

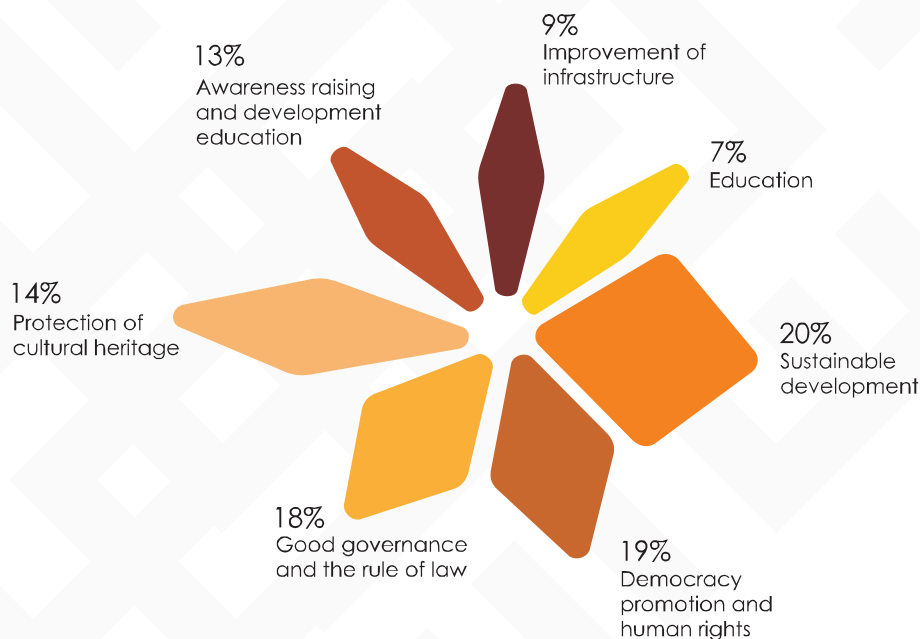


LITHUANIAN
DEVELOPMENT
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FOR SUSTAINABLE AND
MEANINGFUL DEVELOPMENT:
CULTURE

For Sustainable and Meaningful Development: Culture

Promotion of living culture and cultural heritage can be effectively used to achieve development policy goals. Lithuania is placing culture at the centre of its development policy in the Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Afghanistan (Province of Ghor). Strengthening cultural relations and protection of cultural heritage is one of the priority areas of Lithuanian development cooperation with 9% of bilateral development cooperation funds allocated to this priority in 2007, followed by 15% in 2008.



I. Benefit of the cultural projects is difficult to measure, but the aim is at the spin-off and multiplying effect of intercultural understanding and promotion of common values.

At the border: Music and openness

The **music and art festival *Be2gether*** is a rather unique event on the Eastern limit of the European Union, just **50 meters from the Lithuanian-Belarusian border**, which separates democracy and remnants of totalitarian past. The festival is an innovative attempt to fuse music and the message of freedom, to highlight the need of opening borders for people to people contacts and promote common values.



The event also has a charitable side to it: in 2007, the part of the income was donated to Belarusian children affected by the **Chernobyl disaster**. In 2008, echoing the Russian military aggression in Georgia, *Be2gether* became **Georgia2gether** dedicated to support the Georgians in their struggle against the aggressor.

Georgia: Welcoming modern art

Intercultural understanding paves the way to the effective development. In 2008, Georgian and Lithuanian art discovers each other through this cultural exchange project. Photographers, sculptures, jewellers, and singers benefit from the **mutual inspiration** and **enrichment** at seminars, exhibitions and workshops.



II. Culture as a tool for support of identities, marginalized from the public life.

Belarus: Freedom of Intellectual Expression

Union of Belarusian Writers closed for political reasons in 2006 is operating in Vilnius as an institution free from state ideology. Belarusian artists have an opportunity to publish their literary works and present them to the public, thus contributing to the preservation of the Belarusian language and culture.



Belarus: Rediscovering Identity

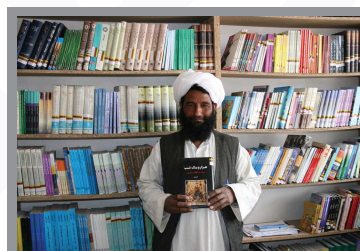
Since 2007, Belarusian students of the Vilnius-based **European Humanities University** (EHU) are offered Lithuanian language and culture studies. These studies

include subjects of common European history of Lithuania and Belarus, cultural anthropology and ethnographic expeditions, thus addressing the marginalised issue of national and European identity to Belarusian youth.

III. Cultural projects in Afghanistan create a solid background for successful development activities.

Public library in Chaghcharan

2.600 books in Dari and Pashtu languages as well as computers and furniture were provided by Lithuania to the first public library in Chaghcharan, the capital of the province of Ghor. This project supplements the support for basic education and aims at encouraging cultural activities in the province.



Lithuanian fairytales in Dari

Lithuanian fairytale book series, translated to **Dari language**, illustrated by unique pictures of Lithuanian artists and students of arts school are distributed to schools and local communities in Ghor province. This is a rather unusual but meaningful step in creating the **dialogue between cultures and societies**.



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