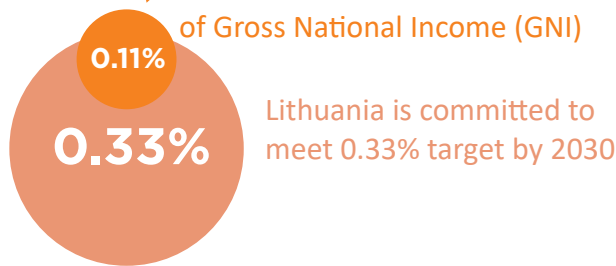


LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 2019



LITHUANIAN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN 2019¹

EUR 52 mln.

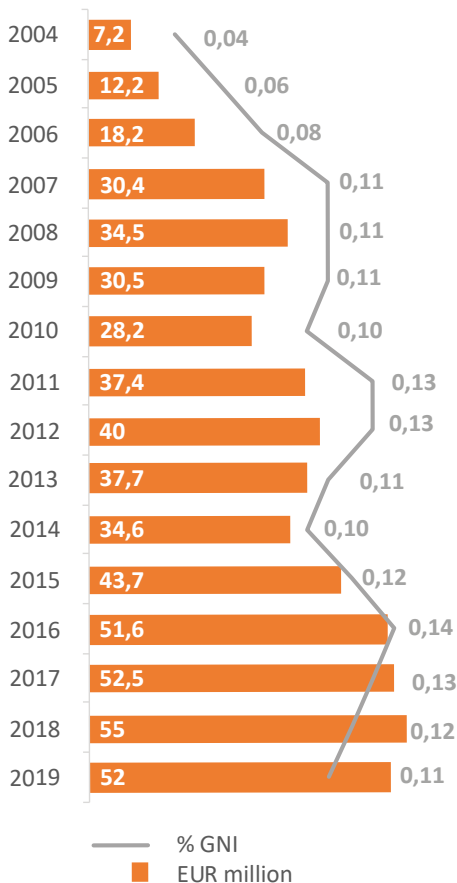


Lithuanian development cooperation aims to contribute to the implementation of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)² in beneficiary countries.

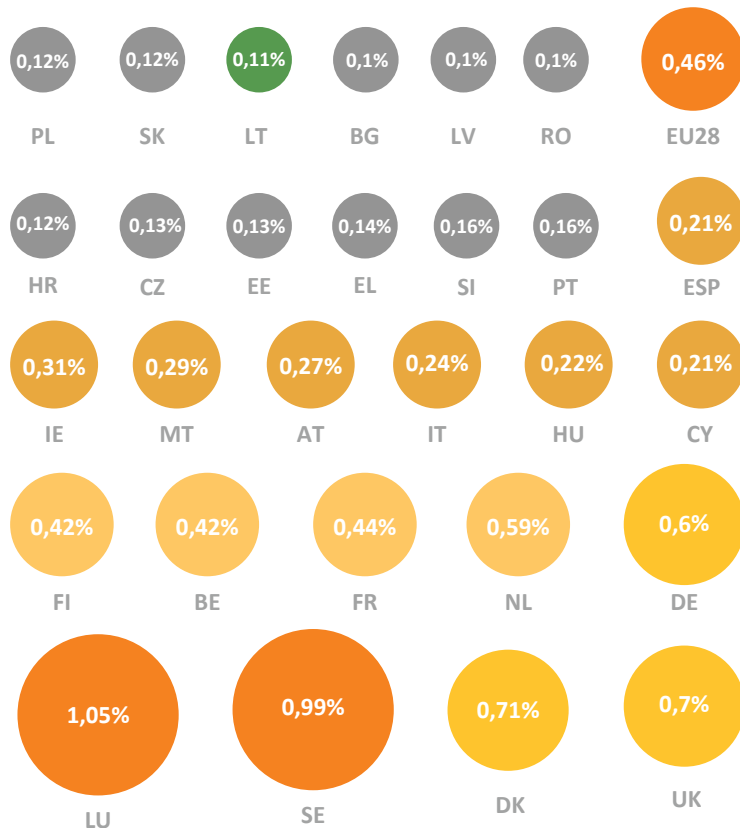
Lithuania focusses on these goals: →

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

LITHUANIAN ODA IN 2004-2019



EU OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, % OF GNI, 2019



¹Preliminary data

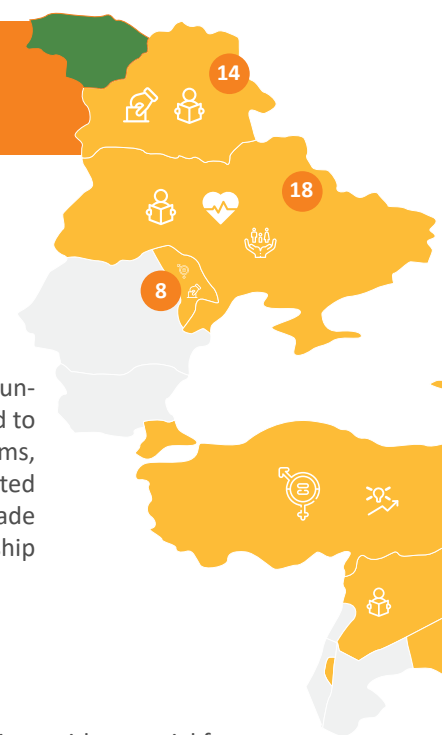
²The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action 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.


