

PARTICIPATION IN EU TWINNING AND TAIEX PROGRAMMES



In 2021, Lithuania has successfully shared its expertise in implementing the EU Twinning and TAIEX programmes. The EC-funded EU Twinning Programme supports cooperation between related institutions in different countries. In 2021, Lithuania was awarded **6 Twinning Projects** worth a total value of EUR 9.6 mln.. The projects will be implemented in Georgia, Moldova, Azerbaijan,

Serbia, and Northern Macedonia. In 2021, Lithuanian experts from various fields shared their experience at as many as **58 EU TAIEX programme events** (seminars, trainings, expert missions), 9 of which were held in Lithuania.

In total, Lithuania has been awarded **125 EU Twinning Projects** over 2004-2021.

In 2021, the Lithuanian Central Project Management Agency and partners have implemented **5 EU-funded development cooperation projects** in Ukraine, Angola, Belarus, Western Balkans and Turkey, and the Eastern Partnership countries. The total value of projects is EUR 63.9 mln.

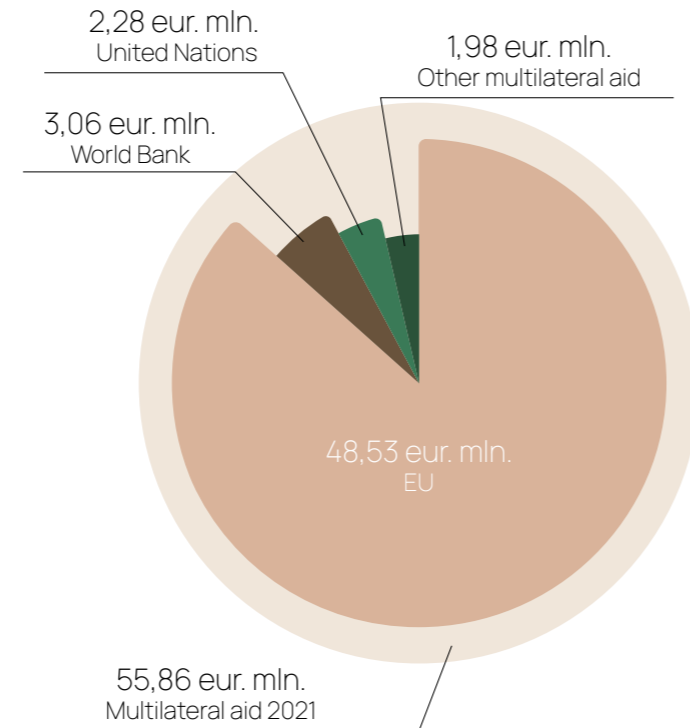
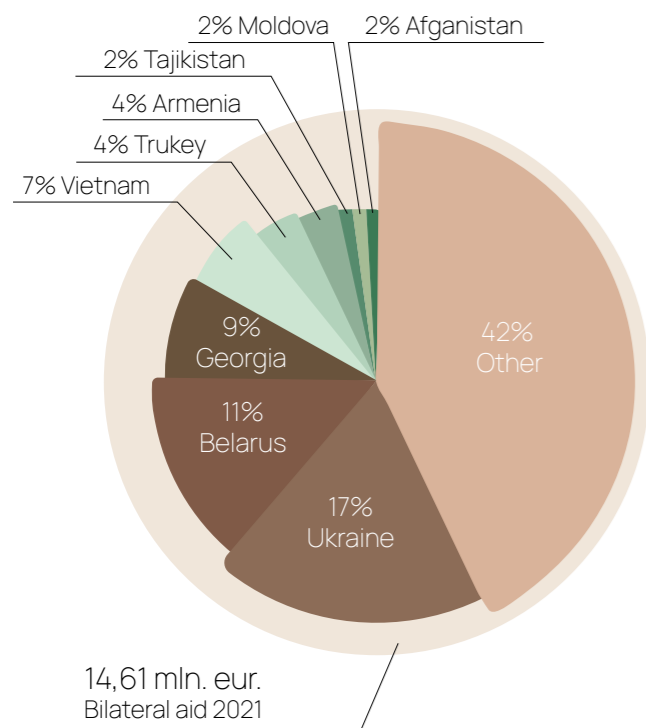
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS

By consistently supporting the projects of non-governmental organizations, we have informed the Lithuanian public about the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the importance and benefits of development cooperation.

