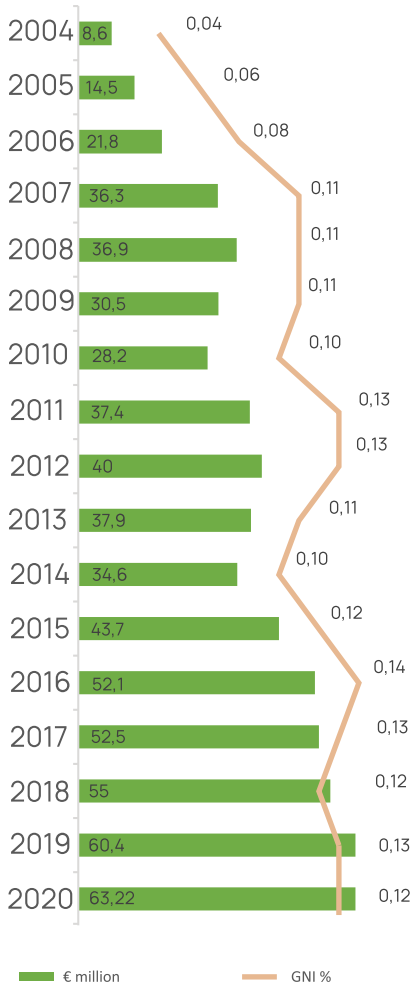
Lithuania is committed to meet 0.33% target by 2030

Lithuanian development cooperation aims to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in beneficiary countries.**

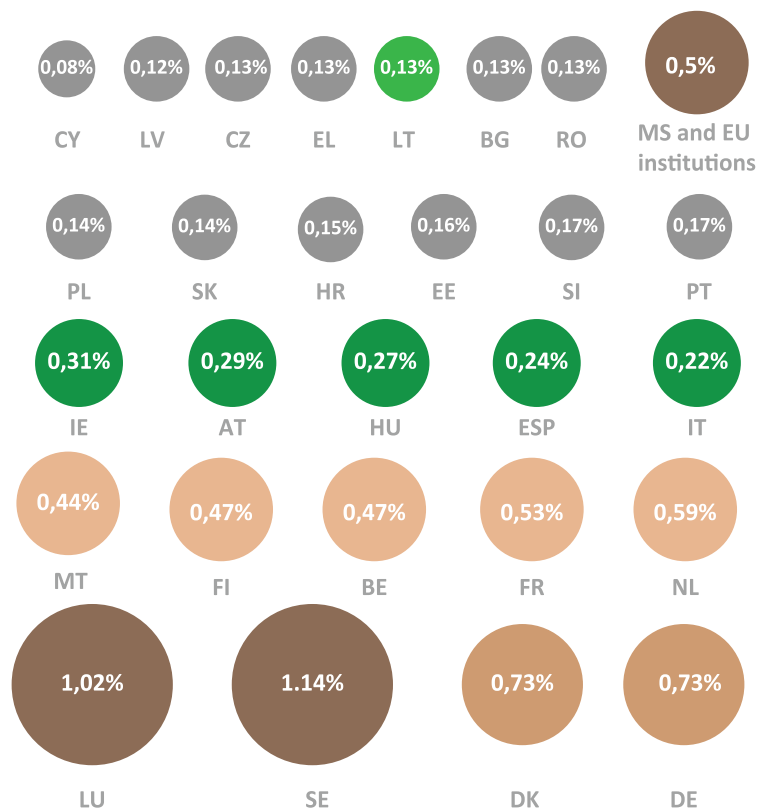
Lithuania focusses on these goals

Official development assistance (ODA) - assistance and humanitarian aid for developing countries and territories funded from the state and municipal budgets.

LITHUANIAN ODA IN 2004-2020*



EU OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, % OF GNI, 2020



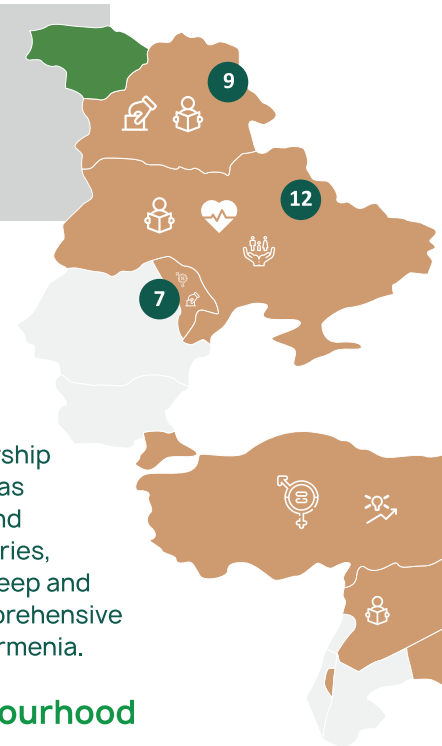
* Preliminary data, based on OECD and European Commission information of 30 May 2021
 **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed and developing – in a global partnership

