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**FINAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
2018-2020 ACTION PLAN FOR LITHUANIA'S PARTICIPATION IN  
THE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE  
'OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP'**

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On 23 January 2019, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the fourth 2018-2020 Action Plan for Lithuania's participation in the international initiative 'Open Government Partnership' (hereinafter 'the Action Plan'). The Action Plan provides for the main initiatives of the Open Government, the guidelines for their implementation, actions, implementing bodies and expected results.

The Action Plan provides for 6 commitments:

- I. Develop an Open Data Portal and integrate it into the European digital single market.
- II. Strengthen civic society through the non-governmental organisations ('NGO') database and NGO fund.
- III. Publicise information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions.
- IV. Develop a model for transferring public services to NGOs and communities and encouraging its implementation.
- V. Carry out consistent monitoring and evaluation of public participation in governance.
- VI. Introduce ex-post evaluation in a legislative process cycle.

These commitments are in line with the values of transparency, public involvement and accountability, and they cover the following guidelines for development:

1. Openness to the public of the activities of governance institutions.
2. Improving NGO environment.
3. Public services.
4. Citizens' involvement in decision making.
5. Accountability.

The Action Plan for Lithuania's Participation in the International Open Government Partnership Initiative (hereinafter 'the Plan') was drawn up by an inter-institutional Working Group set up under Order No V-18 of the Chancellor of the Government of 21 February 2014 (hereinafter 'the Working Group'), which was subject to regular changes in its composition up to 2020, namely adding new members from academic community, associations, non-governmental organisations, public institutions, the public sector and representatives of other fields.

To implement the requirements for the preparation of the Action Plan raised by the International Initiative 'Open Government Partnership', public consultations were held on the portal 'eCitizen'. In order to select the most appropriate ideas from the proposals, consultations were held with representatives of ministries and other institutions, the Working Group discussed priority and systemic measures.

For the purpose of the Action Plan, midterm self-assessment was carried out and a Midterm Self-Assessment Report on the Action Plan for Lithuania's participation in the International Initiative 'Open Government Partnership' was made public. It is available here: <https://epilietis.lrv.lt/lt/dalyvauk-priimant-ir-keiciant-sprendimus/isitrauk-i-atviros-vyriausybes-veiklas/igyvendinti-veiksmu-planai>.

All the information pertaining to Lithuania's participation in the International Initiative 'Open Government Partnership' is available at the Government website: <https://epilietis.lrv.lt/isitruk-i-atviros-vyriausybes-veiklas>.

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*Results of the Action Plan<sup>1</sup>*


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		Not started	Started	Half-way through	Completed
I.	Develop an Open Data Portal and integrate it into the European digital single market				x
II.	Strengthen civil society through the NGO database and NGO fund				x
III.	Publicise information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions				x
IV.	Develop a model for transferring public services to NGOs and communities and encouraging its implementation				x
V.	Carry out consistent monitoring and evaluation of public participation in governance				x
VI.	Introduction of <i>ex post</i> evaluation in a legislative process cycle			x	

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<sup>1</sup> The report provides data on the actions completed by 28 December 2020.

