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LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Lithuanian development cooperation focuses on areas where we have a comparative advantage arising from our own state-building experience in democratic reform, strengthening of civil society and establishing a properly functioning market economy.

LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS BY PRIORITY SECTORS, 2010

- Social development and health care, 9 projects
- Scientific, cultural and youth cooperation, 14 projects
- Strengthening of administrative capacities, 8 projects
- Support to the European integration processes, 5 projects
- Public awareness raising, 6 projects
- Democracy promotion, 1 project



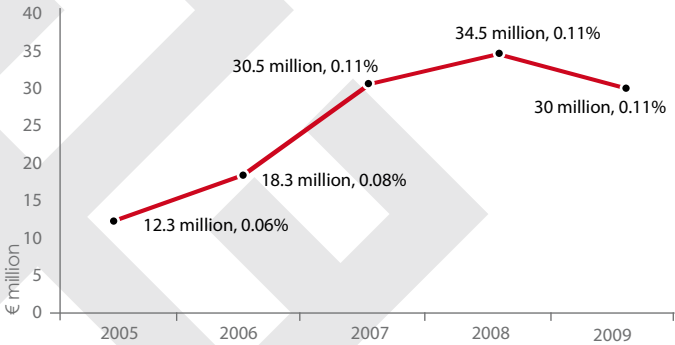
In line with the priorities of the Lithuanian foreign policy, our development cooperation is mainly directed towards Afghanistan and partner countries in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus.

LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS BY PARTNER COUNTRY, 2010

- Afghanistan (Ghor province), 10 projects
- Georgia, 8 projects
- Belarus, 10 projects
- Ukraine, 4 projects
- Moldova, 3 projects
- Multilateral projects, 6 projects
- Public awareness raising, 5 projects



LITHUANIAN ODA 2005-2009 (€ MILLION, GNI %)



Development cooperation is carried out bilaterally or multilaterally through international organisations. The main actors are national NGOs, especially in the field of development education and awareness raising.

AFGHANISTAN



Development activities are mainly focused in Chaghcharan, centre of the Ghor province, where Lithuania has been leading a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) since 2005

Social development and health care

The project **Technical surveillance of Chaghcharan Children Day-care Centre** completes 2008-2010 programme which is funded by Lithuania and aims at improvement of educational and social conditions for children in the province of Ghor. The project is carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs of Afghanistan and with Japan. The former took the overall ownership of construction, long term maintenance and organization of educational activities of the centre. Lithuania is responsible for the surveillance of the architectural-constructional and the engineering part of the project.



Ghor region doctors' internship in Lithuania: three Afghan doctors, otolaryngologist, paediatrician and obstetrician-gynaecologist, will benefit from a two-month internship at the Medical Clinic of Vilnius University. Equally, Lithuanian obstetrician-gynaecologist will go to Chaghcharan hospital to share professional knowledge with local doctors and carry out consultations on the ground.

Strengthening of administrative capacities

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Strengthening of administrative capacities in agricultural sector of Ghor province is oriented to build up capacities of communities in Ghor region by sharing of Lithuanian know-how and good practice examples of effective agriculture. It is also expected to strengthen networking among local communities and increase their ownership in self supplying of food.



A number of **small scale and quick-response activities** have been carried out by the Lithuanian Special Mission in Afghanistan. Main needs of local institutions and population in areas such as infrastructure development, education, culture and information, good governance and rule of law have been addressed. Majority of activities are fully owned by local communities.



BELARUS



Lithuania continues to support open civil society initiatives, independent education, fostering of common cultural heritage as well as strengthening of administrative capacities

Scientific, cultural and youth cooperation

The European Humanities University (EHU) is a Belarusian university in exile, since 2005 based in Vilnius. Today it provides university education to more than 2000 Belarusian students. Apart from making yearly contributions to the EHU Trust Fund, Lithuania in 2010 continues to carry out a **Leadership programme** for the students enrolled at the university. Through



this project a group of potential leaders of society, politics and science among the EHU students will benefit from a 7-day leadership academy as well as from training in history and culture.

Enhancing human rights in Belarus makes integral part of a bigger project financed by the European Commission EIDHR Programme. The overall objective is to enhance the visibility of human rights issues in the social agenda of Belarus by reinforcing the activities of human rights defenders and training of human rights supporters. The target group of the project is youth.

Scientific and cultural bridges between Gomel and Panevezys regions - initiated in 2009, the project continues to foster cooperation between academic youth of Gomel in Belarus and Panevezys in Lithuania. Scientific activities complemented by cultural and civil programme contribute to educating active and responsible Belarusian youth and bring them closer to democratic world.



Cultural ties with Belarus aims to develop scientific, cultural and youth collaboration which further leads to the successful formation of civil society and democratic consolidation. Main activities focus around personality of Duke Michael Kleop Oginski (1765-1833), an important figure for the cultural identity of Belarus. A series of conferences, presentations and educational concerts under this project will take place both in Belarus and in Lithuania.





Cultural bridges: links of democratic ideas provides with a possibility for Belarusians and Lithuanians to better know each other while commemorating famous historical figures close to both cultures: Czeslaw Milosz, the Nobel Prize winner born in Lithuania, and Oskaras Milasius, his distant relative born in Belarus. Artistic workshops in Belarus, Lithuania as well as in Poland should finally result in a book dedicated to both outstanding writers and would address the readers in all three languages.

