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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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

21 September 2016 No 937

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 (appended).

2. To propose to the Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania, 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

Saulius Skvernelis

Minister of Defence,
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

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APPROVED BY

Resolution No 937 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 21 September 2016
(Version of Resolution No 961 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 19 September 2018)

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 2019-2021 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 the partner 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’) and Lithuania’s foreign policy priorities and taking into account relevant strategic UN and EU documents and Lithuania’s international commitments.

3. Lithuania’s development cooperation activities laid down in the Plan are aimed at contributing to implementation of the goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (hereinafter ‘the Sustainable Development Goals’), adopted by the UN General Assembly (hereinafter ‘the UNGA’) Resolution No A/RES/70/1 of 25 September 2015, in the partner countries.

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

5. Having regard to the financial resources allocated to development cooperation and gathered development cooperation experience, Lithuania will seek to contribute to implementation of all Sustainable Development Goals in the partner countries, giving priority to the following sectoral areas of development cooperation (Sustainable Development Goals as formulated in accordance with UNGA Resolution No A/RES/70/1 of 25 September 2015):

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 the Sustainable Development Goals, Lithuania shall seek to apply the best practices acquired by national and municipal authorities and bodies, non-governmental organisations and business associations, and share them with the developing countries seeking democracy, development of market economy and integration into international structures. Sharing the reform experience will remain a key priority for Lithuania's bilateral development cooperation with partner countries. Lithuania will also strengthen the visibility of Lithuanian assistance in 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 very familiar with the political system of the EU Eastern Partnership countries as well as their economic, social and cultural characteristics and specific issues. Assistance to countries of migration origin and transit is provided to make contribution to the solution of problems relevant for the whole international community and to enhance the image of Lithuania as an EU Member State demonstrating reliability and solidarity.

8. Acting in compliance with the objectives of the EU Eastern Partnership policy and the Riga and Brussels summit declarations and having regard to the experience in relations with the EU Eastern Partnership countries and donor expertise gained there, as well as the needs of these countries and Lithuania's comparative advantages against other donor countries, Lithuania shall first of all provide bilateral assistance to Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova, i.e. the EU Eastern Partnership countries that have signed association agreements with the EU. Lithuania shall provide assistance for implementation of these agreements and related reform, and shall fully cooperate with them while these countries seek closer integration with the EU.

9. Taking into account the needs of developing countries, Lithuania's foreign policy objectives and its 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 their after-effects, as well as in situations likely to lead to wide-scale crises 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 organisations, 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 their results, as well as Lithuania's contribution to the activities of other international organisations and development 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 Lithuanian entities to participate in implementation of their projects.

13. National and municipal authorities and bodies, nongovernmental organisations, as well as business associations shall seek 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 projects of the EU 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 which are not bodies participating in the Plan are recommended to continue carrying out development cooperation activities, giving priority to 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. The logo shall be approved by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania.

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

CHAPTER II
AIMS, OBJECTIVES, MEASURES, APPROPRIATIONS AND IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTIONS OF THE 2019-2021 PLAN

(EUR '000)

No.	Aim, objective, measure	Appropriations for 2019			Appropriations for 2020			Appropriations for 2021			Participating institution		
		Total	Of which		Total	Of which		Total	Of which				
			Expenses			Expenses			Expenses				
			Total	Of which for salaries		Asset acquisition	Total		Of which for salaries	Asset acquisition		Total	Of which for salaries
1.	Aim: To strengthen Lithuania's participation in the implementation activities of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in partner countries												
1.1.	Objective: To provide bilateral assistance of development cooperation	3 034	3 034	9.7		2 019	2 019	8		2 019	2 019	8	
1.1.1.	Measure: To support studies of foreign nationals in Lithuania (Sustainable Development Goal 4)	320	320			325	325			325	325		Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania
1.1.2.	Measure: To finance development cooperation projects and carry out their monitoring, raise public awareness in Lithuania and partner countries on the relevance of development cooperation, organise events	2 632	2 632			1 362	1 362			1 362	1 362		Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

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	and visits, take part in the EU, UN and international donor activities (Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 16, and 17)													
1.1.3.	Measure: To share Lithuania's experience with the EU Partnership and other developing countries:													
	1. in the area of the environment (Sustainable Development Goals 6, 11, 13, 14 and 15)	6	6		6	6			6	6			Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania	
	2. in the area of social security (Sustainable Development Goal 10)	50	50		50	50			50	50			Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania	
	3. in the area of legal assistance (Sustainable	20	20	1.7	-	-			-	-			State-guaranteed Legal Aid	

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	Development Goal 16)												Service	
	4. in the area of internal affairs (Sustainable Development Goals 16, 17)	6	6		6	6		6	6				Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania	
	5. in the area of finance supervision and fight against corruption (Sustainable Development Goal 16)	4	4		4	4		4	4				Financial Crime Investigation Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania	
	6. in the area of the activities of migration services (Sustainable Development Goal 16)	2	2		2	2		2	2				Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania	
.	7. in the area of border protection (Sustainable	1	1		1	1		1	1				State Border Guard Service	