I. Openness to the public of the activities of public governance institutions (open data)	
1. Develop an Open Data Portal and integrate into the European digital single market	
<i>1 September 2018 – 31 December 2020</i>	
Lead implementing agency	Information Society Development Committee (hereinafter 'the ISDC')
Commitment description	
Key problem addressed	Public sector institutions have accumulated a wealth of valuable information that is not readily and freely available to be re-used for business development, promotion of economic growth, greater public sector transparency, addressing social issues, and for greater social and civic engagement.
Commitment	<p>The problem will be addressed through newly developed methodological tools and technological capabilities for opening-up of public sector-owned data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development of a methodological legal framework aimed to provide for preconditions for the Lithuanian public authorities to form open data sets and their metadata and to publish them on the Lithuanian Open Data Portal.</li> <li>▪ Development of information technology infrastructure, integrated into the European Open Data Infrastructure, aimed at publication of public sector data and metadata and provision of information to domestic users (businesses, public organisations and citizens)).</li> <li>▪ Implementation of organisational structure for the planning, financing and implementation of open data operations.</li> </ul>
How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The creation of the Lithuanian Open Data Portal will provide business representatives, NGOs and active citizens with access to information resources accumulated and opened up by institutions, while public sector institutions will have a greater possibility of making information more accessible and transparent.</li> <li>▪ The opening of public sector data will enable active members of the public to make reasoned proposals and have an impact on decision making, while at the same time developing citizens' confidence in government and their civic engagement.</li> <li>▪ The adoption and implementation of the decisions on the organisational structure of open data will create prerequisites for smooth opening of public sector data and will enable citizens to evaluate the effectiveness of public sector decisions and the accountability thereof.</li> </ul>

<p>How does the commitment relate to Open Government Partnership (OGP) values?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The commitment serves directly to the opening of the data, it improves the quality of the open data or of information, increases public access to information or grants the public with real possibility of implementing its right to access information, which is a guarantor of the value of transparency.</li> <li>▪ The commitment creates a basis and prerequisites for people not only to participate in decision making but also to make an impact and put forward their own proposals. It is a direct catalyst that serves in building self-confident, soundly critical and proactive society.</li> <li>▪ The commitment helps create an information basis to objectively judge the work of public servants and public institutions and their results, also to demand accountability in the case of decisions that are inappropriate, unreasonable or not useful for the society.</li> </ul>			
<p>Additional information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The measure is financed from the funds administered by the European Social Fund Agency and the Central Project Management Agency.</li> <li>▪ The projects are part of the Digital Agenda programme and they contribute to the sustainable development goals.</li> <li>▪ Both projects completed to their full extent.</li> </ul>			
<p>Completion stage</p>	<p>Not started</p>	<p>Started</p>	<p>Half-way through</p>	<p>Completed</p>
				<p>X</p>
<p>Description of concrete results</p>	<p>The following draft methodological legislation has been submitted to competent authorities for agreement/approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft approving order of the Minister for Economy and Innovation on Recommendations for the opening of public sector data and the Recommendations for the opening of public sector data;</li> <li>▪ Draft order of the ISDC Director regarding the approval of the methodological descriptions of the open data of the state information resources, and annexes thereof: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Description of the application of the classes and properties of the metadata of open data sets;</li> <li>▪ Description of recommended formats for the publication of open data and metadata;</li> <li>▪ Description of dataset inventory, prioritisation, and of the assessment of the needs of open data users.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Draft methodological documents, as approved by order of ISDC Director, have been drawn up and submitted for agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Open data progress assessment methodology;</li> <li>▪ Open data impact assessment methodology.</li> </ul> <p>The creation of the Lithuanian Open Data Portal and metadata of data sets of 5 institutions (State Labour Inspectorate, Centre of Information Technologies in Education, National Paying Agency, Business Information</p>			

