DETERMINATION TO DEFEND

2.07% OF GDP IN 2018 and further increase of defence expenditures

Intensive MODERNISATION of the Lithuanian Armed Forces (infantry fighting vehicles, self-propelled howitzers, surface to air missile systems)

Number of MILITARY PERSONNEL in 2016: + 24% increase since 2014

1st in Europe to reconstitute CONSCRIPTION

Most modern URBAN WARFARE training facility in the Baltic region

1st among Allies to conduct large scale PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ABOUT PROPAGANDA
2017-01-17 Lithuanian Parliament adopted the new National Security Strategy and committed to allocate **2% of GDP in 2018** and to **steadily increase defence expenditures** further on.
RANK IN NATO BY DEFENCE EXPENDITURES AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP

2014: 25
2015: 16
2016: 9

BREAKDOWN OF DEFENCE EXPENDITURES IN 2016

- Personnel: 46%
- Equipment: 30%
- Operations and Maintenance: 19%
- 4% Infrastructure
- 1% Other

In NATO by percentage of defence expenditure spent on equipment in 2016.
Expanding capabilities of the Lithuanian Armed Forces

NEW DEFENCE CONCEPT

New structure of the Land Force – closer alignment of peacetime and wartime structures to increase readiness

Land Force development is a priority for Lithuania.
NATIONAL RAPID REACTION FORCE

- Established in 2014
- 2 battalion size battle groups are ready to act in 2-24 hours
- Could be used to respond to hybrid threats in peacetime upon the decision of the President
- Annual large scale live exercises using unconventional scenario with civilian institutions
MORE THAN 2.5 BILLION EUR PLANNED FOR MODERNISATION OF THE LITHUANIAN ARMED FORCES IN 2017-2022.
INCREASING MILITARY PERSONNEL

Data as of 2016 December

Conscripts

| A pool for professional service and Homeguard |
| A pool for reserve forces |
| Manning of operational units |
| Closer link between military and society |

The number of military personnel has grown significantly since 2009:

- **2009**: 12,700 (+30%)
- **2016**: 16,500 (+20%)
- **2018**: 19,740

Lithuania reintroduced conscription in 2015.
20% of conscripts joined the professional service in 2016.
IMPROVEMENT OF TRAINING FACILITIES

New modern Urban Warfare training facility for national and international combat training, first such centre in the Baltic region, opened 2016 in Pabaradė.

- PABRADĖ TRAINING AREA
  - 85 km² (33 mi²)
  - 176 km² (68 mi²)
  - Training of a battalion size battle group (up to 1200 soldiers)

- GAIŽIŪNAI TRAINING AREA
  - 52 km² (20 mi²)
  - 125 km² (48 mi²)
  - Training up to battalion level

+ Modernisation of Kazlų Rūda, Rokai and Kairiai training areas

Doubling size of training areas
Better training facilities for the national forces and our Allies
Possibility to train a battalion using multiple integrated laser engagement systems (MILES)
Port of Klaipėda

Kairiai TA

Klaipėda

Šiauliai Air Base
NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission since 2004

Kazlų Rūda TA

Gaižiūnai TA

Rokai TA

Pabradė TA

Panevėžys

Facilities for NATO Enhanced Forward Presence Battalion Group since 2017

Vilnius

Kaunas

European standard gauge railway

Completed section of the Rail Baltica standard gauge line

Railway transfer point for military heavy equipment

Planned railway connection from Kaunas to Ryga & Tallinn

Training area

TA
Lithuanian Support for NATO’s Enhanced Forward Presence

LITHUANIA PROVIDES

- Accommodation in military barracks or field camps
- Access to and use of training ranges/facilities
- Transportation and movement assistance & coordination
- Morale, Welfare and Recreation package
- Force protection
- Fire protection
Commitment to International Security:
PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING MISSIONS

- EU Counter-piracy Operation "Atalanta"
- EU Anti-migrant Smuggling Operation "Sophia"
- EU and UN Missions in Mali
- NATO Operation KFOR in Kosovo
- NATO Support to Turkey
- NATO Training Mission in CAR
- US-led Joint Multinational Training Group in Ukraine
- US-led Coalition "Inherent Resolve" in Iraq
- NATO Training Mission "Resolute Support" in Afghanistan
- EU Training Mission in CAR
- EU and UN Missions in Mali
SUPPORT TO UKRAINE

Areas of support

- Lithuania together with the US, UK, Canada, Poland and other partners provides practical support to Ukraine’s defence reforms.
- Lithuanian Armed Forces military advisor has been coordinating international assistance to reform of the Ukrainian Armed Forces NCO corps since mid 2016.
- Lithuanian military advisers have been directly involved in setting up and further developing SOF within Ukrainian Armed Forces.
- Development of joint Lithuanian-Polish-Ukrainian brigade
- Lithuanian Embassy in Ukraine has been carrying out the role of NATO contact point embassy since 2015.

Numbers

- Lithuanian Armed Forces instructors with the US and UK counterparts have trained 5 battalions of Ukrainian Armed Forces in 2016.
- Humanitarian and other material assistance for the Ukrainian Armed Forces has reached close to 1,9 mln. EUR in 2014-2016.
- Lithuania provided medical rehabilitation for 122 wounded Ukrainian soldiers from 2014-2016.
- Throughout 2016 over 200 Lithuanian Armed Forces instructors trained Ukraine’s Armed Forces.
- 64 Ukrainian instructors have been trained in Lithuania since 2014.
- 63% of Lithuanian citizens support military assistance to Ukraine.
Enhancing Society Resilience

GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE LITHUANIAN RIFLEMEN’S UNION

Lithuanian Riflemen’s Union is a paramilitary organisation promoting patriotic education and civil resistance.

Lithuanian Riflemen’s Union’s budget has grown more than 2 times from 2014 to 2016.

Number of riflemen has increased +38% since 2013.

Closer cooperation in training with National Defence Volunteer Force (Homeguard)
STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR LITHUANIAN ARMED FORCES AND NATO

Data as of 2016 December

- Supports the presence of NATO troops in Lithuania: 81%
- Trusts the Lithuanian Armed Forces: 54%
- Would defend the Homeland if needed: 59%
Since 2014 the Ministry of National Defence has published 3 manuals for citizens on what actions to take in case of an emergency and in war-time situations.

English language version can be found online: http://kam.lt/download/51276/ka%20turime%20zinoti%20en.pdf
Cooperation with NGO’s:

38 NGO’s initiatives related to patriotic education and defence have been partially financed by the Ministry of National Defence in 2016.

Recognising Propaganda and Information Warfare:

More than 200 events and presentations for NGO’s, state and municipality officials, schools & universities, business representatives in 2016.
Ministry of National Defence is the main government institution responsible for cyber security since 2015.

National Cyber Security Centre, responsible for cyber security of state institutions and critical information infrastructure, established in 2015.

Law on Cyber Security entered into force in 2015.
> Monitoring system is installed on critical governmental networks, energy & transport sectors.
> Higher cyber security standards based on the best international practices will be applied in more than 300 governmental information systems during 2017.

> The National Cyber Security Centre’s personnel doubled in 2016.
> First national cyber security exercise in 2016 - more than 120 representatives from 36 private and public institutions, and academia.

During 2016, almost 400 breaches were detected and fixed in governmental networks, among them 3 cyber incidents related to foreign intelligence services were eliminated.
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