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The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center – a Strategic Step in Lithuania’s Development Cooperation



On May 13 the Lithuanian International Partnerships Center was officially opened in Vilnius, and a cooperation agreement was signed between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, and the Central Project Management Agency (CPVA).

The new center will bring together the expertise of Lithuanian institutions, experts, and the business sector to support international partnerships and assistance to partner countries. The establishment of the center will increase the visibility and recognition of Lithuania’s development cooperation activities and strengthen Lithuania’s image as a reliable and long-term international partner.

According to Minister of Finance Kristupas Vaitiekūnas, development cooperation creates not only geopolitical but also economic benefits:

“The experience of Lithuanian institutions and experts in the areas of public finance, reforms, and digitalization is becoming a competitive product on the international market. The new center will provide more opportunities for Lithuanian companies, experts, and institutions to participate in international projects.”

More than two decades ago, Lithuania was a recipient of European Union assistance, and the CPVA administered the aid allocated to Lithuania. Once Lithuania became a member of the EU, the country’s role changed – we became an active participant in and donor to development cooperation.

Today, Lithuania has implemented or is currently implementing 135 international development cooperation

By helping other countries grow stronger, we grow stronger ourselves—we create a safer neighbourhood, reduce threats, and strengthen Lithuania’s role in the international community. Today, international partnerships are not only an expression of solidarity but also an investment in our own security and the future of Europe.

Kęstutis Budrys,
Minister of Foreign Affairs

projects in 32 countries around the world, with a total value of approximately **EUR 601 million+**.

In Ukraine alone, 23 projects are currently underway, with a value of approximately €327 million. Most of these projects are funded through the European Union’s external financing instruments. These include the construction of shelters, the supply of demining equipment, and support for public finance reforms and preparations for European integration.

Lithuania specializes in the areas of democracy-building, digitalization, economic resilience, education, energy, environmental protection, and defense. The CPVA implements projects not only in Europe and Ukraine, but also in Central Asia, the Middle East, the Balkans, Africa, and the Caribbean.

“Lithuanian experts and institutions are now recognized internationally, and the CPVA is acknowledged as a reliable partner that implements projects meeting the highest standards. The center’s goal is to focus Lithuania’s potential even more effectively and expand the country’s international role.” - I. Šuolienė

The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center will operate as a structural unit of the CPVA. It will be headed by Rasa Suraučienė, who has many years of experience in international cooperation.

Children First



Funding opportunity:

On May 7th, the Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) has launched a call for proposals, offering up to €600,000 in funding for projects that support accountability for crimes against Ukrainian children, and the safe return of deported children. Grants of €30,000–€100,000 for projects of 6 to 12 months in duration are available to eligible NGOs, academic and research institutions registered in Ukraine and the EU. The call will support projects focused on documenting and investigating crimes against children, victim identification and tracing activities, data verification, supporting the relevant capacity of Ukrainian institutions, and facilitating the safe return of affected children.

The Call for proposal adds to and supports the activities of ongoing project “Children First. Protection of Ukraine’s Future” (2026-2027) that aims to address the emerging complex needs of children affected by war in key areas: safe initial shelter, comprehensive medium-term psychological rehabilitation and adaptation support, improving access to services and strengthening standards of psychiatric support at the national level. “Children First. Protection of Ukraine’s Future” is a €5 million the Lithuanian International Partnerships

Center (CPVA)-led programme (launched in January 2026) supporting Ukraine’s childcare reform and assistance for children affected by war. The project will provide safe shelter, psychological rehabilitation possibilities, access to social support services, modular housing for foster families, transport access, and strengthened mental health and psychiatric care systems in Ukraine. The initiative is co-financed by Fund for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid with a contribution of the Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania.

An op-ed by Prime Minister Inga Ruginienė on the importance of international action to support the return and reintegration of Ukrainian children.

[Read the article →](#)

For detailed information, visit the Call page:

[Children First →](#)

Future School for Ukraine

The Future School for Ukraine project has entered a new stage of implementation. On 21 May 2026, the contract for the localisation of the adaptive technical design and related design services was signed with UAB 2L Architects, the winner of the international procurement procedure.

UAB 2L Architects is an experienced architectural company that has implemented a wide range of industrial, public, and educational building projects, including projects in Bucha, Ukraine.