	<p>Centre and Employment Service) have been completed, and some datasets have been prepared to be opened during the first phase of data opening. On 1 July 2020, the portal was launched to be used in production mode. The portal integrates metadata from geoportal.lt and atvirifinansai.lt. Integration has been implemented with the European data portal that publishes Lithuanian open data sets (<a href="https://www.europeandataportal.eu/data/datasets?catalog=data-gov-lt&amp;country=lt&amp;showcatalogdetails=true&amp;minScoring=0&amp;locale=lt">https://www.europeandataportal.eu/data/datasets?catalog=data-gov-lt&amp;country=lt&amp;showcatalogdetails=true&amp;minScoring=0&amp;locale=lt</a>).</p> <p><b>According to the European Data Portal’s annual benchmark study on the level of open data maturity in the European Union (hereinafter ‘the EU’) Member States (EU27+) published on 16 December 2020, Lithuania ranked 11th in 2020, which is 13 places up compared to 2019</b>(<a href="https://www.europeandataportal.eu/sites/default/files/edp_landsca ping_insight_report_n6_2020.pdf">https://www.europeandataportal.eu/sites/default/files/edp_landsca ping_insight_report_n6_2020.pdf</a>).</p> <p>During the preparation of the report, the Lithuanian Open Data Portal contained the metadata of 998 open data sets. They are freely available to Lithuanian data users and to EU Member States - through the European Data Portal. The names of the data sets and their content descriptions are automatically translated into English.</p> <p>The open data infrastructure formed the basis for expanding the opening of public sector data and launching phase 2 in data opening, which involves 50 public sector institutions. The data of these institutions are expected to open by mid-2023.</p>		
Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development of portal functionalities and improvement of opening tools.</li> <li>▪ Administration of the portal and its users, coordination of the opening process.</li> <li>▪ Trainings and methodological and technical assistance to institutions opening their data.</li> </ul>		
Milestone status	Start date	End date	Completion stage
<p>Preparation of draft methodological documents for the formation of open data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft model for the opening of public sector data operations;</li> <li>– Draft recommendations for the opening of public sector data;</li> <li>– Draft description of the application of the classes and properties of the metadata of open data sets;</li> <li>– Draft description of recommended formats for the publication of open data and metadata;</li> </ul>	28-02-2018	30-04-2019	Draft methodological documents prepared

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft description of dataset inventory, prioritisation, and of the assessment of the needs of the open data users;</li> <li>– Draft open data progress assessment methodology;</li> <li>– Draft open data impact assessment methodology;</li> </ul>			
<p>Preparation of legal environment for open data operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft Government resolution on the approval of the regulations for the Document Dataset Portal;</li> <li>– Draft order of the Minister for Economy and Innovation regarding recommendations for the opening of public sector data;</li> <li>– Draft order(s) of the ISDC Director regarding the open data inventory, impact assessment, metadata generation, use of formats and progress in data opening and impact assessment.</li> </ul>	30/03/2019	31-10-2019	Preparation of draft legislation (its amendments)
<p>The metadata of data sets of the partners: State Labour Inspectorate, National Education Agency, National Paying Agency, Agricultural Information and Business Centre, and of Employment Service have been opened up and their metadata have been made ready for publication</p>	30/06/2019	30/06/2020	Completed
<p>Up-and-running Lithuanian Open Data Portal to be used in production mode</p>	11/06/2019	01/07/2020	Completed
<p>A rationale has been prepared on the basis of a legal, methodological and technological ecosystem and a large-scale public sector data opening project has started.</p>	01/07/2020	31/08/2023	Project in progress
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Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Discussions on project progress and results involved a group of public sector and NGO representatives under the Ministry of Economy and Innovation, which includes representatives of business and academic communities, association Open Source for Lithuania, Open Data Group ( <a href="mailto:info@akl.lt">info@akl.lt</a> ) and other representatives.
II. Improving NGO environment	
2. Strengthen civil society through the NGO database and NGO fund	
<i>1 December 2018 – 31 December 2019</i>	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Social Security and Labour
Commitment description	
Key problem addressed	<p>Part of the financial resources allocated by the state to strengthen civil society have failed to reach the intended recipient. As legal entities are not clearly classified (it is not clear which of them are to be regarded as NGOs), part of the resources intended for strengthening of civil society eventually end up in the hands of public authorities, associations of business entities, etc. This poses challenges for the sustainable development of the civil society sector.</p> <p>Another problem to be solved is the weak capacity of NGOs to engage and participate in the decision-making process professionally.</p>
Commitment	<p>The problem will be addressed by legally requiring that not only public bodies but also legal entities, whose legal form is charity, support fund and association, should send information about their shareholders (members) to the system of the legal entities participants. Once these data have been properly processed, it will be possible to create a tool that will facilitate easier recognition of NGOs.</p> <p>The problem will be addressed through financial means, i.e. by setting up an NGO fund, which will operate as a programme administered by the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, intended to strengthen NGO capacities to participate in public policy and decision-making processes.</p>