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND DEMOCRACY PROMOTION PROGRAMME

Development Cooperation and Democracy Promotion Programme is an integral implementing measure for the Lithuanian ODA, financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As in previous years, most of the projects have been implemented in the EU Eastern Partnership countries – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Special attention was devoted to Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Lithuania provided assistance, related to social and economic reforms, promoting political and economic integration with the EU. In these countries, Lithuania has supported the implementation of the Association Agreement (AA) including Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA). Also, the implementation of the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was the important part of cooperation with Armenia.

In 2020, the Programme supported 78 development cooperation projects with a total value of EUR 2.1 million.



4 regional projects within the EU Neighbourhood

Projects aimed at democracy and civil society, gender equality and women's empowerment.



The training tool 'Fake news in media and social environment' ('FAKE NEWS', VU Faculty of Communication) was developed, an informal network of bloggers has been created, and an educational promotional film was created to be used as supplementary training material for video bloggers.

In 2020, Charter'97 Foundation correspondents network prepared 116 articles that provided alternative independent information in Belarus and the region, drafted (translated or reprinted from other sources) a total of 708 articles and made 33 translations.

Project in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine aimed building the capacity of civil society to protect and advance the rights of women through international litigation and advocacy.

9 PROJECTS IN BELARUS

Support to civil society, enhancing its political activism and solidarity, strengthening the national identity of Belarusians, and disseminating European values in the independent Belarusian media as well as preserving cultural heritage remained the main areas of cooperation with Belarus.

The project of fostering Litvak culture, implemented in 2018-2020, helped to convey Lithuania's experience related to the preservation and use of the community's architectural heritage to meet the needs of local people and to develop the city.

The launch of the environmental project increased the knowledge of Belarusian youth about environmental protection and climate change, and promoted the awareness and willingness of organisations to carry out their activities in a responsible way.

Lithuania is one of the three main donors supporting the European Humanities University in exile, the only Belarusian university granting academic freedom for its students, faculty members and staff.

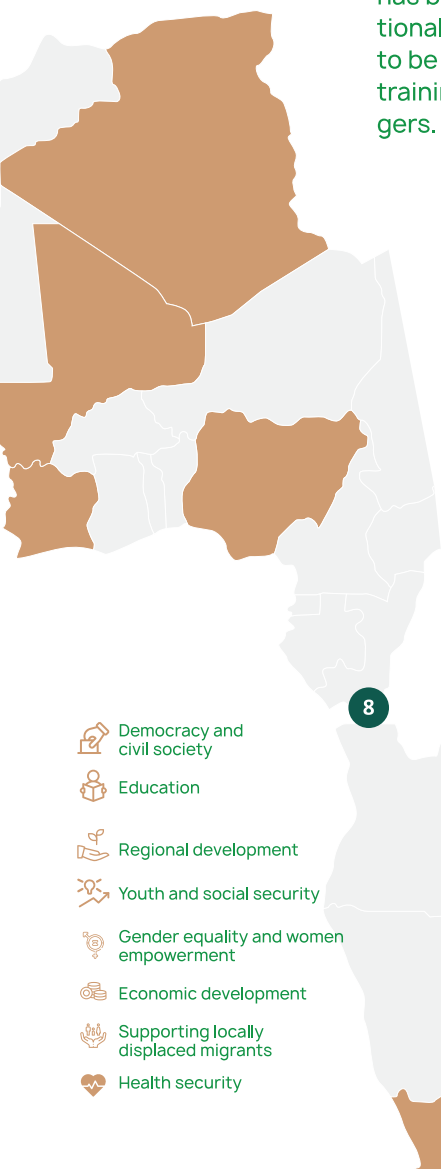
7 PROJECTS IN MOLDOVA

Recommendations were made on the implementation of the objectives of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement on safety and interoperability for all modes of transport.