27 EU-Funded High-Capacity Generators Have Been Delivered to SESU Emergency Departments Across Ukraine



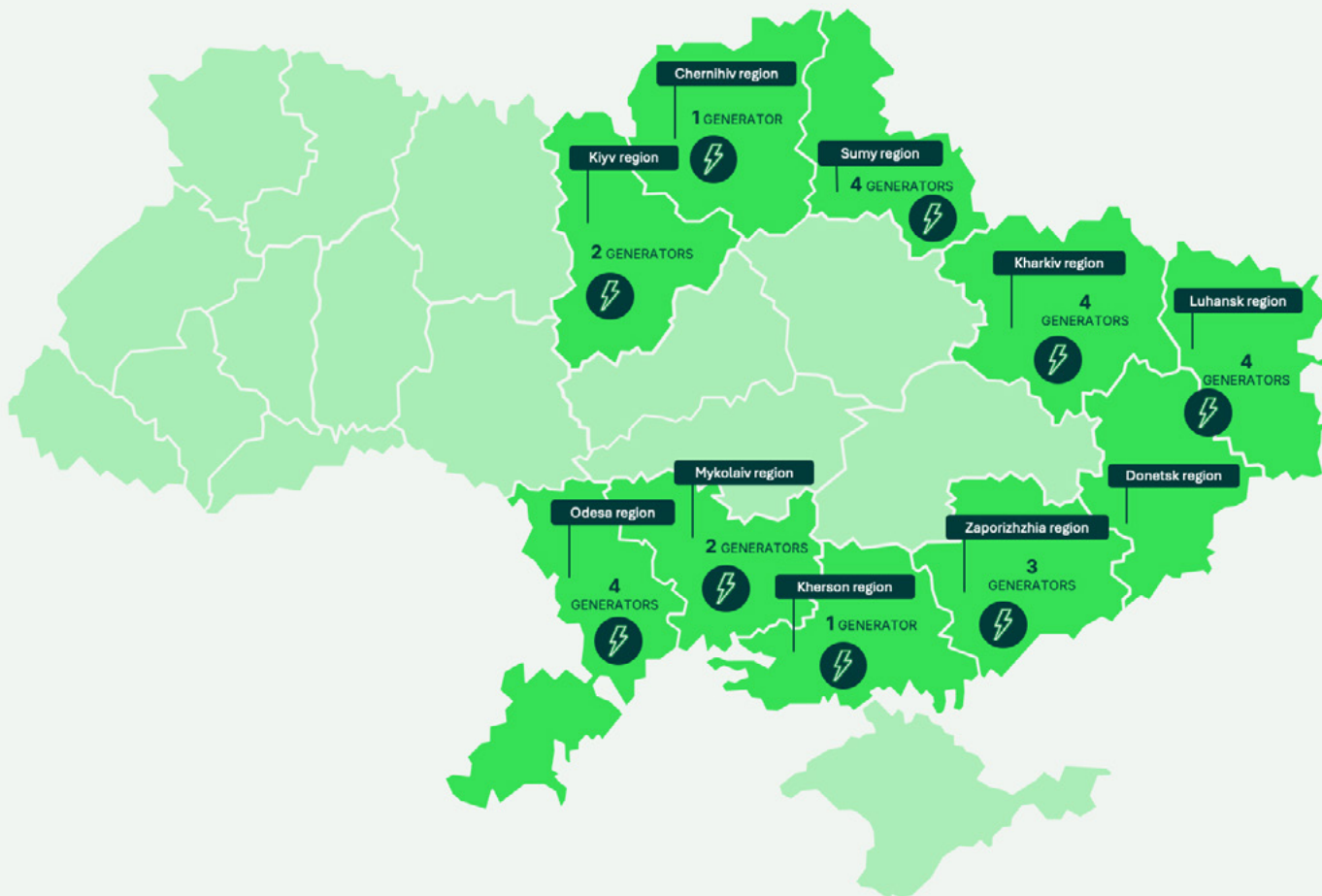
An official ceremony was held in Kyiv to mark the delivery of **27 high-capacity generators**, provided by the European Union's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), to support communities through the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU). Funded by the EU and delivered by the Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA), the generators support all vital needs of the communities during emergencies across the country and in frontline regions specifically



The equipment was delivered to nine regions across Ukraine in early March and is already in active use, ensuring an efficient response to wartime challenges.



