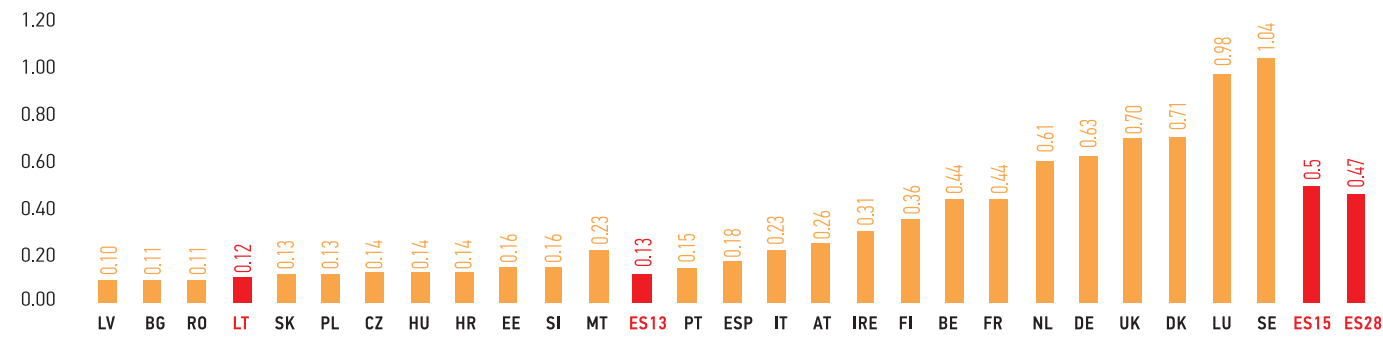


# EU OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, % OF GNI, 2018



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNDS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

In line with its international commitments, Lithuania contributes to the global efforts for poverty reduction and promotion of democratic values by making mandatory and voluntary contributions to funds and international organisations that carry out or coordinate development cooperation activities.

### Lithuania's contributions to EU instruments in 2018:

- **EUR 33.45 million to the EU general budget**, attributed to development activities

- **EUR 8.14 million to the European Development Fund**, set up to assist African, Caribbean and Pacific countries

### Biggest contributions to funds and international organisations:

- EUR 313 thous. for European Humanities University
- EUR 309 thous. for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO
- EUR 275 thous. – for the World Trade Organization, WTO

- EUR 225 thous. – for the UN peacekeeping missions
- EUR 223 thous. – for the World Health Organization, WHO

### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

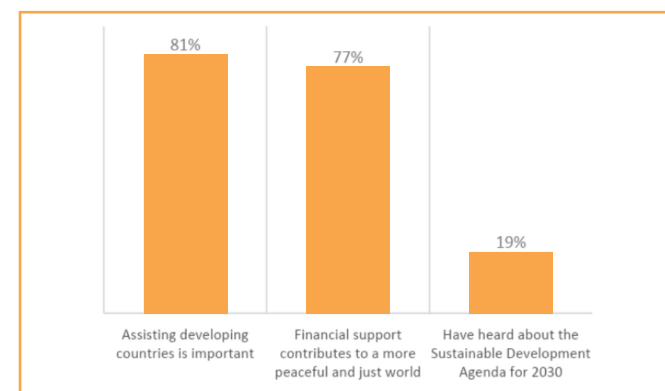
In 2018, Lithuania's allocations for humanitarian assistance totalled **EUR 2.7 million**. The biggest contributions went to:

- 1) EUR 1.19 million – Refugee Reception Centre in Lithuania
- 2) EUR 1.15 million – EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey
- 3) EUR 195 thous. – Support and rehabilitation for conflict-affected regions in Ukraine

## AWARENESS RAISING

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs consistently informs Lithuanian society, especially youth, about Agenda 2030 and SDGs, the importance and benefits of development cooperation. In 2018, Lithuanian non-governmental organizations have implemented 5 public awareness and information projects aimed at raising the competence of teachers and educators to work on SDGs, preparing ambassadors for sustainable development - young people - for work in their communities. Interactive lectures, discussions, knowledge competitions, hackathons, volunteer traineeships were organised. For the twelfth year, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported the international documentary film festival "Inconvenient Films". The content of the "Inconvenient Film Class" platform for schools has been complemented by films available to teachers in their daily work with students.

## LITHUANIAN PUBLIC OPINION ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



According to Eurobarometer and National Public Survey, 2018

## PARTICIPATION IN EU TWINNING AND TAIEX PROGRAMMES

In 2018, Lithuania continued to participate in EU Twinning and TAIEX programmes by transferring expertise to beneficiary countries. The Twinning Programme, funded by the European Commission, supports co-operation between institutions from different countries.