During the international festival "Inconvenient Films", a program of 50 documentaries on human rights was presented, public meetings and discussions with filmmakers, film characters, human rights activists and experts took place.

A competition for young journalists "Africa is Not a Country", capacity building trainings for NGOs, a summer camp for young people, a virtual "escape room", and interactive talks and brainstorming sessions for seniors on sustainable development have been organised.

LITHUANIA'S OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CONSISTS OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AID



Multilateral aid constitutes Lithuania's international commitments to reduce poverty and promote democratic values through mandatory and voluntary contributions and payments to funds that carry out or coordinate development cooperation activities, international organisations and international financial institutions.

Bilateral aid includes projects, technical assistance, scholarships and study grants for students from partner countries, as well as targeted humanitarian aid. In 2021, Lithuania provided humanitarian aid worth EUR 4,44 mln.

2021 DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN LITHUANIA IN 2021



Lithuania's development cooperation activities are aimed at contributing to the implementation of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in countries that receive support.

Priority shall be given to the following objectives:



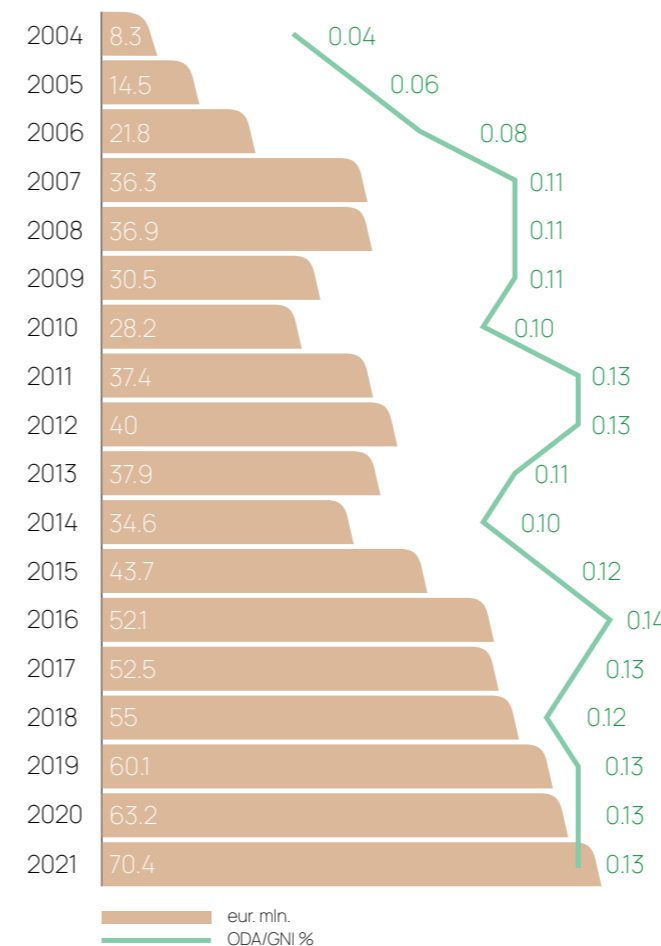
LITHUANIA'S OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN 2021

Official Development Assistance (ODA) is aid and humanitarian assistance to developing countries and territories financed from state and municipal budgets. **Lithuania's Official Development Assistance (ODA) in 2021 was EUR 70,44 mln. and accounted to 0,13 % of GNI (Gross National Income).**

