

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION No 937

ON APPROVAL OF AN INTER-INSTITUTIONAL ACTION PLAN ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

21 September 2016

Vilnius

For the purposes of enhanced inter-institutional coordination of development cooperation, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has resolved:

1. To approve an Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation (annexed hereto).

2. To propose to the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania, to municipal authorities and bodies to take part in implementation of the Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation, as approved by the present Resolution.

Prime Minister

Algirdas Butkevičius

Minister of Defence,
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

Juozas Olekas

APPROVED BY
Resolution No 937
of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania
of 21 September 2016

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL ACTION PLAN ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The purpose of the Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation (hereinafter, the Plan) is to set development cooperation policy guidelines for 2017-2019 of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, Lithuania) as well as implementation measures thereof, to ensure continuous and efficient development cooperation activities of Lithuania and to coordinate them, to enhance the role of Lithuania as a reliable and responsible donor country in the region, the European Union (hereinafter, the EU), the United Nations (hereinafter, the UN), and other international organisations, the international community, and aid recipient countries.

2. The Plan has been drafted in accordance with the Law on Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, the Law), Lithuania's foreign policy priorities, and taking into account relevant strategic documents of the UN and EU, and its international commitments.

3. Lithuania's development cooperation activities, as laid down in the Plan, are aimed to contribute to the achievement of the goals set by the new UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (hereinafter, the UNGA) Resolution No A/RES/70/1 of 25 September 2015, within the aid recipient countries (hereinafter, Sustainable Development Goals).

4. Lithuania, while gradually increasing development aid, shall seek to ensure that in the long-term perspective, Lithuania's official development assistance is in line with Lithuania's international commitments (0.33% of Gross National Income by 2030).

5. Taking into consideration its financial resources allocated to development cooperation and accumulated development cooperation experience, Lithuania will seek to contribute to implementation of all Sustainable Development Goals in aid recipient countries, giving priority to the following sectoral areas of development cooperation (Sustainable Development Goals are formulated in line with the UNGA Resolution No A/RES/70/1 of 25 September):

5.1. end poverty in all its forms everywhere (Goal 1);

5.2. ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all (Goal 4);

5.3. achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls (Goal 5);

5.4. take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (Goal 13);

5.5. promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels (Goal 16);

5.6. strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development (Goal 17).

6. While implementing Sustainable Development Goals, Lithuania shall seek to apply the best practice accumulated by national and municipal authorities and bodies, non-governmental organisations, as well as businesses, and to share it with the developing countries seeking democracy, development of market economy, and integration into international structures. Sharing reforms experience will remain a key priority for Lithuania's bilateral development cooperation with partner countries.

7. The priority geographical areas of Lithuania's development cooperation are the region of Eastern Europe as well as countries of migration origin and transit. Attention to the region of Eastern Europe is determined by historic, economic, and cultural links to the countries of the region. Lithuania is familiar with the political system of the neighbouring Eastern countries as well as their economic, social, and cultural characteristics and specific issues.

8. In compliance with the objectives of the EU's Eastern Partnership policy and the Vilnius and Riga summit declarations, in consideration of accumulated experience in long standing relations with and donorship to the EU's Eastern Partnership countries, as well as taking into account the needs of these countries and Lithuania's comparative advantages in comparison to other donor countries, and seeking closer integration of these countries with the EU, Lithuania shall first of all provide bilateral assistance to the neighbouring countries that have signed association agreements with the EU (Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova), including agreement parts on creation of deep and comprehensive free trade areas as well as implementation of these agreements and related reforms, and shall fully cooperate with them, while these countries seek closer integration with the EU. Lithuania shall seek enhanced visibility to the aid recipient countries.

9. Considering the needs of developing countries and its own foreign policy priorities and financial capabilities, Lithuania shall also provide assistance to other countries that are included in the list of aid recipients of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

10. Lithuania shall continue to provide humanitarian aid in compliance with the principles of humanitarian aid, as laid down in the Law, and in response to requests for humanitarian aid, and announced international appeals. First of all humanitarian aid will be provided to save lives, alleviate suffering, preserve dignity in cases of natural and human-made disasters or remove after-effects thereof, as well as in situations likely to lead to wide-scale crisis, or directly affect Lithuania or the neighbouring region.

