

# LITHUANIA

Lithuania has received funding since entering the EU and the EEA in 2004. For the period 2009-2014, Lithuania has been allocated €84 million; up from €67.3 million over the previous five-year period. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

## KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Judicial reform, including wider use of alternatives to prison
- › Fighting cross-border and organised crime
- › Promoting green industry innovation and entrepreneurship.
- › Halting the loss of biodiversity and protection of ecosystems
- › Promoting cooperation between local authorities and public institutions in Lithuania and Norway

## BILATERAL COOPERATION

In total, 11 Norwegian public bodies are partners in the implementation of various programmes in Lithuania addressing climate change, environment, social dialogue, justice, cultural heritage, local and regional capacity building and research and scholarships.

The Norwegian Courts Administration takes part in efforts to strengthen the capacity of the judicial system in Lithuania. The Research Council of Norway is involved in scholarship and research cooperation. The Directorate of Cultural Heritage (Norway) participates in initiatives to revitalise cultural heritage in Lithuania. The Norwegian Environment Agency is active in efforts to halt the loss of biodiversity.

At a national level, funding is available through the bilateral funds to support networking and foster project partnerships.

The EEA and Norway Grants provide €1.8 billion in funding to 150 programmes in 16 beneficiary countries. EEA Grants €993.5 million (Norway 95.8%, Iceland 3.0%, Liechtenstein 1.2%). Norway Grants €804.6 million, financed by Norway alone.

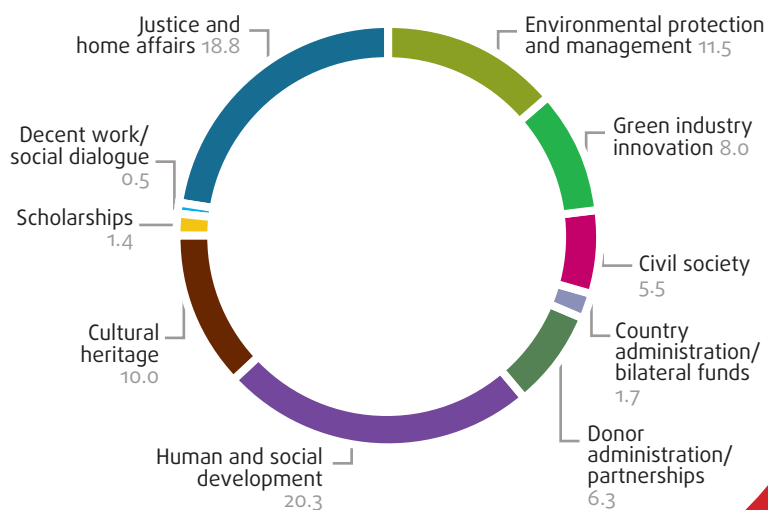
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	EEA GRANTS	NORWAY GRANTS	TOTAL FUNDING
	€38.4 M	€45.6 M	€84.0 M
	Lithuania	EU-28	
GDP per capita in PPS (EU=100)	73	100	
Economic growth (% change on previous year)	3.3	0.1	
Unemployment rate (%)*	10.7	10.2	
Youth unemployment rate (%)*	19.3	22.2	
Public debt (% of GDP)	38.8	85.4	
Gender pay gap (%)	13.3	16.4	
At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	30.8	24.5	
Human development index	19 (EU-28 ranking)		
Corruption perception index*	17 (EU-28 ranking)		

Sources: Eurostat, UNDP, Transparency International  
All data is from 2013 except where \* indicates 2014

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



Kaunas juvenile detention centre was upgraded with Norwegian support.

## IN FOCUS

### SUPPORTING JUDICIAL REFORM

Norway and Lithuania share the challenges of organised crime. Thus, the Norway Grants are supporting judicial reforms within Lithuania aimed at combating cross-border and organised crime and strengthening judicial capacity and cooperation.

Imprisonment and crime rates in Lithuania are among the highest in the EEA. The Norway Grants are being used to tackle growing prison populations and prison overcrowding. Activities include increasing the use of alternatives to prison and improving the quality of educational programmes for inmates. Special attention is given to supporting vulnerable groups such as female and juvenile inmates.

The Norway Grants are also backing projects aimed at increasing the capacity of the Lithuanian courts, as well as staff training. Some funds are being used to improve the safety conditions in Lithuanian courtrooms.

### PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

Conservation areas make up approximately 16% of Lithuania. However, since 1992 the number of threatened species has increased by 266. One of the greatest challenges is the fragmentation of habitats and subsequent impact on migration routes.

The EEA Grants support Lithuania in managing and monitoring conservation areas. Educational centres will increase knowledge and raise awareness of biodiversity issues within local communities. In addition, Lithuania receives support to improve marine and inland water management.

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Programme	Partner(s)	Grant (€ million)
Integrated marine and inland water management	Norwegian Environment Agency	4.7
Biodiversity and ecosystem services	Norwegian Environment Agency	6.8
Green industry innovation	Innovation Norway	8.0
NGO Fund		5.5
Children and youth at risk		6.3
Local and regional initiatives	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities, Norwegian Environment Agency, Norwegian Police Directorate	8.0
Public health initiatives		6.0
Cultural and natural heritage	Directorate of Cultural Heritage (Norway)	9.0
Diversity in culture and arts	Arts Council Norway	1.0
Scholarships	Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education	1.4
Decent work and tripartite dialogue	Innovation Norway*	0.5
Schengen and cross-border crime		3.4
Judicial capacity building	Norwegian Courts Administration	7.7
Correctional services	Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Service	7.7

■ EEA Grants

■ Norway Grants

\*Programme Operator