

## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT No 1

### “INNOVATING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

The rationale behind this open call for proposals is to trigger innovative solutions that address international development challenges and improve the lives of people of selected partner countries. It takes a broad approach to innovation, including new technologies, new business models or policy concepts, behavioural interventions, applied research leading to practical solutions, or replications of proven innovations in novel environments. However, the expectation is to fund solutions that can demonstrate a more effective and impactful approach than existing practices in specific area, rather than simply rely on the novelty of the idea itself.

The ideal project proposals should aim for rigorous evidence of impact, cost-effectiveness, and a viable pathway to scale and sustainability (either through public or private funding).

| GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT |  |
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| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>   | Any of the following countries (however, the applicants are encouraged to develop solutions that could be replicated in other countries and / or regions):<br>- EU Eastern Partnership countries (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia);<br>- African countries (Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana);<br>- Middle East and Central Asian countries (Iraq, Palestine, Uzbekistan).   |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>   | Projects should address areas related to any of the following Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (and are encouraged to identify specific <a href="#">indicators</a> ) and refer to the country's strategic documents:<br>4 – Quality Education;<br>5 – Gender Equality;<br>7 – Affordable and Clean Energy;<br>9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure;<br>13 – Climate Action;<br>16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions;<br>17 – Partnerships for the Goals. |
| <b>3. Project description</b>      |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>            | Develop innovative solutions that have potential to address an important (and selected SDGs related) problem more effectively than existing approaches.  |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Create / develop a pilot concept / prototype of the solution.</li><li>2. Test a real-world viability of the solution at a small scale.</li></ol>  |

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|  | <p>3. Gather and analyse data of the outcomes and impact achieved.</p> <p>4. Identify directions for scale and funding.</p>   |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>  | The specific target group(s) should be defined in the project application based on the solution proposed.   |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>   | Up to 24 months   |
| <p><b>5. Additional information</b></p> <p><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i></p> | <p>The following elements are encouraged where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- co-creation and tapping into the ideas and skills of innovators from target countries;</li> <li>- cross-sectoral cooperation (combining expertise from for-profit and non-profit sectors);</li> <li>- data driven solutions and rigorous evidence gathering;</li> </ul> <p><u>Special requirement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- while diversity of applicants is encouraged, at least one implementing organization should be Lithuania-based.</li> </ul> |

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**DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 2**  
**“DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN KENYA”**

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>   |  |
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| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Kenya  |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Digitalisation and innovation  |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To contribute to a faster Kenya's transition to modern digital economy solutions according to the country's national development plans.  |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To transfer good practice of Lithuania in digitizing the public sector in the following areas: the creation of digital public services, digital payments, cyber security, and the development of financial technologies.</li> <li>2. To provide with detailed recommendations and an action plan regarding the necessary institutional, legal, organizational, and technical reforms in the selected areas.</li> <li>3. To contribute to the implementation of digital solutions in Kenya in the chosen area.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | Public sector in Kenya   |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months  |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | - Experience in implementing projects of a similar nature.   |

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## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 3

### “STRENGTHENING OF ARMENIA’S ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE”

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Republic of Armenia  |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Health care  |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To contribute to the strengthening of Armenia’s administrative and institutional capacity and governance in the field of health care through the implementation of reforms envisaged under the EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA).   |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To share Lithuania's experience in the field of healthcare system reforms, bringing it closer to EU standards.</li> <li>2. To share Lithuania's experience in the field of implementation of mandatory health insurance.</li> <li>3. To share Lithuania's experience in the field of primary health care.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | Armenian state institutions, Armenian healthcare institutions  |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months  |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | - Experience in implementing similar projects with public institutions in Eastern Partnership countries.   |

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## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 4

### “STRENGTHENING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF UKRAINE IN THE FIELD OF EUROINTEGRATION”

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Ukraine  |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Good governance  |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To assist Ukraine in implementing necessary reforms on its European path with the overall aim to enhance Ukraine’s preparedness for the EU accession negotiations.   |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | To strengthen Ukraine’s administrative and institutional capacities by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. helping Ukraine to address critically important reform steps and implement the 17 June 2022 recommendations presented in the European Commission's Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council (<a href="#">COM/2022/407</a>);</li> <li>2. sharing Lithuanian good practice and transition expertise in the field of European integration, in order to support further implementation of the AA/DCFTA.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | State institutions of Ukraine.   |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months  |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | - Experience in implementing similar projects with public institutions in Eastern Partnership countries.   |

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## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 5

### „DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY RUSSIA’S WAR AGAINST UKRAINE“

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Ukraine   |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Health care   |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |   |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To develop and implement comprehensive psychosocial and physical rehabilitation services in order to respond to the needs of people affected by Russia's war against Ukraine.   |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To create a comprehensive methodology that includes psychosocial and physical rehabilitation services for war-affected people in order to help their mental recovery and return to a full life.</li> <li>2. To strengthen the network of psychosocial and physical rehabilitation specialists in Ukraine through training and exchange of experience with Lithuanian and foreign specialists.</li> <li>3. To train Ukrainian medical professionals and to engage them in coaching new trainers ("training of trainers" model).</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ukrainian medical professionals (doctors, psychologists, ergotherapists, social workers, etc.)</li> <li>- Ukrainian citizens affected by the Russian-led war, especially vulnerable groups (internally displaced persons, persons with disabilities, families and relatives of the deceased, survivors of violence, veterans, etc.).</li> </ul>  |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months   |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience in implementing projects of a similar nature;</li> <li>- Experience of cooperation with partners in the area of health care in Ukraine.</li> <li>- The target group of the project must be people affected by war and living in Ukraine.</li> </ul>   |

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**DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 6**