The equipment has been deployed in the Kyiv, Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Odesa regions, as well as at the Donetsk and Luhansk mobile hubs.



The ceremony was attended by Peter Wagner, Head of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments of the European Commission, Andriy Danyk, Head of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, EU delegation, Lithuanian Embassy, the Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) representatives, and SESU team.



The high-capacity generators the EU has procured in partnership with the Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) are helping maintain critical services in regions heavily affected by Russian attacks against critical civilian infrastructure. This support arrived during the acute energy crisis earlier this year, caused by those attacks, and will keep contributing to Ukraine's energy resilience.

Peter Wagner

Head of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments of the European Commission

Generators were delivered at a critical moment and within a tight timeframe, as strengthening the energy supply remains an urgent priority. More support is expected to help people across Ukraine remain resilient and strong in the face of the ongoing war.

“The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) works closely with the EU and Ukrainian communities, so we see and understand firsthand what it is like to live and work under constant Russian shelling. That is why these generators were delivered within such a tight timeframe: only two months passed from the launch of the EU initiative and the first meeting to the actual delivery. This equipment will support communities in their most difficult moments.” — **Eglė Uleckienė, Director of Ukraine Recovery and Peace Investment Department, The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA).**

The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center Team Meets With Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko to Follow Up on the Progress of a New Pedestrian Bridge Construction



During a three-day visit to Kyiv, the team of the Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) met with the mayor of the Ukrainian capital, Vitali Klitschko to follow up with the progress progress of a new pedestrian bridge inspired by the King Mindaugas Bridge in Vilnius.

The project is funded by the Vilnius City Administration and the Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Fund of the Republic of Lithuania.

The idea for the bridge is a symbol of the long-term partnership between Kyiv and Vilnius, and a sign of support for Ukraine during the war. Vitali Klitschko noted that this project will become a new jewel of the capital, offering Kyiv residents and guests a place of calm and relief from the daily stresses and challenges of the war.

“We are grateful for the funding and support from our Lithuanian friends, who stand with Ukraine during these challenging times. This support is vital because unity is our strength, and together we grow stronger. Bridges unite countries, and this bridge carries a deep symbolic meaning — it connects two shores. In this case, it unites Lithuania and Ukraine. It is a deeply symbolic project.”

Vitali Klitschko
Head of the Kyiv City State Administration

Civil Protection Shelter Coalition



The implementation of Shelter Coalition's projects in Ukraine is progressing steadily. Among the three facilities implemented by Lithuania, the project in the Sumy region has already reached an important milestone — the construction contract has been signed, and the building permit was issued on 8 May 2026. Construction works are expected to last around nine months.

In the Mykolaiv region, the construction contract is planned to be signed by the end of May 2026, with works expected to begin shortly afterwards.

Meanwhile, the procurement process for construction works has been launched for the project in the Dnipropetrovsk region.

Lithuanian–Ukrainian NGO Partnership Meeting at the Embassy of Lithuania in Kyiv



The Embassy of Lithuania in Kyiv hosted a Lithuanian – Ukrainian NGO Partnership Meeting, marking the first-ever official visit of a Lithuanian NGO delegation to the Ukrainian capital. Selected through a competitive call by Lithuania’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the delegation brought together representatives from 12 leading civil society organisations.

The core mission was to connect Lithuanian NGOs directly with Ukrainian organisations working on the ground to gain a deeper understanding of current needs and explore opportunities for long-term cooperation on joint initiatives funded by the EU and international donors.



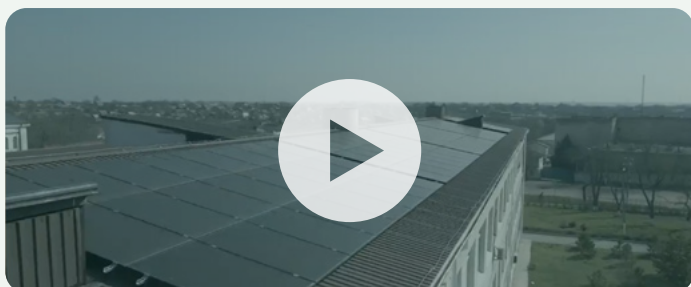
This event offered a unique platform for Ukrainian NGOs seeking trusted partnerships with Lithuanian colleagues working in similar fields. Participants specified key areas of collaboration, ranging from civic and crisis resilience to social services, support for vulnerable groups (including children), and Ukraine’s recovery and reconstruction.

