

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON LITHUANIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 7 October 1991.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** Lithuania was elected to the Executive Board for the period 2015-2019. Elected as Vice-Chairperson of Group II during 38<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation; Rapporteur: H.E. Mr Arūnas Gelūnas (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee; Bureau Member (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programs; Member (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Member (term expires in 2017).
4. **The former Director-General's visits to Lithuania: 2**
  - 8-9 July 2006: Official visit
  - 22-24 April 2001: to combine his participation in the Conference with an official visit to Lithuania
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E. Mr Arūnas Gelūnas, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Lithuania to UNESCO (since 3 December 2012)
  - Staff: Mrs Violeta Baltrusyte, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Ringaile Kuokstyte, Attachée
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ms Ina Marčiulionytė (January 2003 – January 2010); H.E. Ms Ugnė Karvelis (November 1993 – March 2002)
6. **UNESCO Office:** none
7. **Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: February 1992
  - Chairperson: Mr Romas Pakalnis (since February 2009)
  - Secretary-General: Ms Asta Junevičienė (since August 2015)
8. **Lithuanian personalities linked to UNESCO activities:**
  - Ms Violeta Urmana, UNESCO artist for peace
  - Mr Valdas Adamkus, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for the Construction of Knowledge Societies
  - Mr Virgilijus Alekna, UNESCO Champion for Sport
9. **UNESCO Chairs: 3**
  - UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Mechatronics, established at the Kaunas University of Technology (2006), the Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas (729)
  - UNESCO Chair in Cultural Policy and Cultural Management, established at the Vilnius Academy of Fine Arts (1998)
  - UNESCO Chair in Informatics for the Humanities, established at the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics within the framework of ORBICOM (1994)
10. **Associated Schools:** 35 (6 primary, 13 primary and secondary, 15 secondary, and 1 vocational and technical). Lithuania joined the ASPnet in 1985.
11. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

- 12. UNESCO Clubs: 5**
- 13. Biosphere Reserves: 1**
- Zuvintas (2011)
- 14. World Heritage Sites: 4 cultural sites**
- Struve Geodetic Arc (shared with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine) (2005)
  - Kernavė Archaeological Site (Cultural Reserve of Kernavė)(2004)
  - Curonian Spit (jointly with the Russian Federation) (2000)
  - Vilnius Historic Centre (1994)
- 15. Tentative List: 1**
- Trakai Historical National Park (2003)
- 16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3 elements on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**
- Sutartinės, Lithuanian multipart songs (2010)
  - Cross Crafting and its Symbolism (2008)
  - The Baltic Song and Dance Celebrations (jointly with Estonia and Latvia) (2008)
- 17. Memory of the World Register: 2**
- Radzwill's Archives and Niasvich (Nieśwież) Library Collection (submitted by Belarus in cooperation with Lithuania, Finland, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine) (2009)
  - The Baltic Way - Human Chain Linking Three States in Their Drive for Freedom submitted by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (2009)
- 18. Creative Cities Network: 1**
- Kaunas, a UNESCO Creative City of Design (2015)
- 19. Legal instruments: 19 ratified and 21 non-ratified**
- | <u>19 Ratified Conventions</u>  | <u>Deposit date and type</u> |
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| • Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.   | 31/03/1992 Acceptance        |
| • Convention on Technical and Vocational Education. Paris, 10 November 1989.  | 28/01/1993 Accession         |
| • Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.                                      | 10/03/1993 Acceptance        |
| • Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.        | 20/08/1993 Ratification      |
| • Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.-   | 20/08/1993 Accession         |
| • Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979. | 16/11/1994 Accession         |
| • Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.   | 27/07/1998 Accession         |
| • Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.  | 27/07/1998 Accession         |
| • Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.         | 27/07/1998 Ratification      |
| • Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.                 | 21/08/1998 Accession         |
| • Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976.                   | 21/08/1998 Accession         |

- Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997. 17/12/1998 Ratification
- International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961. 22/04/1999 Accession
- Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971. 27/10/1999 Accession
- Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999. 13/03/2002 Accession
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003. 21/01/2005 Ratification
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001. 12/06/2006 Ratification
- International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005. 02/08/2006 Ratification
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005. 18/12/2006 Accession

### 21 Non-Ratified Conventions

- Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement. Beirut, 10 December 1948.
- Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.
- Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.
- Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.
- Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.
- Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas, and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.
- Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Paris, 3 December 1982.
- International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean. Nice, 17 December 1976.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States. Arusha, 5 December 1981.
- Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.
- Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 22 December 1978.

- Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.
- Multilateral Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties, with model bilateral agreement and additional Protocol. Madrid, 13 December 1979.
- Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.
- Revised Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011
- Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014

**20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: 1**

- 100th anniversary of the birth of Algirdas Julius Greimas, linguist (1917-1992) (with the support of Estonia, France and Mexico)

**21. Participation Programme:**

- 2016-2017: 1 project approved for a total amount of US\$ 20,000
- 2014-2015: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 51,504
- 2010-2011: requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 102,000
- 2008-2009: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$67,500

**22. Fellowships Programme:**

- 1 fellowship awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 8,000.
- 5 fellowships awarded since 2004, for US\$44,500

**23. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none**

**24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: fully paid**

- Assessment rate for 2016: 0.072%
- Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$235,080

**25. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):**

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	7,149	9,177	4,244	4,244	5,244	967

**26. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented**

- 3 International professional staff in geographical posts (min 2, max 4)