

DONOR QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

1 WHAT IS YOUR AID FOR TRADE STRATEGY?

Q1.1 Do you have an operational Aid for Trade strategy? Does it have a “pro-poor” focus? What are its key objectives and delivery/implementation modes? (Please break down by types of aid: "multilateral contributions" / "trust funds" / "budget support" / "other bilateral")

Please describe and exemplify. If applicable, feel free to refer to your 2007 response.

The development co-operation policy of the Republic of Lithuania is based on the values, principles and recommendations set out in the joint statement by the Council of the European Union, the European Parliament and the European Commission on European Union Development Policy “The European Consensus”, which was approved by the General Affairs and External Relations Council on 21-22 November 2005.

Lithuania affirms as its own the international commitments of the European Union, enunciated in the 2000 Millennium Declaration of the United Nations, the 2002 Monterrey Summit, the 2005 Johannesburg Sustainable Development Action Plan and the 2005 Summit to Review the Millennium Development Goals as well as “EU Strategy on Aid for Trade: Enhancing EU support for trade-related needs in developing countries”. This strategy is the document, which Lithuania follows in its Aid for Trade process.

One of the key elements for us in this strategy is that the Strategy is based on Aid for Trade needs prioritised by partner countries; it also identifies modalities for coordination and response at various geographical levels as well as proposes ways to strengthen EU capacity in general to deliver and monitor Aid for Trade.

The implementation modes of Aid for Trade are mostly bilateral.

Q1.2 If your Aid for Trade Strategy has evolved since 2007, please describe the changes and/or new focuses.

Please describe and exemplify.

Our AfT strategy has not changed

Q1.3 Have you articulated a set of best practices in the design and/or delivery of Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, what form does this best practice guidance take?

Please describe and exemplify.

Lithuania’s Aid for Trade projects are designed to target productive (tradable) sectors, for technical assistance, for boosting productive capacity, for helping diversification or improving infrastructure that it would have long term impact on country’s development. Most of our neighbouring countries and Central Asian countries need access to the basic infrastructure that drives development — transport corridors and telecommunications networks that can connect exporters to the world markets; modern customs facilities that can move products rapidly and efficiently across borders; testing labs to ensure that exports meet international standards; and the

sophisticated expertise and institutions needed to navigate a complex world trading system.

2 HOW MUCH AID FOR TRADE DO YOU PROVIDE?

For CRS Reporting Donors

Q2.1 Does the attached CRS profile accurately reflect the volume of your Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

If no, please provide further details of your Aid for Trade activities for 2006 and 2007.

Please add any data that are missing in their appropriate CRS categories, including those activities that should be considered as Aid for Trade under the category of "Other Trade-related Needs" and describe, if applicable, the method used to identify trade-related activities in the relevant CRS categories. Please also provide any activities that may fall under the new category of "Trade-related Adjustment" for 2006.

For non-CRS Reporting Donors

Q2.1 How much Aid for Trade did you provide in each of 2006 and 2007? Please also indicate the volume as percentage share of your total ODA.

Please use the WTO Task Force definition and include estimates of the value of in-kind Aid for Trade such as technical cooperation programmes.

	2006	2007	2008
Trade Policy and Regulations, and Trade Related Adjustment	60.178 EUR	273.121 EUR	252.033 EUR
Building Productive Capacity	38.991 EUR	183.186 EUR	94.103 EUR
Economic Infrastructure	77.371 EUR	4.057 EUR	531.041 EUR
TOTAL	176.541 EUR	460.364 EUR	877.178 EUR

For All Donor Agencies

Q2.2 Do you have indicative forward spending plans that include estimates on Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please provide details of your indicative forward Aid for Trade spending plan.

Please delineate the plan per Aid for Trade category.

Being part of the EU, Lithuania will contribute to the joint EU commitment to increase EU's trade related assistance to 2 billion €/ year by 2010.

Furthermore, Lithuania together with 10 new member states pledged that they would strive to contribute at least 0.17 percent of Gross National Income (GNI) by 2010 to Official Development Assistance, rising to 0.33 percent in 2015. Lithuania is committed to reach this result and will continue to attach great importance to Aid for Trade issues.