In 2018, Lithuanian institutions and experts:

- **won 7 Twinning projects** (with a total value of more than EUR 10 million)
- **implemented 34 Twinning projects** in: Macedonia (4), Georgia (4), Moldova (7), Ukraine (4), Azerbaijan (4), Turkey (1), Kosovo (1), Croatia (3), Albania (1), Jordan (1), Serbia (3) and Belarus (1)
- participated in **71 TAIEX programme events** (seminars, trainings, expert missions), 10 of which took place in Lithuania

In 2018, The Central Project Management Agency and partners have launched the project „Public Finance Management Support Programme for Ukraine“. The project, worth EUR 50 million, is financed by the European Commission and involves the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Swedish Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the European Commission Delegation to Ukraine.

OVER 2004 – 2018, LITHUANIA WON 99 EU TWINNING PROJECTS

# LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 2018

Lithuanian development cooperation aims to contribute to the implementation of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup> (SDGs) in beneficiary countries, focussing on these goals:



Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

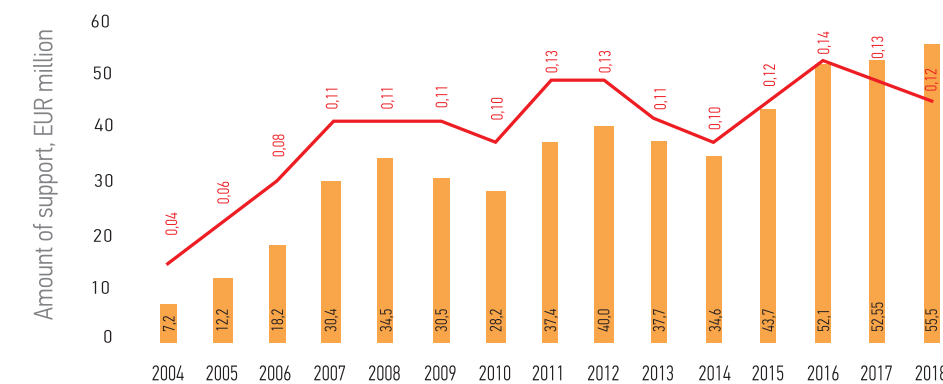
LITHUANIAN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN 2018<sup>2</sup>

**EUR 55,5 million**

0,12% of Gross National Income (GNI)

Official development assistance (ODA) – assistance and humanitarian aid for developing countries and territories funded from the state and municipal budgets

## LITHUANIAN ODA IN 2004-2018



In 2016–2018 the overall volume of ODA has been rising, however the reduction of ODA in terms of percentage was mostly influenced by GNI growth

Lithuania is committed to meet 0.33% target by 2030

## LITHUANIAN ODA COMPRISES OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE (EUR million)

ODA – 55,5	
Bilateral assistance – 10,1	
Ukraine   2,13	Belarus   1,74
Regional support for EU Eastern Partnership countries   1,53	Georgia   0,4
Moldova   0,18	Other countries (including EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey)
Multilateral assistance   45,4	
Contributions to funds	Humanitarian assistance
Contributions to international organisations	

<sup>1</sup> The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary data



# DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND DEMOCRACY PROMOTION PROGRAMME

The Development Cooperation and Democracy Promotion Programme is an integral implementing measure for the official development assistance of Lithuania, financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Funds of the programme constitute around 18% of the Lithuania's overall ODA.

In 2018, the Programme supported 84 development cooperation projects with a total value of more than EUR 1.25 million of which:

- 70 – bilateral projects
- 9 – regional projects
- 5 – awareness raising projects

In accordance with the development cooperation policies set out in the Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation for 2018-2020, Lithuania's priority in development cooperation in 2018 remained the EU Eastern Partnership countries – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, as well as countries of migration origin and transit.

Special attention was devoted to MOLDOVA, GEORGIA AND UKRAINE, where Lithuania provided assistance promoting political and economic integration with the EU, as well as social and economic reforms.

## 15 Projects in BELARUS

- Education, support for civil society and independent media, gender equality, social and economic empowerment of young people, transfer of experience in preserving cultural heritage are the main areas of cooperation with Belarus
- Lithuania supports the European Humanities University. Relocated to Vilnius, the University has become a symbol of academic freedom, bringing the European Union and Belarusian societies closer, promoting intercultural dialogue among young people

## 23 Projects in UKRAINE

Ukraine is a priority partner of Lithuanian development cooperation. Advancing Ukraine's integration with the European Union, Lithuania supports reforms in the areas of energy efficiency, rule of law, business environment, tax regulation, and heritage protection. Special attention is given to help conflict-affected regions and IDPs

- Lithuanian experts have contributed to a comprehensive analysis and reform of mental health services in Eastern Ukraine
- Lithuanian and Ukrainian education experts worked together to share their best practices and introduce a new management model in non-formal education in Ukraine