Create Ukraine

Participants of Create Ukraine programme combines work in the public sector with a strong learning and development component. Participants take part in training programmes focused on teamwork, communication, and professional growth.

Recently, The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) organised a two-day training session in Kyiv, *Understanding Self and Others*. During the training, participants worked with the DiSC methodology — one of the world's most widely used tools for strengthening communication and team collaboration.

Support for Ukraine's Energy Sector With Solar Power Plants



The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) continues to work on expanding support for energy resilience in Ukraine. Eighteen solar power plants are already operating in schools and hospitals across the country.

Two additional sites are expected to become operational by the end of May, while six newly added project sites are planned for completion by the end of August 2026.

Rehabilitation and Reintegration for Ukrainian Defenders and War Victims

Process management support for rehabilitation centres

Lithuania's Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programme supports rehabilitation centres in Ukraine through **comprehensive capacity building and management improvement**. Together with teams in Lviv and Zhytomyr, Lithuanian specialists help review patient pathways, improve team coordination, introduce practical management tools, and strengthen quality control systems to ensure consistent rehabilitation services for soldiers and civilians recovering from trauma. In addition, the teams work on standardizing

their procedures so that all patients receive the same quality of service, and work on an objectively measures, **KPI-based quality control systems**.

On May 25–27, rehabilitation teams from Zhytomyr and Lviv took part in workshops focused on process improvement. In Zhytomyr, the team worked on **optimising the patient pathway following the initial assessment stage**, taking into account limited resources and future infrastructure upgrades. In Lviv, specialists reviewed progress made **in quality control over the past year**, while also focusing on risk management and future digitalisation needs of the growing rehabilitation centre.



Strengthening capacity to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services in Ukraine

A new postgraduate course in the Maitland® Concept of manipulative physiotherapy and neuro-musculoskeletal management kicked off its first of four planned week-long sessions in Lviv, Ukraine. This new course was scheduled following highly positive feedback and strong demand from rehabilitation specialists across Ukraine. The Maitland® patient-centered and evidence-based approach to assessment and manual therapy helps improve diagnostic accuracy and treatment effectiveness, leading to more individualised and successful rehabilitation outcomes uniquely suited for treating the complex combat injuries that Ukrainian fighters face. With Lithuanian support, a group of 18 Ukrainian physical therapy and rehabilitation specialists from Dnipro, Lviv, and Zhytomyr recently received their Level 1 Certificates of the International Maitland® concept programme.

23-25 April 2026 – a three-day training on assistive rehabilitation technologies and rehabilitation equipment workshop management was conducted for rehabilitation professionals from Dnipro. The sessions with extensive practical exercises on selecting, adjusting, maintaining, and safely using assistive devices, including wheelchairs are of a special value for the team working on rehabilitation of patients with the spinal cord injuries. Participants also explored the organisation and management of assistive technology workshops, equipment servicing, and patient-centred adaptation of rehabilitation aids. The training was delivered by specialists from the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Clinical Hospital's Centre for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.



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For the second year in a row, UNBROKEN Veterans joined the symbolic run in Vilnius



Last year, the symbolic veterans' run "For Your Freedom and Ours" organised by The Lithuanian International Partnerships Center (CPVA) team became an example of how solidarity brings people together. On May 23 2026, the initiative returned for the second time to Vilnius — proving that support matters most when it continues.

We were honored to once again stand beside Ukrainian defenders during the symbolic run in Vilnius. These veterans undergo rehabilitation at UNBROKEN, one of the rehabilitation centres supported through the Lithuanian Rehabilitation Programme,

The event concluded with a heartfelt Thank You Evening, where Indrė Šuolienė, Director of CPVA, received an distinction from the City of Lviv for CPVA's contributions to the development of the UNBROKEN rehabilitation ecosystem.

The evening and the run were organised by the City of Lviv and Unbroken, with the support from Vilnius municipality and Lithuanian MFA.

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