For Donors who had made Aid for Trade pledges

Q2.3 Please describe how you are meeting your pledges? And how much progress in delivering your final pledges do you expect to have made in 2008 and 2009?

Please provide details and evidence in accordance with your accountability mechanism.

As it is possible to see from the table in Q2. 1. Lithuania's Aid for Trade is steadily growing from 176.541 EUR in 2006, 393.119 EUR in 2007 and 877.178 EUR in 2008. Lithuania will continue to increase its Aid for Trade in the forthcoming years in order to reach its commitments.

For Multilateral Donors

Q2.4 Please describe how funding for your Aid for Trade activities is evolving
[e.g. share of activities funded from your agency's core (regular budget) vs. non-core (earmarked) resources, including multi-donor funds; likely trends in these categories].

Please describe.

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to the volume of your Aid for Trade.

3 IMPLEMENTATION: HOW ARE YOU DELIVERING AID FOR TRADE?

Mainstreaming and Ownership

Q3.1 What measures have you undertaken to mainstream Aid for Trade in your overall assistance strategy?

Please describe and exemplify.

The implementation of development co-operation policy, where Aid for Trade takes an important part, in Lithuania is based on the guidelines indicated in the resolution „ On the approval of the Development Co-operation Policy Guidelines of the Republic of Lithuania for 2006-2010“, United Nations Millennium Development Goals and EU Strategy on Aid for Trade recommendations.

Q3.2 In how many of the partner countries you support, are Aid for Trade concerns an important part of your policy dialogue with them (based on your best estimate)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
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Q3.3 How many of your country assistance strategies contain trade or Aid for Trade elements (based on your best estimate)?

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
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Q3.4 Has demand for Aid for Trade increased from partner countries since 2005?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significantly increased | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increased | <input type="checkbox"/> Little / no change | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
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If increased, from which countries / regions, and for which Aid for Trade categories / sectors?

Please describe and exemplify.

In 2006-2008 Aid for Trade in Afghanistan increased remarkably in a category of “Economic Infrastructure. “ (From 77. 371 EUR in 2006 to 531.041 EUR in 2008).

From 2006 to 2007 Aid for Trade in the category of “Building Productive Capacity” increased in Afghanistan, Georgia, Belarus and Moldova.

From 2006 to 2007 Aid for Trade in the category “Trade Policy and Regulations and Trade Related Adjustment” increased in Afghanistan, Moldova and Ukraine.

Furthermore, in 2007 there was organised a seminar in Lithuania for experts from the Eastern European and Central Asian countries on trade facilitation issues. Lithuania contributed 77.680 EUR to the WTO Trust Fund to support this international seminar.

Demand in the category of Trade Policy and Regulations has recently increased in Ukraine, Georgia and Azerbaijan.

If increased, what steps have you taken to strengthen your capacity to respond to increasing demand for Aid for Trade from partner countries? Tick the box of all that apply:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Increased aid resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Strengthened in-house trade expertise |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Improved training, tool-kits and/or guidelines for Aid for Trade programming |

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increased awareness among policy-makers and practitioners at the HQ and the field
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strengthened political commitment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased coordination among donors (e.g. joint assessment, joint delivery, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Please feel free to add other steps you have taken</i>

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to mainstreaming and ownership.

Working with Others: Harmonisation and Alignment

Q3.5 In how many of the partner countries you support, have you contributed to the following joint donor initiatives?

	< 10%	10-30%	> 30%
Joint needs assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Aid for Trade strategy formulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Aid for Trade programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pool funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint monitoring and evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delegated cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3.6 Do you have a specific approach to South-South and/or trilateral cooperation in Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, what are its key elements or particular focuses?

Please describe and exemplify.

Q3.7 How much of your Aid for Trade is aligned with your partners' country systems (based on your best estimate)?

less than 25%

25% to 50%

50% to 75%

above 75%

Not sure / Not applicable

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to harmonisation and alignment.