Strengthening of administrative capacities

By the project **Sharing of know-how in the field of environmental protection with municipalities of Belarus** Lithuania aims at passing over its expertise of relevant legal basis as well as best practices in waste management and environmental protection and thus bring Belarus closer to the European standards in this field.



GEORGIA



Cooperation among regions, strengthening of institutional capacities as well as support to social and health services remain in focus in 2010

Social development and health care

Assurance of mental health services to children in post-conflict situations targets children and their families affected by war. Mobile teams of mental health professionals reach out and provide psychological care for those living in camps of internally displaced persons and buffer zones of Georgia. Equally, the project seeks to initiate a discussion with local authorities on a need and importance of having a children mental health system in place and its accessibility.



Strengthening of competencies and social capacities of Georgian municipalities, ongoing since 2009, in 2010 this project seeks to encourage exchange between youth, academic community and civil society from different regions of Georgia. Itinerary of public lectures at Kutaisi, Gori and Tbilisi universities as well as experience sharing seminars in municipalities of Terjola, Kobuleti and Tsalenjikha for local NGOs and youth organisations will be complimented by small scale infrastructure development activities in public libraries of Khashuri and Gori state university.



The project **Support to women's entrepreneurship** is well in line with the objectives of the European year for combating poverty and social exclusion. Employment offers the best way out of poverty for those most vulnerable, including women. This project aims at developing a mentor-training programme and initially train 18 women-mentors which, in their turn will further develop a mentor's network with strong self-help mission.



Strengthening of healthcare institutions in Guria region – a continuation of a three-year cooperation between Guria and Panevezys regions, which in 2010 focuses on needs-based assistance in support of Georgian healthcare reform.

Strengthening of administrative and institutional capacities

The project **Georgia's fire rescue system** is seeking to further develop working capacity of Georgian fire-fighters and looks into possibilities to establish a training institution of this kind in Georgia which could benefit from Lithuanian and other European countries' expertise in this field.



MOLDOVA



In 2010 Lithuania continues to support initiatives that bring Moldova closer to the European standards

Support to the European integration

Since 2007 **Moldovan Customs** benefit from technical assistance provided by the Lithuanian Customs Department; a 2010 project specifically targets problems in auditing service.



Cooperation between Lithuanian Institute of Rural Economy and Moldovan certification institutions is expected to strengthen administrative capacities of the latter with specific emphasis on certification systems for organic agricultural products.



Transfer of Lithuanian EU integration expertise in support of reforms in Moldova and Ukraine is an ongoing project since 2006. It aids in particular local legal reforms, municipality reforms, cooperation in exploring common cultural heritage, and looks into ways of bringing closer Moldovan and Ukrainian youth leaders.

UKRAINE



Support to the European integration processes by strengthening institutional capacities, cooperation among regions remain at the heart of bilateral development cooperation activities

Support to the European integration

The project **Strengthening of administrative capacities in the area of legal approximation** seeks to transfer the Lithuanian know-how in analysis, planning and transposition of European regulations into national legal system. Technical assistance and twinning support benefit the State Department for Legal Approximation under the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

Simferopol city militia (Crimean Autonomous Republic) benefits from the project **Transferring the best practices of the Lithuanian police in organisational management**. Carried out by the Telsiai county police (Lithuania), this project aspires to significantly improve working methods of their Ukrainian counterparts.

The ongoing Cooperation between Telsiai and Crimea regions in 2010 aims at improving strategic planning skills and competences in three Crimean municipalities.



MULTILATERAL PROJECTS



In 2010 Lithuania continues to support cross-border efforts in preservation of the Litvak cultural heritage as well as to further foster dialogue between Belarusian, Ukrainian and Lithuanian scholars on our common cultural heritage



Heritage of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania for Neighborhood Policy and Regional Cooperation - this project seeks to create a dialogue and exchange of scientific ideas among scholars from Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine, aiming to explore and promote a long-time forgotten historical and cultural heritage of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. One of the main objectives is to achieve cooperation and tighten the existing links between the neighbouring countries that share their historical background. The virtual museum and archive "Magnus Ducatus Lithuaniae" (www.mdl.lt) has been created with the aim of improving access for the general public and academic community to written sources of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Portrait exhibitions of significant noblemen families have been organized, books of history of science have been published. The project allows exchanging cultural goods and promoting cultural tourism, helps building and strengthening good neighbourly relations with Belarus and Ukraine, as well as implementing the European Union's Eastern Partnership initiative.

Research of the Litvak Heritage in Lithuania and Belarus is a cross-border research which brings together Lithuanian, Belarusian and Russian academic youth, professorship and NGO's, and seeks to engage scholars in the preservation of the valuable Litvak cultural heritage in the former Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Due to the destruction of the entire Jewish heritage under the Nazi and Soviet regimes, many of the remaining Jewish synagogues were architecturally changed, derelict or used for different purposes. The establishment of this international research aims to promote humanistic approach to the common history and heritage as well as to foster cultural and religious tolerance. The exhibition "The Sounds of Silence" introducing the heritage of the annihilated Litvak communities has been presented to the general public in Prague, Vilnius, Tel Aviv and New York.





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