

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 38th 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:**
 - Mr Jonas Skardinskas, Minister Plenipotentiary, Chargé d'Affaires *a.i.* (07 March 2017)
 - Staff: Ms Kristina Tamosaityte, Second Secretary ; Ms Ringaile Kuokstyte, Third Secretary
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Arūnas Gelūnas (December 2012-November 2016); 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: 2**
 - Trakai Historical National Park (2003)
 - Kaunas 1919-1939: The Capital Inspired by the Modern Movement (2017)
16. **Intangible Heritage Lists: 3 elements inscribed**
 - 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**
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (2 August 2006)
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratification (12 June 2006)
 - Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (21 January 2005). *Lithuania was the second European Member State (after Latvia) to have ratified the convention.*
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (18 December 2006)
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 2016-2017: fully paid**
 - Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.072%
 - Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US\$470,160

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

| Year | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Total | 22,635 | 2,714 | 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)