4 MONITORING RESULTS, EVALUATION AND MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Q4.1 Does your Strategy include specific monitoring and evaluation guidelines for Aid for Trade programmes?

Specific to Aid for Trade

Generic guidelines

If you do have specific guidelines, please provide the details of your Aid for Trade M&E framework. How often do you review progress towards your strategy objectives? Who do you report to?

Please describe and exemplify.

Q4.2 Do you regularly monitor the potential trade impact of your aid projects / programmes?

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe how.

Please describe and exemplify.

Q4.3 Do you have plans to improve the evaluation of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Please describe and exemplify.

Lithuania is planning to develop a framework for monitoring and evaluation of Aid for Trade activities. This will include closer cooperation with partner countries and other donors.

Q4.4 Have you carried out or do you plan to carry out an impact assessment of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Yes: please indicate when:

No

Not sure/Not applicable

Q4.5 Do you involve partner country stakeholders in developing measurable objectives/indicators to assess the quality of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe the indicators used.

Please describe and exemplify.

At the present these activities are limited. We recognise the need for a better coordination of Aid for Trade analysis and programming with other donors, especially our counterparts in the EU.

Q4.6 Have you undertaken joint evaluations of your Aid for Trade with your partner country stakeholders?

Yes No Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe when and the results of the evaluation.

Please describe and exemplify.

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to monitoring, evaluation and mutual accountability.

5 REGIONAL DIMENSION

Q5.1 How important is the regional dimension in your Aid for Trade strategy?

Essential element Important element Minor element Not present Not sure / Not applicable

If essential or important, please describe how your Aid for Trade strategy addresses regional challenges.

Please describe and exemplify.

“EU Strategy on Aid for Trade: Enhancing EU support for trade-related needs in developing countries” is an important instrument in supporting regional integration and promoting regional co-operation and capacity building in trade-related matters of regional interest, for example, training officials on how to make a successful customs reform.

Eastern European and Central Asian countries are priority countries for Lithuania in providing trade related assistance. Most of our neighbouring countries and Central Asian countries need access to the basic infrastructure, modern customs facilities and the institutional capacity building.

Lithuania pays particular attention to the regional Aid for Trade challenges of this region.

Q5.2 Which of the following factors are important for determining whether or not to support particular regions or regional programmes? Please list in the order of importance.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Relevance to ongoing regional trade agreements / negotiations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional proximity / support to neighbouring regional economic integration processes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cultural, linguistic or historical ties with the region
<input type="checkbox"/>	Existence of a viable counterpart at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for assistance from a regional body
<input type="checkbox"/>	Availability of a clearly defined regional development strategy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geographical concentration of donor activities

Other, please describe

Because the document is protected, it's not possible to write in the order of importance, so adding the order by numbers: 2; 1; 3; 4; 5;

Q5.3 By how much has the volume of your regional Aid for Trade increased since 2005?

<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> By less than 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> By 5 to 15%	<input type="checkbox"/> By 15 to 30%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 30%
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Q5.4 In which assistance categories are you particularly active at regional level?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Not sure / Not applicable
Training (trade negotiations/WTO rules)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade facilitation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of cross-border infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity building of regional organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other, please describe and exemplify

Economic Infrastructure -frequently

Q5.5 What are the most important challenges in implementing regional Aid for Trade?

Please list in the order of importance.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of (or weak) articulated demands for regional Aid for Trade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of coherence between national and regional priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of credible lending authorities at regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of effective coordination at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Difficulties of monitoring and evaluating results at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of credible mutual accountability mechanisms at regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other, please describe and exemplify</i> The order of importance: 1; 4; 3; 2;

Q5.6 Has the demand for regional Aid for Trade increased since 2005?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significantly increased	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased	<input type="checkbox"/> Little / no change	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable
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If yes, in which regions and for which activities has it increased the most?

Please describe and exemplify.

The demand for Aid for Trade mostly increased in Afghanistan, under "Economic Infrastructure" category.

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to regional Aid for Trade.