<p>How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem?</p>	<p>With the NGO database in place, public authorities and the public will be able to easily and clearly see whether a legal entity is classifiable as an NGO and to take this into account in deciding about the funding of the activities, projects, etc. of such a legal entity. Currently, there are no sustainable mechanisms to help strengthen NGO capacities to participate in decision-making processes.</p> <p>The creation of an NGO fund will provide a mechanism that will enable strengthening of such capacities; the NGO fund, as a sustainable entity, will carry out regular monitoring (on changes in citizens participation in public policy and decision-making processes) and use the results to improve the fund's strategy and activities.</p>			
<p>How does the commitment relate to OGP values?</p>	<p>The commitment will open up data about NGOs operating in Lithuania, improve the quality of the open data and information, and increase the accessibility of information about NGOs to the public and authorities. The commitment will increase civil society's access to public funding. The commitment will strengthen the capacity of NGOs to participate in decision-making processes (linked to the value of civic engagement).</p>			
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>The provisions related to the prerequisites for the establishment of the NGO database are included in the draft law amending the Law on Development of NGOs and its accompanying instruments). A concept of the NGO database has been worked out too. There an ongoing discussion with the state enterprise (hereinafter 'the SE') Centre of Registers and the Ministry of Justice. The budget estimate for the part of the commitment related to the establishment of the NGO database is EUR 3 million. As regards the part of the commitment related to the establishment of the NGO fund, there is an ongoing negotiation with the Ministry of Finance about the funding. The provisions consolidating the NGO fund included in the draft law amending the Law on Development of NGOs. The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government.</p>			
<p>Completion stage</p>	Not started	Started	Half-way through	Completed
				X
<p>Description of concrete results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amendments made to the existing relevant legislation;</li> <li>▪ compiled and analysed experience of other countries in the field of the operation of the NGO fund;</li> <li>▪ an NGO database publicity strategy drawn up;</li> <li>▪ draft NGO fund regulations drawn up;</li> <li>▪ NGO fund board composed;</li> <li>▪ NGO fund activities launched.</li> </ul>			
<p>Next steps</p>	<p>–</p>			
<p>Milestone status</p>	<p>Start date</p>	<p>End date</p>	<p>Completion stage</p>	

Creation of a legal framework for the operation of the NGO database	01/12/2018	05/12/2019	The necessary legislative amendments submitted to the Government and passed by the Seimas
Preparation of technical actions necessary for the establishment of the base together with the SE Centre of Registers.	01/02/2019	30/10/2020	Completed
Preparation of the NGO database publicity strategy	01/07/2019	30/09/2020	Completed
Compilation and analysis of information on the practical experience of counterpart NGO funds in other countries and on the activities carried out by such funds.	01/12/2018	28/02/2019	Completed
Preparing and agreeing NGO fund regulations with interested parties and submitting them for approval	01/03/2019	01/06/2020	Completed
Set up an NGO fund board, which will be responsible for the fund strategy	02/06/2019	30/10/2020	Completed
NGO fund activities launched	01/08/2019	01/11/2020	The activities of the NGO fund have been identified
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Other actors involved			
Ministries, departments/agencies	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance and SE Centre of Registers		
Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Consultations are held with various NGOs and the NGO Board. The commitment involves umbrella and national NGOs and the NGO Board; public consultation has been held on the draft law amending the Law on Development of NGOs. Plans are to share international experience and broaden stakeholder consultation (NGO Board).		

