

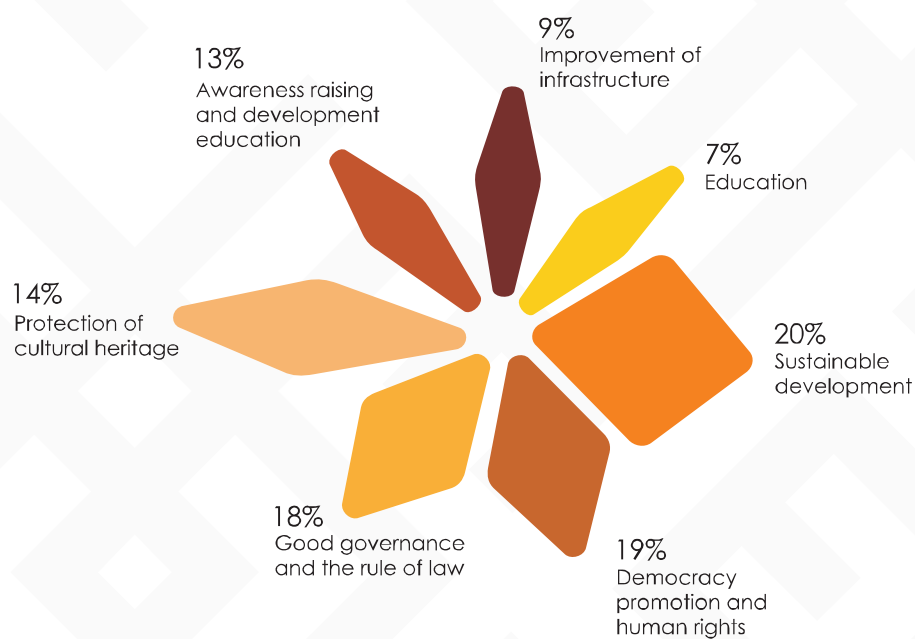


LITHUANIAN  
DEVELOPMENT  
COOPERATION

FOR SUSTAINABLE AND  
MEANINGFUL DEVELOPMENT:  
**LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

## For Sustainable and Meaningful Development: Local governance

Promoting good governance to facilitate reforms is one of the central tasks of Lithuanian development cooperation. Specific feature of this task is to share the experience of Lithuania's integration into European Union.



## Ukraine and Moldova: knowing more about Europe

**European information centres** in Ukrainian cities of Lvov, Donetsk as well as in Kishinev, capital of Moldova, have been established with the aim to disseminate the information about the European Union and share the experience of Lithuania's integration into the EU. Lithuanian politicians and experts frequently meet the local academic public and youth in lectures and seminars.



## Georgia: Capacity building for the protection of child rights

Experts from Lithuania advise the Child Rights Centre of Georgia on the improvement of juvenile justice and the protection and **rehabilitation system of the children who are the victims of violence**. The project covers various activities, such as the extensive information campaign on children rights.

### Ukraine: Business to business cooperation at the local level

The local authorities of Lithuanian towns Telšiai and Mažeikiai are involved in cooperation with the Ukrainian region of Sumy. **Local businesses benefit** from this partnership and help making it truly viable.

### Georgia: Strengthening of economic and democratic potential in Guria region

**Economic development strategies** for the authorities of Guria region (one of the least developed parts of Georgia) have been prepared in cooperation with local authorities of Panevėžys region of Lithuania. Also, several **individual business plans** have been elaborated and private business initiatives started. As a result the Georgian participants have received grants amounting to half a million euros



### III. Good governance projects contribute to the basics of democracy.



#### Georgia: for the free and fair elections

Lithuanian NGO *Eastern European Study Centre* has trained **200 young people from Georgia and Lithuania** and has arranged their participation in the election observation mission in Georgia. The young observers learned to collect and evaluate information during the Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Georgia.

#### Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia: media's role during the election campaign

In 2008, elections took place in all three countries highlighting the **need for active role of independent and professional media in new democracies**. 90 journalists (30 from each country) representing national, regional and local media were trained by the Lithuanian and EU experts.

# 2009

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