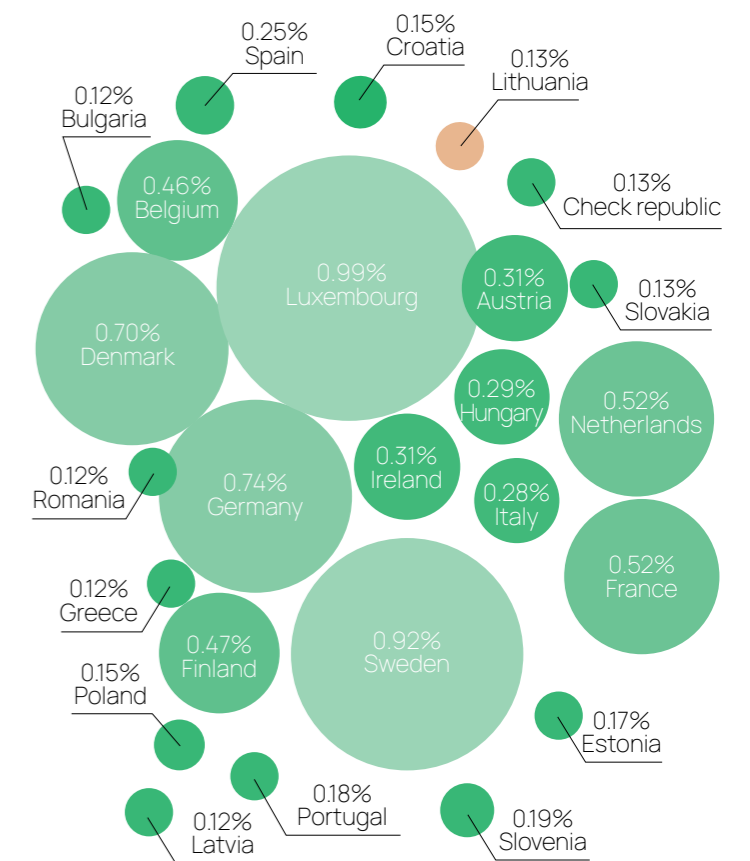


Lithuania is committed to achieving ODA of 0.33% of GNI by 2030.

LITHUANIA'S OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN 2004-2021, EUR MLN.



EU'S OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AS % OF GNI, IN 2021



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND DEMOCRACY PROMOTION PROGRAMME



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UKRAINE

We have continued to support education reforms and the restructuring of the psychosocial rehabilitation sector in Eastern Ukraine, the integration of internally displaced persons, the economic empowerment of women, and the effective implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement in the field of law and justice.

We have equipped the Avdiivka School No 2 in the Donetsk region of Ukraine with the latest specialised equipment and modern educational tools, fitted out training shops for chemistry, carpentry, and sewing, a modern catering complex, and a multi-functional sports field.

We have helped school psychologists, social workers, and pedagogy students in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions to strengthen their skills in mental health care, rehabilitation, and diagnosis of traumatised children. We have helped war-traumatized children learn how to cope with post-traumatic stress.

We have helped victims who suffered from the annexation of Crimea and the conflict in Eastern Ukraine to integrate into host communities, and develop entrepreneurial and self-employment skills through practical training, individual psychotherapeutic counselling, and summer camps.



MOLDOVA

We have strengthened Moldovan society's resilience to disinformation and the ability to detect propaganda, helped to implement projects on historical memory and the fight against disinformation, other modern threats, and shared experience in transport safety.

The public organisation WatchDog.MD has produced and published 10 videos exposing strategic narratives of propaganda and fake news.

Experts from the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration shared their experience and Lithuania's best practices with Moldovan maritime, civil aviation, road and rail transport specialists in approximation of European legislation in the field of transport.

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BELARUS

We have focused on initiatives aimed at supporting civil society, increasing its political activism and solidarity, and supporting independent media in Belarus.

We have provided the European Humanities University (EHU) with annual financial support, premises, and free visas for students and teachers. We have helped to ensure high-quality studies, strengthened leadership skills, and promoted critical thinking and active citizenship.

