

Implementation framework

In accordance with Article 2.1 of the Regulation, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have agreed on an implementation framework outlined in this annex.

1. Financial parameters of the implementation framework

Lithuania	EEA FM contribution
Programme area	
Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management	€ 4,674,048
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	€6,845,952
Funds for Non-Governmental Organisations	€ 5,500,000
Children and Youth at Risk	€ 6,312,000
Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage	€ 9,000,000
Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage	€1,000,000
Scholarships	€ 1,420,000
Other allocations	
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.9)	€ 576,000
Fund for bilateral relations at national level (Art. 3.5.1)	€ 192,000
Net allocation to Lithuania	€35,520,000

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between the Donor States and Lithuania shall be strengthened with the aim of stimulating long-term cooperation, in particular in the programme areas listed below with donor programme partners, as well as through other means such as partnership at project level in all programme areas supported.

The appraisal of Programme Proposals will take due account of relevant human rights- and governance-related standards of the Council of Europe (such as monitored by CPT, GRECO, GRETA, etc.), including the European Convention on Human Rights.

3. Substantive parameters of the implementation framework

The programmes described below are to be prepared and, subject to FMC approval, implemented in the Beneficiary State.

A. Programme Area: Integrated marine and inland water management

Programme: Integrated marine and inland water management
Expected outcomes: Increased capacity for assessing and predicting environmental status in marine and inland waters
Improved environmental information impact, status and trends
Programme grant: € 4,674,048
Programme Operator: Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
Donor programme partner: Norwegian Environment Agency (NEA)

B. Programme Area: Biodiversity and ecosystem services

Programme: Biodiversity and ecosystem services
Expected outcomes: Increased capacity to manage and monitor Natura 2000 sites effectively
Avoided fragmentation of ecosystems
Developed strategies and measures for adapting to a changing climate
Programme grant: € 6,845,952
Programme Operator: Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
Donor programme partner: Norwegian Environment Agency (NEA)
Specific concerns: The Programme shall also address the involvement of local communities in the protection of biodiversity in order to promote new approaches that support economically sustainable livelihoods.

C. Programme Area: Funds for Non-Governmental Organisations

Programme: NGO Fund
Programme grant: € 5,500,000
Programme Operator: The Financial Mechanism Office is entrusted with operating the programme in line with Article 5.13 of the Regulation
Specific concerns: The Fund shall also support projects that assist cooperation with municipalities and local communities to address the issue of domestic and gender-based violence.
Cooperation with civil society in Belarus shall also be eligible.

D. Programme Area: Children and Youth at Risk

Programme: Children and Youth at Risk
Programme grant: € 6,312,000
Programme Operator: Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

E. Programme Area: Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage

Programme: Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage
Programme grant: € 9,000,000
Programme Operator: Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania
Donor programme partner: Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (RA)
Main focus: Wooden heritage

F. Programme Area: Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage

Programme: Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage
Programme grant: € 1,000,000
Programme Operator: Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania
Donor programme partner:: Arts Council Norway

G. Programme Area: Scholarships

Programme: EEA Scholarship Programme
Programme grant: € 1,420,000
Programme Operator: Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania
Donor programme partner: The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU)