



# ERA PROGRESS IN LITHUANIA HIGHLIGHTS

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of Lithuania's progress in implementing the European Research Area (ERA) over the past decade.



## POLICY CONTEXT

The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport is the main public body for the R&I policy development in the ERA context. After the dissolution of the Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology in 2022, the main institution responsible for the implementation of R&I policy in Lithuania is the Research Council of Lithuania (Lietuvos mokslo taryba – LMT). The Ministry of Economy and Innovation is responsible for R&I policy targeting private business sector innovation. In 2022, the Ministry of Economy and Innovation merged different agencies into the Innovation Agency which promotes and supports innovations at all stages of business development.

The Lithuania 2030 progress strategy (2012) is the main document that defines the long-term vision and priorities for Lithuania's development. The National Progress Plan for 2021-2030 (NPP) is the operational document that translates this long-term strategy and allows to manage the achievement of strategic goals for all policy fields (including R&D). In line with these documents, the previously mentioned RDP was adopted in 2022. It is a key instrument for implementing the R&D policy in Lithuania and ERA policy is an integral part of RDP.

In addition, the Education Development Programme for 2022-2030 and the Economic Transformation and Competitiveness Development Programme for 2022-2030 are two sectoral programmes under the NPP that support the R&I policy in Lithuania. The former aims to enhance the quality and accessibility of education, the human capital and the research potential of the

education system. The latter aims to promote economic transformation and innovation, as well as cooperation between the public and private sectors, and academia.

Under RDP, Lithuania is implementing various measures in line with ERA Policy Actions. For example, as part of the RRF plan 'New Generation Lithuania', a measure 'Support for activities aimed at implementing ERA priorities for institutional change' promotes the implementation of ERA Actions 3, 4, 5, 9 and 14 in universities and research institutions. In addition, the new concept for smart specialisation (2021-2027) is aimed to strengthen R&I capacities, develop new technologies, and increase the country's competitiveness in global markets. The discussed policy initiatives and a new smart specialisation strategy concentrate resources in the areas of the highest growth potential.

Overall, the National Agreement on Education Policy (2021-2030) between political parties in the Parliament mandates that by 2030 the state budget allocations for R&D (GBARD) should reach at least 1% of the GDP. This parliamentary agreement ensures the implementation of this obligation despite possible changes of the majority in Parliament.



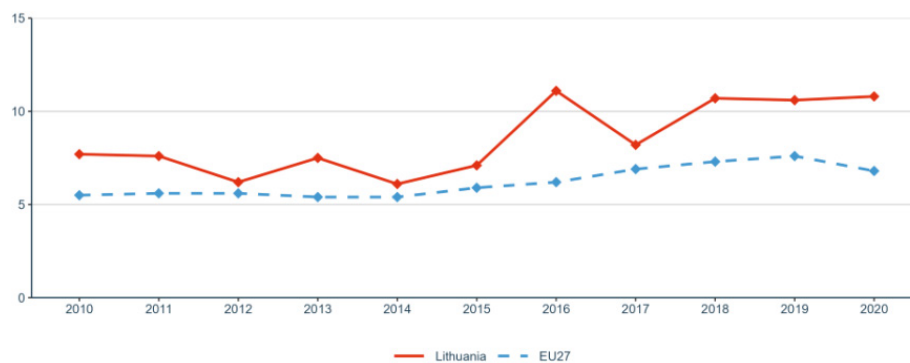
## KEY TAKE-AWAYS LITHUANIA



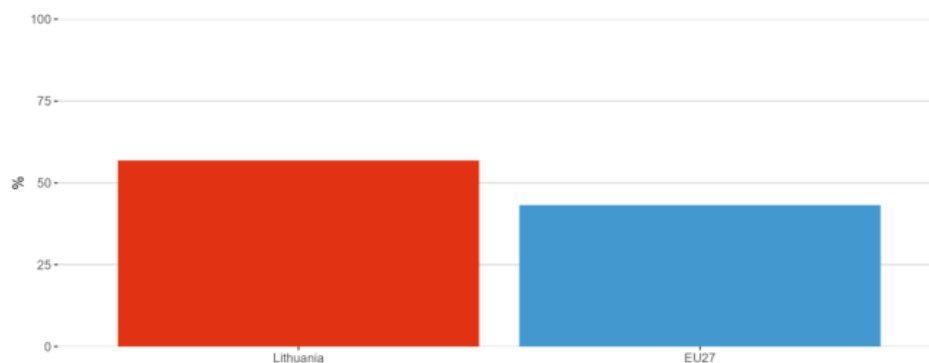
-  Lithuania is a moderate innovator performing below the EU-27 average according to the European Innovation Scoreboard 2023 and ERA indicators.
-  The country's implementation of the ERA Actions is supported by the Research Development Programme for 2022-2030 with specific progress measures.
-  Lithuania performs well in researchers' careers and mobility and citizen science indicators, but lags behind the EU-27 average in government budget allocations for R&D (GBARD) for the green and digital transitions.
-  The key focus in Lithuania is the implementation of agreement of increasing long-term public and private R&D funding and attracting and retaining talents.

## CHARTING THE WAY FORWARD...

**Sub-priority 1.4: Researchers' careers and mobility and research assessment and reward systems – Job-to-job mobility of Human Resources in Science and Technology**



**Sub-priority 2.4: An active citizen and societal engagement in R&I in all its dimensions – Trust in science in 2021**



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- [Download](#) the full ERA Monitoring Lithuania Report 2023
- [Read](#) the 'Communication on A new ERA for Research and Innovation'
- [Consult](#) the background on New ERA, the EU Pact for R&I, the EU Policy Agenda and more