III. Openness to the public of the activities of public governance institutions and their public accountability (fiscal openness)	
3. Publicise information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions	
<i>30 June 2018 – 15 June 2020</i>	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Finance
Commitment description	
Key problem addressed	For the moment, there is no single methodological, legal and ICT tool model that would ensure access to information about the revenues and expenditure and other financial data of state and municipal institutions in the electronic environment, and the public is prevented from getting information about the financial activities of public authorities and public financial resources in a manner acceptable to it. Access is limited to relevant information on public revenues, expenditure, beneficiaries and/or other financial information when using electronic search and analytical tools.
Commitment	Creation of the IS 'Open Finance'.
How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem?	Following the creation and introduction of the IS 'Open Finance', information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions will be available in a single IS, it will be possible to do cross-cutting analysis, compare by subjects, monitor the trends, make evaluations on the basis of statistical indicators, make summary tables, customised graphic images, data search by using electronic search and analytical tools.
How does the commitment relate to OGP values?	<p>The commitment is relevant to the value of transparency, as the information system created will allow data on public sector revenue and expenditure to be accessed from one place and in a single format. This will increase the accessibility of information about NGOs to the public, as well as its quality and the clarity. The tools created will provide the public with a possibility of cross-cutting analysis of this information, and thus make an impact on decision-making.</p> <p>The commitment is relevant to the value of civic engagement. The opening of data on state and municipal budget revenues and expenditure enables the public to know how and for what purposes the taxes they pay are used and which entities benefit from the public funds. This creates the conditions for increasing the financial literacy and civic participation.</p>

	The commitment also relates to the accountability of civil servants for their actions. The opening of detailed data on payments by budgetary institutions contributes to greater accountability of civil servants and to shrinking corruption.			
Additional information	The commitment as a separate measure is provided by the 2015-2019 Inter-institutional Action Plan of the National Anti-Corruption Programme for 2015-2025, approved by Resolution No 648 of the Government of 17 June 2015 regarding the approval of the inter-institutional action plan for the implementation in 2015-2019 of the national anti-corruption programme of the Republic of Lithuania for 2015-2025 (Measure No 1.1.1 'Publicising information on revenue and expenditure of state and municipal institutions and bodies in the electronic environment via the created information system'). Commitment budget: EUR 580 million. Implementation of the commitment is financed from the EU Structural Funds.			
Completion stage	Not started	Started	Half-way through	Completed
				X
Description of concrete results	A detailed system analysis was completed, the indicator priorities were adjusted, standard software put in place, a pilot version was introduced, and a publicly available version of the system was introduced; the final version of the system with error fixes was updated.			
Next steps	The website has been planned to expand by adding new indicators and functionalities, taking into account requests from the academic community and other entities and other the needs, guided by the values and goals that were behind the development of this system.			
Milestone status		Start date	End date	Completion stage
Initiation and analysis (a document featuring detailed analysis and system architecture; introduction and configuration of standard system components)		2018-12	2019-04	Completed
Issue of a pilot version (introduction of the pilot version with part of the fulfilled indicators)		2019-05	2019-09	Completed
Launching beta version (introduction of the publicly available version)		2019-10	2020-03	Completed
Trial launch and error fixes (the final version of the system supplemented and updated with error fixes and additionally uploaded indicators)		2020-04	2020-06	Completed

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Ministries, departments/agencies	ISDC, Special Investigation Service, Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania
Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Interinstitutional working group approved by Order No 1K-246 of the Minister for Finance of 4 June 2016 'On Setting up a Working Group.
IV. Quality of public services	
4. Develop a model for transferring public services to NGOs and communities and encouraging its implementation	
<i>1 December 2018 – 31 December 2019</i>	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Social Security and Labour
Commitment description	
Key problem addressed	<p>According to the current public service delivery model, practically all public services are provided by state or municipal institutions or bodies. This is often not what the users want as they are often inefficient and uneconomical, and the users are often devoid of the possibility to impact the quality of services provided. Such a public service model fails to contribute to the promotion of civic awareness and the strengthening of communities, i.e. citizens are not involved in decision-making as regards services and their better quality, despite the fact that these decisions have a significant impact on the quality of their own life and the environment.</p> <p>Currently, only a small number of municipalities have transferred to NGOs and communities a small proportion of public services, although the National Progress Programme provides for 15 per cent share of services to be transferred by municipalities to NGOs and communities by 2020.</p>
Commitment	Develop a model for transferring public services to NGOs and communities and encourage its implementation.