In 2019, the Programme supported 78 development cooperation projects with a total value of EUR 2.1 million.

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.




4 regional projects


 Municipalities of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine have strengthened cooperation with partners in Lithuania and gained experience in implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

 The capacity of Western Balkan country experts and citizens to recognize hostile propaganda and disinformation has been strengthened.


14 projects in Belarus


The development of open civil society, with a special focus on young people, independent media, education and gender equality, preserving cultural heritage remained the main areas of support to Belarus.

 Support for independent media helped to strengthen the identity of the Belarus people and to provide the Belarusian public with objective information about Lithuania and the EU.


 Lithuania is one of the three main donors supporting the European Humanities University in exile, relocated to Vilnius. The University promotes liberal education and independent thinking for students from Belarus and the region by bringing them together and offering quality education.

8 projects in Moldova

 60 girls participating in the project **GirlsGoIT** acquired skills in the field of STEM, and 10 girls completed internships in IT companies.

 Support for civil society and media developed public intolerance of corruption: Moldovan broadcaster TV8's telecasts **Black Box** and **Politica** analyzed key cases of corruption. Research and education about the country's totalitarian-communist past encouraged young people to take an interest in historical past and civic consciousness.

12 projects in migration origin, transit and other countries

 In Algeria, Bhutan, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nigeria, Palestine, the Republic of South Africa and Turkey young people acquired entrepreneurial skills, new competences in education, agriculture. Women's social and economic independence was strengthened.

 11 students from the Middle East (Iraq and Syria) received financial support for their university studies in Lithuania.



18 projects in Ukraine

Ukraine is the priority partner of Lithuania's development cooperation. In promoting Ukraine's integration into the EU, Lithuanian experts transferred experience in the fields of justice, education and health care.



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

13 projects in Georgia



Georgia's civil society and youth groups took over the experience of the Lithuanian experts on strategic communication, election observation and fighting/recognising desinformation.

3 projects in Armenia



The projects were aimed at the most vulnerable society groups in the regions of Armenia. Support for social activity and entrepreneurship among young people and women contributed to the economic and social development of rural areas. The focus continued on improving traffic safety in rural areas.



The provision of modern educational equipment to the Avdijivka school in the Donetsk region and the installation of school sports and playgrounds have started.



Mental health specialists of Eastern Ukraine, implementing the reform of the psychosocial sector, took part in trainings and consultations, got acquainted with the work of the most advanced mental health institutions in Lithuania.



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.



The opportunities for Georgian small and medium-sized enterprises to export to the EU market were improved: 50 honey and berry producers received consultations from Lithuanian experts on the preparation of products for the EU market, about 1 million Georgian residents got acquainted with the opportunities offered by the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade area with EU (co-financing of EU project).

2 projects in Azerbaijan



Women living in the Kurdamir and Siyazin regions learned to set up and administer pre-school care facilities and to develop pre-school education programs.



A safe play area for children was established in the demolished Vugar Mammadov school area in the village of Sahlabad, increasing safety of children in the former military conflict zone.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

TAIEX SHARING EU EXPERTISE SINCE 1996



In 2019, 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 from 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.

Support for Rule of Law Reforms in Ukraine. Lithuania, as a junior partner, participates in the France led programme. The total value of the programme is EUR 15 million.

Lithuania has allocated EUR 200,000 to the Expert Deployment for Governance and Economic Growth (EDGE) Foundation in Ukraine for the Professional Reform Support Mechanism (PRiSM). The Canadian-initiated fund aims to strengthen Ukraine's administrative capacity to manage reforms by applying international management best practices.

In 2019:

Over 2004 - 2019
Lithuania has won

6

new Twinning projects
(total value
EUR 6.1 million)

106

EU Twinning
projects.

24

24 ongoing
Twinning projects
Macedonia (2), Georgia (2),
Moldova (3), Ukraine (4),
Azerbaijan (5), Kosovo (1),
Turkey (1), Jordan (1), Serbia (3),
Belarus (1), Palestine (1)