11. By implementing its development cooperation activities, Lithuania shall cooperate with the EU institutions, the UN, and other international organisations in order to coordinate global efforts to support developing countries. Lithuania shall contribute to the

efforts of the international community, by providing support on a multi-lateral basis via EU financial instruments and programmes, the UN, the World Bank Group and other international organizations, international financial institutions and funds implementing or coordinating development cooperation activities.

12. Lithuania shall further support activities to raise public awareness, especially among the youth, on the importance, goals, and advantages of development cooperation, encourage volunteering, inform about projects implemented by Lithuania and results thereof, as well as Lithuania's contribution to the activities of international development organisations and funds. The public shall be informed about the development cooperation policy pursued by the EU and other international organisations and funds, as well as opportunities for the Lithuanian entities to participate in implementation of their projects.

13. Lithuania shall encourage national and municipal authorities and bodies, nongovernmental organisations, as well as businesses to take a stronger involvement in bilateral, European, and international development cooperation projects aimed at exchanging best practices with foreign partners.

14. Lithuanian national and municipal authorities and bodies shall be further encouraged to take part in the projects of the EU's Twinning programme aimed at enhancing administrative and institutional capacities of partner countries. These activities shall be coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania.

15. Ministries, bodies under the ministries, bodies within the remit of ministers, as well as other national and municipal authorities and bodies or organisations not involved in the implementation of the Plan, shall continue implementing activities of development cooperation, focusing on the development cooperation areas established in the Plan, while implementing relevant measures of their strategic, annual, or other planning documents.

16. Authorities implementing the measures of the Plan shall ensure the use of the logo "Lithuanian Development Cooperation" in publicising information regarding the implementation of the Plan measures. Minister of Foreign Affairs shall approve the logo.

17. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania shall coordinate implementation of the Plan.

CHAPTER II

AIMS, OBJECTIVES, MEASURES, AND ALLOCATIONS OF THE PLAN

No.	Aim, objective, measure	Appropriations for 2017 (thousand EUR)				Appropriations for 2018 (thousand EUR)				Appropriations for 2019 (thousand EUR)				Participating institution
		In total	Out of this			In total	Out of this			In total	Out of this			
			Expenses		Asset acquisition		Expenses		Asset acquisition		Expenses		Asset acquisition	
			In total	Out of them, for salaries			In total	Out of them, for salaries			In total	Out of them, for salaries		
1.	Aim: to strengthen Lithuania's participation in the implementation activities of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in aid recipient countries													
1.1.	Objective: to provide bilateral assistance of development cooperation	1 703.6	1 703.6	1.6		1 675.6	1 675.6	1.6		1 674.6	1 674.6	1.6		
1.1.1.	Measure: within the remit of the Customs of the Republic of Lithuania, to implement the Project of the Phase 9 of the Border Management Programme of countries of Central Asia (Sustainable Development Goal 16)	25	25			–	–			–	–			Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, Ministry of Finance), Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter,

														Customs Department)
1.1.2.	Measure: to organise events, visits, or consultations in the area of social security for the EU's Eastern Partnership countries (Sustainable Development Goal 10)	50	50			50	50			50	50			Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, Ministry of Social Security and Labour)
1.1.3.	Measure: to support studies of foreign nationals in Lithuania (Sustainable Development Goal 4)	320	320			320	320			320	320			Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, Ministry of Education and Science)
1.1.4.	Measure: to finance development cooperation projects and to carry out monitoring thereof, to raise public awareness in Lithuania and aid recipient countries on the relevance of development cooperation, to organise events and visits, to	1 283.6	1 283.6			1 283.6	1 283.6			1 283.6	1 283.6			Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