How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem?	The model for transferring public services will ensure greater public engagement in decision-making processes, encourage NGOs and communities to play a more active role in addressing problems relevant to their immediate environment, and help public authorities to properly prepare and ensure a smooth transfer of public services and increase the efficiency of public services.			
How does the commitment relate to OGP values?	The commitment is relevant to the value of public participation, as the mechanism developed will encourage people to get closer involved in decision making regarding problems faced in their environment.			
Additional information	The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government. For objective reasons, the commitment was implemented in the area of social services. It is not possible to have a quality implementation of the commitment to the extent planned before the implementation of the recommendations by the National Audit Office (National Audit Report No. VA-2017-P-40-2-17 of 29/09/2017).			
Completion stage	Not started	Started	Half-way through/completed	Completed
				X
Description of concrete results	Problem areas were identified, an analysis of best practice was performed, a model and recommendations for state and municipal institutions were drawn up, trainings were organised for representatives of state and municipal institutions, NGOs and communities and the evaluation of the actions completed and monitoring of indicators was carried out.			
Next steps	–			
Milestone status		Start date	End date	Completion stage
Identification of problem areas and analysis of best practice		01/12/2018	01/12/2019	Completed
Development of a model and recommendations for state and municipal institutions		01/12/2019	31/10/2020	Completed
Training for representatives of state and municipal institutions, NGOs and communities		01/09/2020	31/10/2020	Completed
Evaluation of completed actions, monitoring of indicators		03/11/2020	01/12/2020	Completed
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Other actors involved	
Ministries, departments/agencies	Ministry of the Interior
Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	NGO communities, the NGO Council and other stakeholders (Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania)
<b>V. Civic participation in decision-making processes</b>	
5. Carry out consistent monitoring and evaluation of public participation in governance	
<i>1 September 2018 – 01 September 2019</i>	
Lead implementing agency	Office of the Government
<b>Commitment description</b>	
Key problem addressed	Lithuanian and international surveys show that the Lithuanian society is civically disengaged, and it practically makes little use of its rights and opportunities to participate in addressing public matters of the country or to engage in civic activities of public importance. National institutions have implemented a number of initiatives to promote public participation and involvement in public decision-making processes, but public involvement is low, so is the participation culture, there is no methodological approach-based public participation monitoring strategy allowing to assess the current state of co-operation between the public sector and society, to see the development trends and the factors influencing the quality of this process - the engagement of participants, achievement of results, etc.
Commitment	Developing methodology for monitoring civic participation in public governance processes, which would serve as a basis for the evaluation of the actual situation as regards civic participation in public governance processes and for the facilitated civic engagement in decision making.
How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem?	With the methodological basis at hand, it will be possible to gather information and evaluate the public involvement through specific tools for participation in decision-making, to follow the changes in participation and to seek solutions and tools to promote a more proactive public participation.

How does the commitment relate to OGP values?	The commitment is relevant to the value of accountability, as it creates a mechanism aimed at: the evaluation of the effectiveness of public participation measures developed by institutions; it also meets the value of public involvement in decision making (participation), as the methodology will serve the basis for the implementation of the measures encouraging public participation.			
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The implementation of the commitment is financed from the project 'Open Government initiatives' run by the Office of the Government.</li> <li>▪ The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government.</li> </ul>			
Completion stage	Not started	Started	Half-way through	Completed
				X
Description of concrete results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Methodology completed for monitoring civic participation in public administration processes;</li> <li>▪ Trial monitoring completed of civic participation in public administration processes;</li> <li>▪ recommendations to ministries on improving the quality of public consultations drawn up.</li> </ul>			
Next steps	–			
Milestone status		Start date	End date	Completion stage
Methodology completed		01/09/2018	31/12/2018	Completed
Trial monitoring completed (trial monitoring report)		02/01/2019	01/07/2019	Completed
Recommendations drawn up (set of recommendations)		01/07/2019	01/09/2019	Completed
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Other actors involved				



