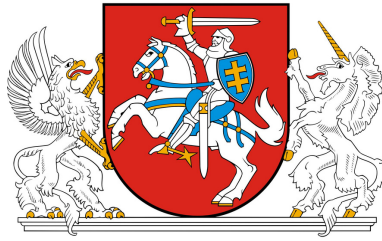




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CONFERENCE: "A NEW VISION FOR LITHUANIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION POLICY"

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CONCEPT

Lithuania is about to turn a new page in its development cooperation. Growing political attention on this topic creates a favorable environment to review the long-term vision, principles, and goals of Lithuania's development cooperation. The conference aims to discuss the current state and future of Lithuania's development cooperation policy. The discussions will largely focus on the recommendations for development cooperation policy prepared by a project implemented by the Office of the President of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, and the "Create Lithuania" program. Presented recommendations propose key policy actions for strengthening the effectiveness of Lithuania's development cooperation. This conference offers new opportunities for public institutions, business and development cooperation communities, experts, and researchers to set a new vision and goals for Lithuania's future development cooperation policy.

MAIN QUESTIONS:

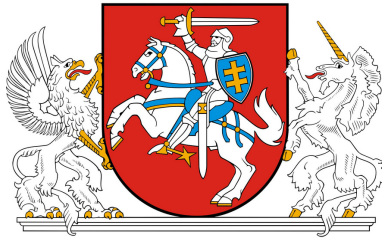
- What opportunities does Lithuania have to improve its development cooperation policy and what next steps should be taken in order to achieve a new level of effectiveness?
- What are Lithuania's development cooperation priorities and what new ideas should be taken into consideration?
- Should Lithuania reconfigure its presence in international development agencies?
- How can Lithuania increase its society's awareness and understanding of its development cooperation activities?

PLATFORM: <https://devcoopconference.lt>

TARGET GROUPS: Lithuanian policymakers, development cooperation practitioners, civil society, academia representatives, international partners.



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PROGRAM

10.00 – 10.30 OPENING SESSION

- Welcome address: H.E. Gitanas Nausėda, President of the Republic of Lithuania
- Keynote address: Olivér Várhelyi, EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement
- Opening address: Gabrielius Landsbergis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Moderator: Assoc Prof Dr Margarita Šešelgytė, Director of Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

10.30 – 12.00 LITHUANIA’S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Guest speaker: Ana Fernandes (Head of the Foresight Outreach and Policy Reform Unit in the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate)
- Vygantė Mizgerytė and Julius Zubė (“Create Lithuania” program)

Panel discussion:

- Rimantas Žylius, Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania
- Rasa Juknevičienė, Member of European Parliament, Committee of Development
- Audronius Ažubalis, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Dr Mantas Adomėnas, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- Dr Jovita Neliupšienė, Vice-minister of Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania
- Linas Kojala, Director of Eastern Europe Studies Centre, Lithuania

Closing remarks:

- Sigitas Mitkus, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Lithuania