DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 11

"ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF IRAQI YOUTH"

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT	
1. Partner country (-ies)	Iraq
2. Area(s) of cooperation	Education
3. Project description	
3.1. Project aim	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.
3.2. Project objectives	 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. 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. 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.
3.3. Target group(s)	Iraqi vocational training institutions
4. Estimated duration of project implementation	Up to 24 months
5. Additional information Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria* for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.	- Experience in implementing projects of a similar nature; - Experience and knowledge of the situation in the countries of origin and transit of migration.

^{*}According to Paragraph 35 of the Description of the Procedure for the Implementation of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Activities by State and Municipal Institutions and Agencies approved by Resolution No 278 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania dated 26 March 2014, an application can be assigned additional scores for compliance with the additional project application evaluation criteria indicated in the institution's call. The additional criteria may be provided for if a specific development cooperation activity is planned in the call or if specific abilities or experience are expected from the applicants.