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			Total	Of which for salaries			Total	Of which for salaries			Total	Of which for salaries		
	Development Goal 16)												under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania	
	8. in the areas of agriculture and rural development (Sustainable Development Goal 2)	18	18		18	18		18	18				Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania	
	9. in the area of fight against corruption (Sustainable Development Goal 16)	10	10	8	10	10	8	10	10	8			Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania	
	10. in the areas of fight against organised crime and law enforcement authorities' administration (Sustainable Development Goal 16)	4	4		4	4		4	4				Police Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania	
	11. in the areas of food and veterinary (Sustainable Development Goals 16 and	2	2		2	2		2	2				State Food and Veterinary Service	

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			Total	Of which for salaries			Total	Of which for salaries			Total	Of which for salaries		
	financial instruments of international organisations and funds, implementing development cooperation activities in partner countries:													
	1. in the area of the environmental protection (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 11, 13, 14, and 15)	195	195			195	195			195	195			Ministry of the Environment
	2. in the area of global partnership (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 17 and fulfilling the EU commitments for development cooperation activities through the EDF)	11 090	11 090			11 044	11 044			11 552	11 552			Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania

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			Total	Of which for salaries			Total	Of which for salaries			Total	Of which for salaries		
	3. in the area of global partnership (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 17)	24	24			24	24			24	24			Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania
	4. in the areas of telecommunications and post (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 9)	110	110			110	110			110	110			Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania
	5. in the area of global partnership (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 17)	361	361			361	361			361	361			Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	6. in the area of global partnership (while contributing to	37	37			37	37			37	37			Migration Department under Ministry of the

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	implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 17)											Interior of the Republic of Lithuania	
	7. in the area of agriculture (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 2)	300	300			300	300			300	300		Ministry of Agriculture
	8. in the area of agriculture (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 2)	34	34			34	34			34	34		State Plant Service under the Ministry of Agriculture
	9. in the areas of food and veterinary (while contributing to implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 15)	86	86			86	86			86	86		State Food and Veterinary Service
1.2.2.	Measure: To provide humanitarian aid	300	300			300	300			300	300		Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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4.	Total for financing the Plan (2 + 3)	15 682	15 682	9.7		14 621	14 621	8		15 129	15 129	8		

Chapter amended:

No [1319](#), 2018-12-12, published in TAR 20-12-2018, id. code 2018-20937

CHAPTER III

AIMS, OBJECTIVES, ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND THEIR VALUES OF THE 2019-2021 PLAN

No.	Assessment criteria and units of measure of aims and objectives	Values of assessment criteria			Participating institution
		2019	2020	2021	
	Aim 1: To strengthen Lithuania's participation in the implementation activities of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in partner countries				
R-1-1	Result assessment criterion: share of Gross National Income allocated for Lithuania's official development assistance (percent)	at least 0.14	at least 0.15	at least 0.16	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other ministries, other state institutions and establishments
	Aim 1, Objective 1: To provide bilateral assistance of development cooperation				
P-1-1-1	Product assessment criterion: number of foreign nationals who have received assistance for studies in Lithuania	100	100	100	Ministry of Education and Science
P-1-1-2	Product assessment criterion: Share of the implemented development cooperation projects compared to the number of the signed development cooperation project implementation agreements (percent)	90	90	90	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
P-1-1-3	Product assessment criterion: Number of exchanges of experience with the EU Eastern Partnership countries and other developing countries (units)	55	60	65	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other ministries, other state institutions and establishments
	Aim 1, Objective 2: To contribute to the multilateral development cooperation efforts				
P-1-2-1	Product assessment criterion: Share of official development assistance allocated through the Development Cooperation and Democracy Promotion Programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, intended for participation in financial instruments of international organisations and development funds (percent)	at least 20	at least 27	at least 29	Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Annex amended:

No [930](#), 15-11-2017, published in TAR 21-11-2017, id. code 2017-18376

No [961](#), 19-09-2018, published in TAR 28-09-2018, id. code 2018-15276

Amendments:

1.

Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Resolution

No [1019](#), 11-12-2017, published in TAR 20-12-2017, id. code 2017-20525

On the amendment to Resolution No 937 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 21 September 2016 ‘On approval of the approve an Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation’

2.

Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Resolution

No [930](#), 15-11-2017, published in TAR 21-11-2017, id. code 2017-18376

On the amendment to Resolution No 937 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 21 September 2016 ‘On approval of the approve an Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation’

3.

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No [961](#), 19-09-2018, published in TAR 28-09-2018, id. code 2018-15276

On the amendment to Resolution No 937 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 21 September 2016 ‘On approval of the approve an Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation’

4.

Government of the Republic of Lithuania, Resolution

No [1319](#), 12-12-2018, published in TAR 20-12-2018, id. code 2018-20937

On the amendment to Resolution No 961 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 19 September 2018 ‘On approval of the approve an Inter-institutional Action Plan on Development Cooperation’