	take part in the EU, UN, and international donor activities (Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 16, and 17)													
1.1.5.	Measure: to organise study visits and seminars in the area of finance supervision and fight against corruption for the EU's Eastern Partnership countries (Sustainable Development Goal 16)	5	5			2	2			1	1			Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, Ministry of the Interior) (Financial Crime Investigation Service under the Ministry of the Interior)
1.1.6.	Measure: to provide expertise in the field of fight against corruption to the EU's Eastern Partnership countries and other developing countries (Sustainable Development Goal 16)	2	2	1.6		2	2	1.6		2	2	1.6		Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter, Special Investigation Service)
1.1.7.	Measure: to implement projects, to organise trainings / study visits and seminars on agriculture, animal breeding, land	18	18			18	18			18	18			Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter,

	management and administration, geodesy, and cartography to the EU's Eastern Partnership countries or other aid recipient countries (Sustainable Development Goal 2)													Ministry of Agriculture)
1.2.	Objective: to contribute to the multilateral development cooperation efforts	10 956.4	10 956.4			9 992.4	9 992.4			9 069.4	9 069.4			
1.2.1.	Measure: to participate in financial instruments of international organisations and funds, implementing development cooperation activities in aid recipient countries:													
	while contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 11, 13, 14, and 15	195	195			195	195			195	195			Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
	while contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 17	3 210	3 210			2 246	2 246			1 323	1 323			Ministry of Finance
		24	24			24	24			24	24			Ministry of Finance (Customs Department)

		37	37			37	37			37	37			Ministry of the Interior (Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior)
	while contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 9	102	102			102	102			102	102			Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania
	while contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 2	308	308			308	308			308	308			Ministry of Agriculture
		33	33			33	33			33	33			Ministry of Agriculture (the State Plant Service under the Ministry of Agriculture)
1.2.2.	Measure: to fulfil commitments to the EU's development cooperation activities through EDF, to take part in financial instruments of other international organisations and funds (Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 17)	6 633.4	6 633.4			6 633.4	6 633.4			6 633.4	6 633.4			Ministry of Foreign Affairs

	implementation and other legally obtained funds)													
4.	In total to finance the Plan (2 + 3)	12 660	12 660	1.6		11 668	11 668	1.6		10 744	10 744	1.6		

CHAPTER III

PLAN ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND VALUES

No.	Assessment criteria and measuring values of aims and objectives	Assessment criteria values			Participating institution
		2017	2018	2019	
	Aim 1: to strengthen Lithuania's participation in the implementation activities of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in aid recipient countries				
R-1-1	Result assessment criterion: share of Gross National Income allocated to official development aid (%)	At least 0.12	At least 0.13	At least 0.14	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Aim 1, Objective 1: to provide bilateral assistance of development cooperation				
P-1-1-1	Product assessment criterion: number of events, visits, or consultations on social security organised with the EU's Eastern Partnership countries	13	13	13	Ministry of Social Security and Labour (together with bodies under its supervision)
P-1-1-2	Product assessment criterion: number of foreign nationals, who have received aid for studies in Lithuania	100	100	100	Ministry of Education and Science
P-1-1-3	Product assessment criterion: ratio between implemented projects and signed project agreements (%)	90	90	90	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
P-1-1-4	Product assessment criterion: number of implemented public awareness raising projects	3	3	3	Ministry of Foreign Affairs

No.	Assessment criteria and measuring values of aims and objectives	Assessment criteria values			Participating institution
		2017	2018	2019	
P-1-1-5	Product assessment criterion: number of study visits and seminars on finance supervision and fight against corruption that have been organised with the EU's Eastern Partnership countries	4	2	1	Ministry of the Interior (Financial Crime Investigation Service under the Ministry of the Interior)
P-1-1-6	Product assessment criterion: expert assistance in the field of fight against corruption provided to the EU's Eastern Partnership countries and other developing countries (number of employees that have provided assistance)	10	10	10	Special Investigation Service
P-1-1-7	Product assessment criterion: number of projects on agriculture, animal breeding, land management and administration, geodesy, and cartography implemented with the EU's Eastern Partnership countries or other aid recipient countries	3	3	3	Ministry of Agriculture
Aim 1, Objective 2: to contribute to the multilateral development cooperation efforts					
P-1-2-1	Product assessment criterion: ratio between participation in financial instruments of international organisations and funds (in value terms) and Lithuania's official development aid (%)	At least 25	At least 25	At least 25	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