**SPREADING DEMOCRATIC IDEAS THROUGH THE EMPOWERMENT OF  
INDEPENDENT MEDIA**

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>  |   |
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| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>   | Belarus   |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>   | Democracy and civil society   |
| <b>3. Project description</b>  |   |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>  | To contribute to the provision of reliable information to the Belarusian public by supporting independent Belarusian media outlets and journalists.   |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providing objective and verified information to the Belarusian public on developments in the country and the region, in particular in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine.</li> <li>2. Strengthening citizenship, promoting democratic ideas, and creating civic engagement initiatives.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>  | Independent media, journalists and youth of Belarus   |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>   | Up to 24 months   |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria** for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | - Experience in implementing projects of similar nature.  |

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## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 7

### “STRENGTHENING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA IN THE FIELD OF EUROINTEGRATION”

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>   |  |
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| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Republic of Moldova  |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Good governance  |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To assist the Republic of Moldova in implementing necessary reforms on its European path with the overall aim to enhance Moldova’s preparedness for the EU accession negotiations.   |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | To strengthen Moldova’s administrative and institutional capacities by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. helping Moldova to address critically important reform steps and implement the 17 June 2022 recommendations presented in the European Commission's Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council (<a href="#">COM/2022/406</a>);</li> <li>2. sharing Lithuanian good practice and transition expertise in the field of European integration, in order to support further implementation of the AA/DCFTA.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | State institutions of the Republic of Moldova.   |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months  |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | - Experience in implementing similar projects with public institutions in Eastern Partnership countries.   |

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**DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 8**  
**“STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION IN MOLDOVA”**

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>              |  |
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| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>                       | Republic of Moldova  |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>                       | Democracy and civil society  |
| <b>3. Project description</b>                          |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>                                | Strengthening the resilience to disinformation and strategic communication skills, ensuring the dissemination of independent information.  |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>                         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building strategic communication capabilities of the government institutions of Republic of Moldova to enable effective response to hostile state-sponsored disinformation.</li> <li>2. Strengthening of civic and independent media capacities to engage in disinformation analysis and countering of it; developing partnerships between government institutions and non-governmental organisations with the aim to increase societal resilience to hostile state sponsored disinformation, information manipulation, and information operations.</li> <li>3. Empowering civil society, including independent media and non-government organizations, to systematically debunk and counter hostile attempts of disinformation and public opinion manipulations; increasing public awareness about the threats posed by disinformation, the tactics and techniques used by hostile actors.</li> <li>4. Sharing Lithuania’s experience in the sphere of cooperation among public authorities and civil society, including independent media; exchange of experience between the countries participating in the project; building long-term capacities of the project partner country by developing a culture of inter-institutional cooperation in the field of strategic communication through the transfer of Lithuanian best practise.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>                            | Public opinion leaders, public servants, media and the civil society.  |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b> | Up to 24 months  |

**5. Additional information**

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-Experience in implementing projects of a similar nature.

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## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 9

### “STRENGTHENING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF GEORGIA IN THE FIELD OF EUROINTEGRATION”

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Georgia  |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Good governance  |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To assist Georgia in implementing necessary reforms on its European path with the overall aim for Georgia to achieve the EU candidate status.  |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | To strengthen Georgia’s administrative and institutional capacities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. helping Georgia to address critically important reform steps and implement the 17 June 2022 recommendations presented in the European Commission's Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council (<a href="#">COM/2022/405</a>);</li> <li>4. sharing Lithuanian good practice and transition expertise in the field of European integration, in order to support further implementation of the AA/DCFTA.</li> </ul> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | State institutions of Georgia.   |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months  |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | -Experience in implementing similar projects with public institutions in Eastern Partnership countries.  |

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## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 10

### “SUPPORT FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF UZBEKISTAN'S EDUCATION SYSTEM”

| GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Uzbekistan   |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Education  |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |  |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To support Uzbekistan in training highly qualified professionals, taking into account the priorities of the country.   |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support Uzbekistan's bachelor's, master's and/or doctoral degree students' studies, taking into account the country's priority areas.</li> <li>2. To share the best practices and experience of Lithuania's higher education and scientific institutions, to promote cooperation between educational and scientific institutions of both countries.</li> <li>3. To create a positive image of Lithuania by strengthening the relations between Lithuanian and future Uzbek educational and scientific leaders.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | Educational and scientific institutions, students of Uzbekistan.   |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months  |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | -Experience in implementing projects of a similar nature.  |

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**DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 11**  
**“ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF IRAQI YOUTH”**

| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT</b>   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>1. Partner country (-ies)</b>  | Iraq  |
| <b>2. Area(s) of cooperation</b>  | Education   |
| <b>3. Project description</b>   |   |
| <b>3.1. Project aim</b>   | To create professional employment opportunities for Iraqi youth which would contribute to the improvement of the economic and social situation in Iraq, and therefore, encourage potential migrants to stay in their country.   |
| <b>3.2. Project objectives</b>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To analyze the state of play of vocational education in Iraq and to identify the optimal sectors for the transfer of Lithuanian experience in vocational education.</li> <li>2. To prepare a plan for the introduction of innovative, modern vocational education programs relevant to the current labor market in Iraq; to identify at least two Iraqi vocational education institutions where this plan would be implemented.</li> <li>3. To implement vocational education programs by training Iraqi teachers and providing vocational education institutions with modern infrastructure necessary for the implementation of those educational programs.</li> </ol> |
| <b>3.3. Target group(s)</b>   | Iraqi vocational training institutions  |
| <b>4. Estimated duration of project implementation</b>  | Up to 24 months   |
| <b>5. Additional information</b><br><i>Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience in implementing projects of a similar nature;</li> <li>- Experience and knowledge of the situation in the countries of origin and transit of migration.</li> </ul>  |

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