67 girls took part in GirlsGoIT project to hone their programming skills. 25 girls completed internships in IT companies.

Support was provided to civil society and the media to develop public intolerance of corruption.

Information on the country's totalitarian communist past was disseminated in order to develop civic consciousness and encourage young people to take an interest in the history of memory.



- Democracy and civil society
- Education
- Regional development
- Youth and social security
- Gender equality and women empowerment
- Economic development
- Supporting locally displaced migrants
- Health security

12 PROJECTS IN UKRAINE

Ukraine is a priority partner of Lithuania's development cooperation. In promoting Ukraine's integration into the EU, Lithuanian experts transferred experience in the fields of gender equality, education and social security.



Teachers in Eastern Ukraine learned to effectively develop students' social and emotional competencies, acquired knowledge and skills in the areas of distance learning, non-formal education, bullying prevention and career guidance for children and youth.



The provision of modern educational equipment to the Avdijivka school in the Donetsk region and the installation of school sports and playgrounds has been continued.



Practical training and individual psychotherapy counseling helped women affected by the conflict in Eastern Ukraine to cope with post-traumatic stress, return to a full-fledged social life and labor market.



7 PROJECTS IN ARMENIA

- Recommendations were provided to Armenia's transport institutions on proper implementation of the tasks identified in the CEPA agreement between the EU and Armenia related to safety, efficiency and interoperability of road transport system.
- Two projects were aimed at promoting green environment in schools and local communities by stressing importance of recycling of plastic and paper waste.

6 PROJECTS IN GEORGIA



Projects aimed to help private sector to seize the opportunities offered by the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade area, highlight the benefits of clusters.



Georgia's civil society and youth groups learned about Lithuanian Experience in strategic communication, election observation and fighting/recognising disinformation.

1 PROJECT IN AZERBAIJAN



A safe play area for children was established in Shakli Village of Gazch region, increasing safety of children in the former military conflict zone.

8 PROJECTS IN MIGRATION ORIGIN, TRANSIT AND OTHER COUNTRIES



Young people in Nigeria acquired entrepreneurial skills, new competences in entrepreneurship and digitalization. In Côte d'Ivoire women's social and economic independence was strengthened. Project in Uganda aimed to strengthen the stability of the financial sector and consumer protection among the lowest-income Ugandans, thus contributing to a more inclusive society.



Projects in Turkey, Mongolia and Myanmar promoted cooperation between science and business, regional and economic development, strengthened women's social and economic independence and built capacity in the field of education.



Project in Iraq was devoted to support studies of Middle Eastern students in Lithuania who have no opportunities for access to education in their home countries.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

TAIEX SHARING
EU EXPERTISE
SINCE 1996



In 2020 Lithuania continued to participate in EU Twinning and TAIEX programmes by transferring expertise to beneficiary countries. The Twinning Programme, funded by the European Commission, supports cooperation between institutions of different countries.

In 2018, the Central Project Management Agency (CPMA) has started the implementation of two EU delegated cooperation programmes in Ukraine:

Support for Public Financial Management in Ukraine. The programme is implemented by the World Bank, The International Monetary Fund, the Swedish Development Cooperation Agency SIDA, the CPMA and the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine. The total value of the programme is EUR 50 million.

In 2020:

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Lithuanian institutions have been **AWARDED 13 TWINNING PROJECTS** for the total value of 16,8 mln. EUR (1 Armenia, 3 Azerbaijan, 2 Belarus, 1 Bosnia and Hercegovina, 1 Jordan, 1 Moldova, 2 Georgia, 2 Ukraine).

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19 ONGOING TWINNING PROJECTS: 1 Armenia, 4 Azerbaijan, 3 Belarus, 1 Bosnia and Hercegovina, 1 Jordan, 1 Moldova, 3 Georgia, 1 North Macedonia, 3 Ukraine, 1 Palestine.

Over 2004 - 2020
Lithuania has won

119

EU Twinning Projects.