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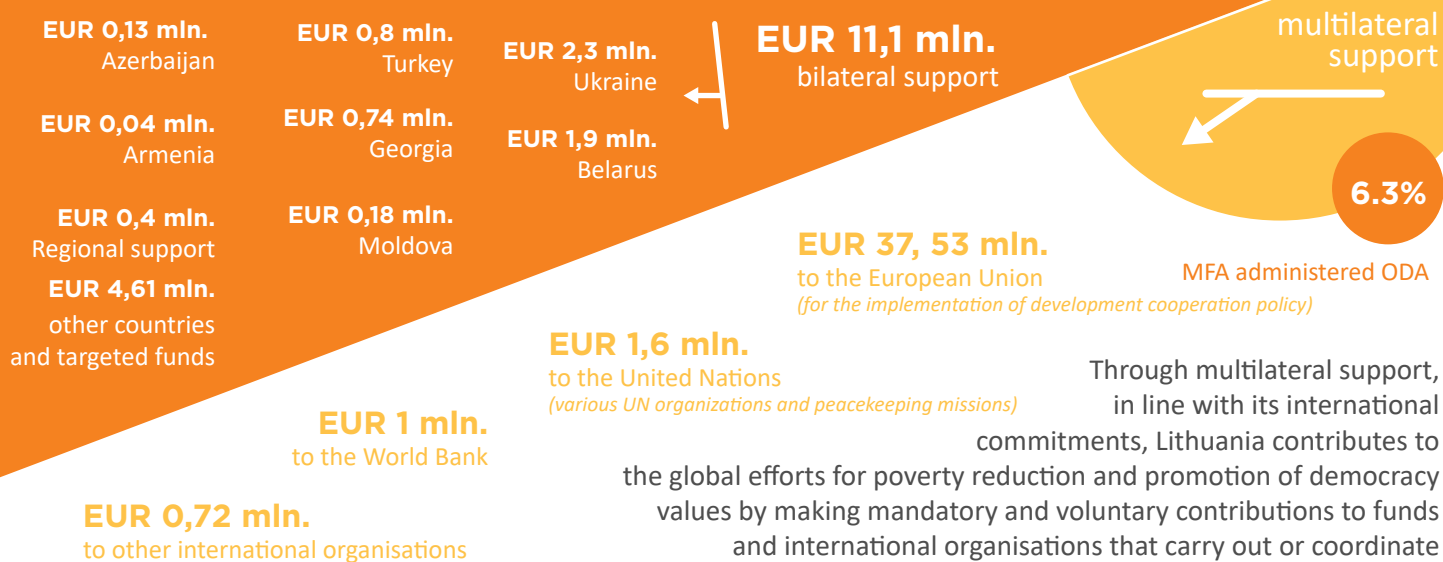
Lithuanian experts
participated in
61 TAIEX programme
events:

seminars, trainings, expert missions, 20 of
which took place in Lithuania.

Bilateral support includes projects, technical assistance, scholarships for students from partner countries, funding for the reception of refugees, as well as targeted humanitarian aid. In 2019, Lithuania provided humanitarian aid to Yemen, Syria, Venezuela, Ukraine, Albania, the Rohingya refugees and Turkey (for the reception of refugees).

LITHUANIAN ODA

EUR 40,9 mln.



Through multilateral support, in line with its international commitments, Lithuania contributes to the global efforts for poverty reduction and promotion of democracy values by making mandatory and voluntary contributions to funds and international organisations that carry out or coordinate development cooperation activities.

AWARENESS RAISING

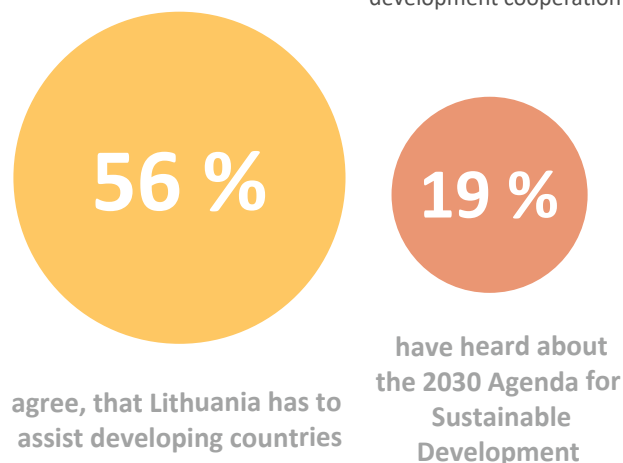
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs consistently supports activities that raise public awareness about the SDGs and development cooperation. These activities are aimed primarily towards young people. In 2019, 4 projects were implemented by Lithuanian non-governmental organizations, focusing on public education and raising awareness:

- For thirteen consecutive years, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has contributed toward organising the international human rights documentary film festival **Inconvenient Films**. The festival presented an abundant collection of 70 documentary films in Vilnius and other cities of Lithuania. The festival also organised meetings with film producers and discussions with film participants, human rights activists and experts.
- Practical trainings and seminars helped teachers and educators strengthen their capacities to teach topics related to the SDGs.
- Young people were trained to work in their communities as “ambassadors of the SDGs”.
- Projects promoted volunteering and active participation in achieving the SDGs: interactive lectures, discussions, knowledge competitions and volunteer internships were organized.



On September 6, 2019, a thematic discussion on the importance of development cooperation was held at the annual discussion festival **Būtent** in Birstonas.

Lithuanian public opinion on development cooperation ³



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