

## OPEN CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECT PROPOSALS UNDER THE EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND THE NORWEGIAN FINANCIAL MECHANISM

In accordance with the Rules of Administration of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism in Lithuania, adopted on 29 August 2005 by the Lithuanian Government Resolution No 941, the Ministry of Finance and the Central Project Management Agency (CPMA) announce the first open call for individual project proposals under the financial mechanisms.

Under this call, grants are available for individual projects in the priority areas listed in the table below. However, in respect of the limited amount of grant assistance available, **particular attention will be given to the Lithuanian focus areas**. These focus areas are listed in the table below:

Priority areas funded under the EEA and the Norwegian Financial Mechanisms	Focus areas of the EEA and the Norwegian Financial Mechanisms highlighted by the Republic of Lithuania	Preliminary budget, million EUR
Promotion of sustainable development through improved resources use and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improved sustainable management and surveillance of marine resources, through inter alia introduction of new information technology</li> </ul>	0.931
Conservation of the European cultural heritage including public transport and urban renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conservation and adaptation for the cultural and other public needs of cultural heritage buildings with emphasis of Lithuanian manor houses and castles, including teaching of restorers of cultural heritage objects</li> </ul>	3.628
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Restoration and adaptation for the cultural and other needs of Lithuanian wooden architecture (historic villages, churches, etc.), including revitalizing and teaching of Lithuanian traditional handicrafts (thatchery, carpentry, etc.)</li> </ul>	
Human resource development through, inter alia, promotion of education and training, strengthening of administrative or public service capacities of local government or its institutions and the democratic processes that support it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Education and training, including the study of the Norwegian language</li> </ul>	1.434
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strengthening the administrative and public service capacities of regional and local authorities and their institutions**</li> </ul>	
Health and childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improvement of prevention, early diagnostics, and adequate treatment of cancer diseases</li> </ul>	10.932
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improvement of access and quality of paediatric care (early diagnosis and treatment) and assurance of health services quality control</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prevention and treatment of communicable diseases and improvement of epidemiological surveillance system</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improving the juvenile justice system through improvement of living and educational conditions of juveniles in penitentiary institutions as well as through training of relevant staff</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Resocialisation of juveniles released from imprisonment</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Renovation of foster care homes for children and training of relevant</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Informal education for children and youths through after-school and summer activities</li> </ul>	
Implementation of Schengen Acquis, support of National Schengen Action Plans as well as strengthening the judiciary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Development of judiciary information system</li> </ul>	1.424
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Combating transnational organised crime, with emphasis on combating trafficking of human beings</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Training of officials engaged in crime investigation and prosecution activities related to juvenile crime</li> </ul>	
Regional policy and cross-border activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Transfer of experience and strengthening of co-operation among local, regional and euroregional partners in Lithuania and Norway**</li> </ul>	0.3
Technical assistance for the implementation of acquis communautaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strengthening co-operation between Lithuanian and Norwegian institutions in relation to the implementation of Acquis</li> </ul>	0.45
Academic research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Academic research, when it is targeted at one or more of the priority areas</li> </ul>	0.83
Total		19.929

\* - the allocations listed for each priority sector are only indicative and may be subject to adjustments. The Monitoring Committee of the financial mechanisms reserves the right to make amendments to the allocations after it has assessed all the applications.

\*\* For these focus areas, two separate funds ('block grants') will be established. Open calls for proposals for these funds will be announced at a later stage. For further information see [www.eeagrants.lt](http://www.eeagrants.lt).

**The main objective of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism** is to reduce social and economic disparities.

**Assistance form and amounts.** Assistance under the financial mechanisms is provided in the form of grant support for eligible individual projects. The minimum amount of grant assistance applied for is EUR 250,000 per individual project. There are no limits on the maximum amount of the grant assistance per individual project.

**Exchange rate:** EUR 1 is equal to LTL 3.45281.

**Co-financing requirements:** The contribution from the financial mechanisms in the form of grants shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking all relevant factors into account. European Community ceilings for co-financing shall not be exceeded in any case.

In addition to the general principle above, the following rules on the grant rate ceilings shall apply:

1.1. Grant rate up to 60 %; With the exceptions referred to in 1.2. and 1.3. below, the grant rate shall not exceed 60% of the project cost.

1.2. Grant rate up to 85 %; Where 15% or more of the projects costs is co-financed by central, regional or local government budget allocations, the EEA Financial Mechanism/the Norwegian Financial Mechanism may provide a grant for the remainder of the project cost;

1.3. Grant rate up to and above 85%; For grant assistance set up to support NGO activities (including social partners), the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism may be applied in combination in order to allow grant rates above those described in 1.1. and 1.2., but generally not above 90%. Domestic co-financing will normally be required.

**Eligible applicants:** All public or private sector bodies and non-governmental organisations constituted as legal entities in the Lithuania and operating in the public interest<sup>1</sup> (e.g. national, regional and local government authorities, education/research institutions, environmental bodies, voluntary or community organisations, public-private partnerships, etc.)<sup>2</sup>. There are no limitations on the number of proposals from an applicant. Projects may be implemented together with partners from the donor countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, as well as the other countries in the European Economic Area. For more details regarding partnerships, please refer to the [Guidelines for Applicants](#).

**Call documents:** Guidelines for Applicants, Application Form, Application Form User Guide and other relevant documents are available on the websites of the Ministry of Finance and CPMA: [www.finmin.lt](http://www.finmin.lt), [www.eeagrants.lt](http://www.eeagrants.lt), [www.cpva.lt](http://www.cpva.lt).

General information about the financial mechanisms, including Rules and Procedures and Guidelines, is available in English on the website of the Financial Mechanism Office, which acts as the day-to-day-secretariat for the financial mechanisms: [www.eeagrants.org](http://www.eeagrants.org)

<sup>1</sup>“The project is committed to the public interest, i.e. the objectives that are attained are important for the public in general rather than meeting the needs of individual or commercial interest.”

<sup>2</sup>The state aid shall not be applicable.

**Language:** The applications must be presented in either English or Lithuanian. If an applicant has submitted an application in Lithuanian and if this application is selected for prioritisation, the applicant will have to translate it into English at his own expense. The applicant will be fully responsible for authenticity of the translation.

**Submission of proposals:** Proposals for individual projects shall be submitted:

- by 2 November 2006 , 16:00 Lithuanian time if proposals are submitted directly to the CPMA;
- or by 2 November 2006 if proposals are submitted using registered post or courier (the latest dispatch date).

All proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes to the following address:

Call No. 1 EEE/NOR  
Central Project Management Agency  
S. Konarskio str. 13  
LT-03109 Vilnius  
Lithuania

The applicant must submit one application original with the title-page bearing clear indication "Original" and three copies certified by the applicant with the title-page bearing clear indication "Copy". The application original must be accompanied by of the application in Excel format (recorded into floppy disk or CD). Full name and address of the applicant must be written down on the external envelope.

For more details regarding submission of proposals, please refer to the [Guidelines for Applicants](#).

**Requests for clarifications:** Potential applicants may submit their written requests for clarifications to the CPMA regarding the preparation, submission and evaluation of proposals. Requests may be submitted via e-mail [eee@cpma.lt](mailto:eee@cpma.lt) or fax +370 5 251 4401. Please indicate the number of the open call for individual project proposals, the name of the institution and contact details. Requests may be submitted no later than 10 days before the deadline for submission of proposals. Final answers to these requests will be made available no later than 7 days before the deadline for submission of proposals.

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