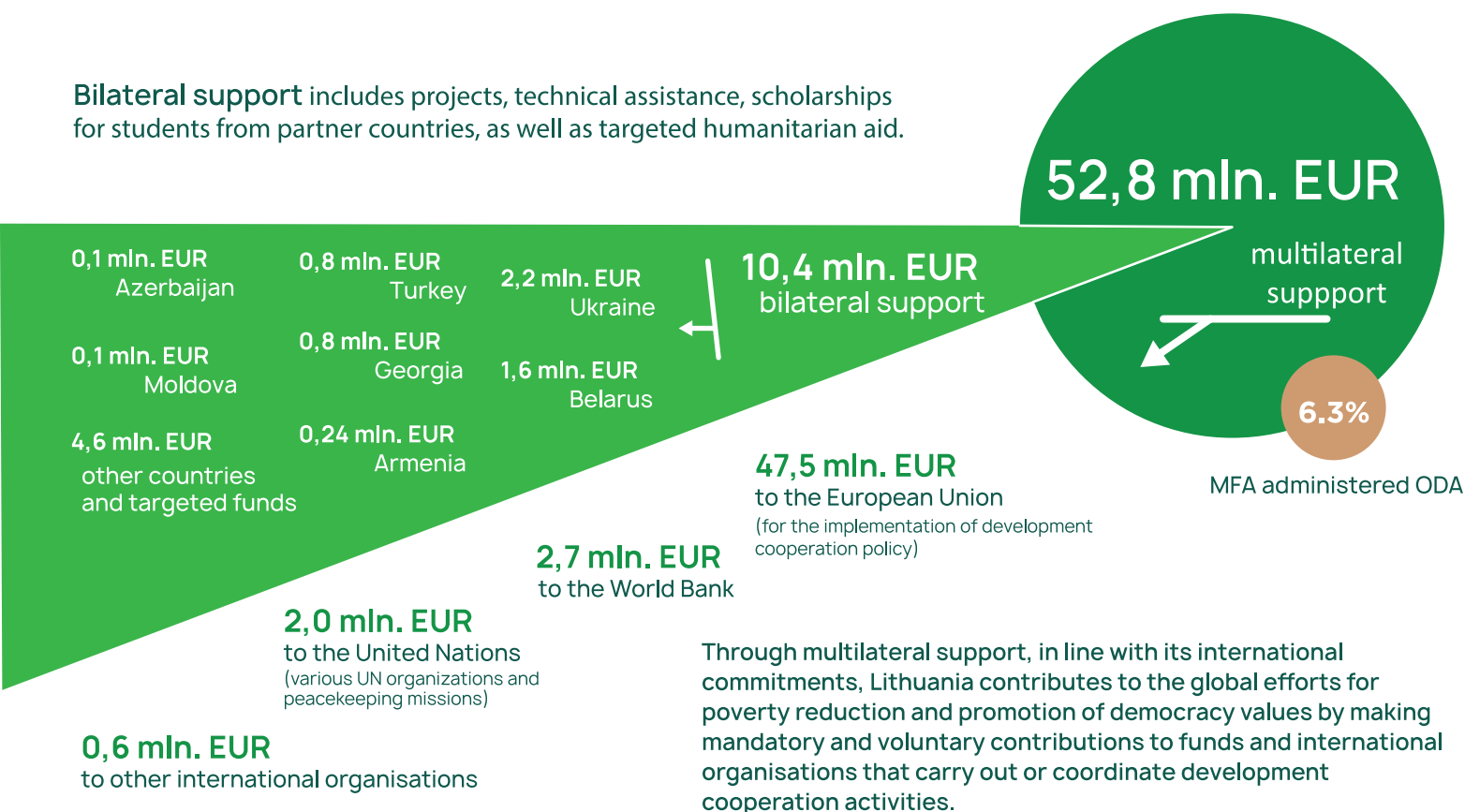
Lithuanian experts
participated in

40

TAIEX events (seminars,
trainings, expert missions)

LITHUANIAN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Bilateral support includes projects, technical assistance, scholarships for students from partner countries, as well as targeted humanitarian aid.



AWARENESS RAISING

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs consistently supports activities that raise public awareness about the SDGs and development cooperation. These activities are aimed primarily towards young people. In 2020, Lithuanian non-governmental organisations implemented 4 public education and awareness raising projects:



- Volunteer internships, discussions, knowledge competitions and interactive lectures on development cooperation were organized.

- For fourteen consecutive years, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributed to organising the international human rights documentary film festival Inconvenient Films. During the festival, which took place in a different format – in a virtual space, an abundant collection of 50 documentary films was presented, meetings with film makers were held, and discussions with film heroes, human rights activists and experts were organised.

Informative quizzes on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and development cooperation were prepared jointly with M1 Plus radio station.