



## EU ENLARGEMENT CONTRIBUTION FOR LITHUANIA 71 MILLION FRANCS



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**Population:** 3.2 million  
**Swiss imports from Lithuania:** 47.3 million francs  
**Swiss exports to Lithuania:** 133 million francs  
**Real GDP growth rate:** 5.9 percent  
**Purchasing power in relation to EU-Ø (2010):** 57 percent  
(Source: Eurostat, Swiss Foreign Trade Statistics, 2011)

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### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

8 projects, accounting for some 67.3 million francs, have been approved in Lithuania. All projects further one of the following objectives:

#### ■ Promoting economic growth and improving working conditions.

##### *Scholarships and research programme*

The grant enables doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from Lithuania to carry out research in Switzerland for limited periods, in this way strengthening relations between research institutions in the two countries.

Switzerland strengthens Lithuania's research capacities with a comprehensive research programme and through this the country's economic competitiveness. Swiss-Lithuanian research projects of top quality and joint scientific events in the natural, environmental, health and bio-sciences contribute to this objective, creating many new scientific partnerships between the two countries.

#### ■ Improving social security

##### *Modernisation of medical equipment in maternity wards and training of healthcare staff*

The project improves "Mother and Child" health services throughout the country. Switzerland is supporting professional training for medical personnel and the modernisation of antiquated hospital infrastructures in 22 Lithuanian hospitals. These measures will greatly improve overall conditions for women in childbirth and their newborn babies.

#### ■ Protecting the environment

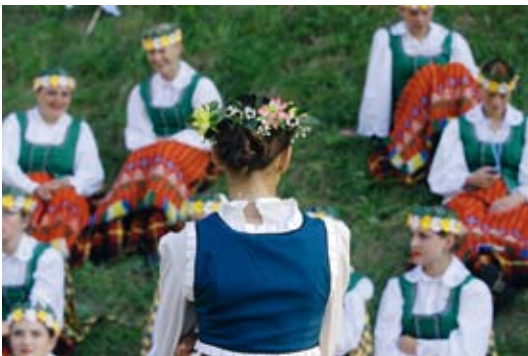
##### *Heat insulation and energy-efficient equipment in public hospitals*

Energy efficiency will be improved in at least 16 of the above-mentioned 22 hospitals. Thanks to improved building insulation, women in childbirth and their newborn babies enjoy better conditions, hospital operating costs are reduced and environmental protection is promoted.

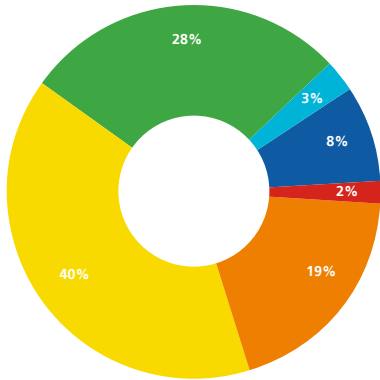
#### ■ Improving public safety and security

##### *Judiciary reform: video conferencing in courts and the optimisation of court processes*

Court procedures are optimised through new communications technologies, in this way contributing to a more efficient court system in Lithuania.



**Figure: Allocation of the Swiss contribution to the enlarged EU by project goal**



- **Promoting economic growth and improving working conditions**  
2 Projects  
CHF 13,052,000
  - **Improving social security**  
1 Project  
CHF 26,600,000
  - **Protecting the environment**  
1 Project  
CHF 19,000,000
  - **Improving public safety and security**  
1 Project  
CHF 1,771,032
  - **Strengthening civil society**  
1 Project  
CHF 5,552,775
  - **Project preparation + technical assist.**  
2 Projects  
CHF 1,342,193
- Total CHF 67,318,000**  
The remaining amount covers expenses for administrative costs on the Swiss side.



### ■ Strengthening civil society

#### *Initiatives to strengthen collaboration between civil society and municipalities*

The fund for NGOs in Lithuania strengthens civil society and promotes their active participation in social, political and economic life. The fund finances small, concrete projects carried out by NGOs active in social and health services in collaboration with local councils and in part by Swiss NGOs as partners.

You can find additional information at  
<http://www.swiss-contribution.admin.ch/lithuania/>