We have encouraged youth organisations to be responsible in their daily activities, supported a remote environmental event in which 7 teams worked on innovative solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the activities of organisations and communities.

We have supported the preservation and dissemination of the tangible and intangible heritage associated with the personality of Francysk Scaryna. In addition, we have helped to present F. Scaryna's project and concept of the European Cultural Route to the international scientific community during the International Congress of Belarusian Studies in Kaunas.



ARMENIA

We have provided support in the areas of environment, climate change, resilience to disinformation, rural development, and transport safety.

Based on Lithuania's experience, a model for implementing a beverage container deposit system in Armenia has been developed.

We have strengthened the ability of civil society organisations to identify and combat disinformation by building media literacy, critical thinking, and the ability to carry out fact-checking activities.

We have helped women from the Nagorno-Karabakh and Martuni communities to gain business creation and planning, English language, and computer skills.

We have organised tree planting and environmental clean-up activities together with Armenian communities.

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GEORGIA

We have promoted business development and sustainable environmental solutions through education, public engagement, and the transfer of EU's best practices.

A virtual store has been set up where social and small businesses can market their products.

A colourful, attractive map to showcase the opportunities of inbound and outbound tourism in the municipalities of Ninotsminda and Akhalkalaki has been prepared.

In cooperation with Georgia's Agency for Standards and Metrology, an internationally recognised measurement capability for the gallium melting point has been developed which is important in the fields of environmental, food and health protection, and science.



PALESTINE

We have continued the projects on the economic empowerment of women in Palestine. Small business female owners living in refugee camps were encouraged to create a sustainable livelihood by using digital marketing tools.

18-35-year-old Palestinian female small business owners in Hebron were trained in e-marketing, access to foreign markets, e-store administration, and communication skills.

A women's organic honey production cooperative and a digital platform for its marketing needs have been set up in the Yatta region.

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COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OF MIGRATION, TRANSIT AND OTHER COUNTRIES

We have promoted youth entrepreneurship, women's social and economic empowerment, developed skills in the areas of education, digital and financial technology (fintech), and agriculture through development cooperation projects in India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Côte d'Ivoire, Iraq, Mongolia and Vietnam.

We have provided free access to the Afrika Tikkun digital library and other world-class academic and public resources to young people from the poorest communities in South Africa. We have helped improve their digital skills and their competitive advantage in the labour market.

In Côte d'Ivoire, we have supported a women's empowerment project where 80 women were trained to work with newly installed aquaponics systems.

We have encouraged the participation of Mongolian and Vietnamese women and girls in the high-tech business. We have encouraged Mongolian women experiencing social exclusion to speak out and par-

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TURKEY

We have strengthened the cooperation between Lithuanian and Turkish scientific and business institutions in the field of biotechnology development and sustainable land use. Opportunities for collaboration in the context of the EU Green Deal have been analyzed, with a particular focus on the bio-economy, agri-food, and food industries.

Lithuania has strengthened women's management and entrepreneurial capabilities in Alanya. They were provided with the necessary skills and knowledge to start and develop their businesses by using the examples of other successful entrepreneurs. Alanya women received six courses on the development of entrepreneurial skills. 55 participants attended these meetings; as a result, six of them started a business.



AZERBAIJAN

We have encouraged children to be taught a responsible approach to nature and the environment in an understandable and inclusive way. We helped teachers to integrate the environment into the overall education system and to develop an online curriculum on waste recycling.

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ticipate in local elections, and combat gender stereotypes on social media.

We have provided an opportunity for more than 700 Indian women to acquire basic financial literacy skills in accounting and management of personal finances, investment and insurance.

We have shared best practices with financial institutions in Sri Lanka and Bhutan in building a fintech ecosystem.

We have implemented an education project "Middle East Studies Program" and provided scholarships to 15 students from Iraq to study at the LCC International University in Klaipėda.