Ministries, departments/agencies	ISDC, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Finance
Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	
<b>VI. Openness to the public of the activities of public governance institutions and their public accountability</b>	
6. Introduction of <i>ex post</i> evaluation in a legislative process cycle	
<i>1 July 2018 – 31 December 2019</i>	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Justice
<b>Commitment description</b>	
Key problem addressed	Recently there have been many inconsistencies in the legislative process, often with the same legislation being repeatedly amended failing to take on board the consequences caused by previous amendments. Furthermore, the national audit report by the National Audit Office of 16 March 2018 has found that the existing instrument - the monitoring of the legal regulation - is applied in a fragmented manner, the monitoring is low quality, and it is therefore necessary to move to a systematic approach as to the impact assessment of the legislation Such a need was identified in OECD report of 29 July 2015.
Commitment	Incorporating <i>ex post</i> evaluation in legislative process. The aim is to create an <i>ex post</i> evaluation model, which will serve as the basis for the evaluation of specific legislative proposals.
How will the commitment contribute to address the public problem?	The implementation of the provisions proposed in the draft law amending Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and Section 4 of the Law on Legislative Framework No XI-2220 should result in a positive impact on the transparency of the legislative process and the quality of the decisions taken - the evidence gathered during the impact assessment of the final legal regulation would be used to decide on the need to change the existing legal regulation. Besides, a closer public participation in the evaluation process is expected to improve the quality of legislation and better reflect the interests of the population concerned.
How does the commitment relate to OGP values?	The commitment is relevant to the improvement of the existing legislative process, as it provides for the shift from fragmented evaluation of legal regulation to systemic evaluation of its

	problematic areas. There are also wide opportunities to engage the public in this process. The commitment is related to OGP values of transparency, accountability and civic participation.			
Additional information	The commitment is part of the Plan for the implementation of the Programme of the 17th Government.			
Completion stage	Not started	Started	Half-way through	Completed
			X	
Description of concrete results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft law amending Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and Section 4 of the Law on Legislative Framework No XI-2220 completed and submitted to the Government for deliberation on 12 September 2018.</li> <li>• Law No XIII-2134 amending Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and Section 4 of the Law on Legislative Framework No XI-2220 adopted on 28 May 2019 (took effect on 1 April 2020).</li> <li>• Under Resolution No 69 of the Government of 29 January 2020 on the implementation of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Legislative Framework, the Ministry of Justice has been designated a coordination authority for the coordination of ex-post evaluation.</li> <li>• On 17 June 2020, the Ministry of Justice submitted to the Government a draft Resolution of the Government on the approval of a methodology for ex-post evaluation of the impact of existing regulatory framework and a form for ex-post evaluation report (discussed at the inter-institutional meeting of 7 July 2020).</li> </ul>			
Next steps	The draft methodology has been improved following the instructions formulated at the inter-institutional meeting of 7 July 2020, in cooperation with the staff of the Office of the Government to be resubmitted to the Government for deliberation in the near future.			
Milestone status		Start date	End date	Completion stage
Draft law prepared		01/07/2018	30/09/2018	Completed
Law adopted		01/10/2018	30/06/2019	Completed
Methodology completed		01/07/2019	30/09/2019	Completed
Practical training completed		01/10/2019	31/12/2019	Not started
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Ministries, departments/agencies	Office of the Government
Civil society organisations, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	The preparation of the draft methodology involved co-operation with the Chancellery of the Seimas, the Office of the Government and the Government Strategic Analysis Centre. The draft methodology was agreed with all the ministries.