## 10 Projects in Migration origin, transit and other countries

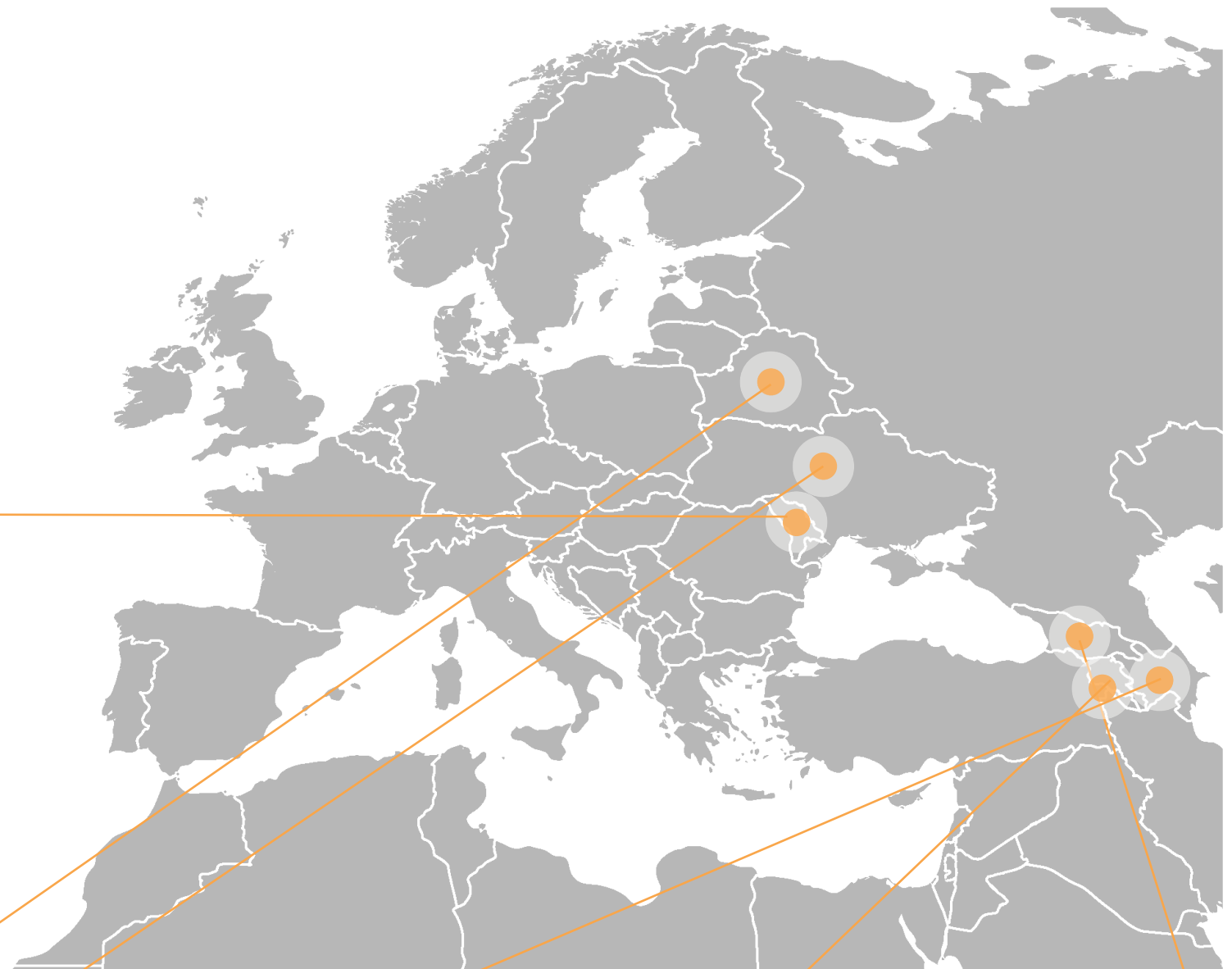
- In Algeria, Bhutan, Mali, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nigeria, Palestine and Turkey, assistance focused on youth and women empowerment
- 11 students from Iraq and Syria have received support for their university studies in Lithuania

Lithuanian ODA



## 8 Projects in MOLDOVA

- Moldavan schools of general education have developed anti-corruption education tools to strengthen civil society and develop critical thinking among young people. 18 students have been introduced to video reporting and interviewing techniques
- A number of experience sharing visits between national libraries and researchers in the field of cultural heritage preservation and historical awareness raising were carried out



## 2 Projects in AZERBAIJAN

- Workshops on entrepreneurship were organised for women living in rural areas
- Former territory of military conflict in Karimli Village, Khanbagi School was cleared from mines and a safe play area for children was created

## 2 Projects in ARMENIA

- Social activity and entrepreneurship among young people and women was promoted. Armenian women learned to start their own business and best start-ups have been awarded

## 10 Projects in GEORGIA

- 20 competitions about the European Union for young people were carried out
- Lithuania's experience shared in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy. A solar power plant in the IDP's settlement in Prezeti installed
- In Guria region, Alytus District Municipality organized an entrepreneurship workshop and training on business finance and product access to the EU market

## 9 Regional projects in EU EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

- Priority areas for regional actions:
- Strengthening the administrative and institutional capacities of partner countries in their efforts to implement the association agreements with the EU
  - Support to independent media

