

LIST OF PROGRESS ACTIONS FOR 2014

THE STATE PROGRESS COUNCIL, integrating for a common goal society, business and academic representatives and state politicians,

seeking to initiate actions aimed at the development of smart society, smart economy and smart governance,

committed to carry out annual monitoring of progress actions and publicize progress results,

submits to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania a list of progress actions for 2014:

1. To introduce innovative programmes stimulating creative and innovative thinking in children in 50 per cent of pre-schools and secondary education schools (for example: "Creative Partnerships", "High Culture Impulses for Schools", "I Choose to Teach", "Who Needs It?!"). These programmes would help children understand the prospects of future professions, reveal various talents and encourage responsible experimentation related to future career choices.

2. Having evaluated the experience of implementing pilot projects of non-formal education baskets in 4 municipalities, to implement a non-formal education basket in all municipalities.

3. To create a cooperation mechanism between the establishments of higher education, business and public sector that would create conditions (*inter alia*, legal) for higher education school graduates to gain competitive and practical professional skills through traineeships in business enterprises and public sector establishments.

4. To implement life-long learning instruments: to introduce general quality standards for providers of non-formal education services; to create an information e-platform, providing easily accessible and clear information on the possibilities of non-formal education; to formalise the competences acquired in a non-formal manner (in professional activities); to implement a demand-driven financing mechanism for non-formal education services, thus, increasing competition and improving the quality of services, as well as their relevance to people; to draft models of cooperation between businesses, higher education establishments and vocational schools.

5. To create and implement direct and indirect motivational tools, motivating members of society, young people in particular, and making it easier for them to become involved in civic activities: to establish a National Fund of Civil Society, funded with the 2 per cent of income tax that has not been allocated to any charity, to create a database shared by non-government organisations, to renew a programme of civil education, to promote civil activities in Lithuanian universities, to increase the number of hours spent in social activities.

6. To create a mechanism for encouraging a socially responsible media and begin to implement a programme for promotion of responsible media in order to stimulate an increase in socially responsible media tools and its consumers and achieve a greater credibility in domestic institutions.

7. To develop and begin to implement a strategy for the prevention of suicides and other premature deaths caused by external factors.



8. To develop the "Global Lithuania" social networks linking Lithuanians worldwide into a single communication space in order to bring together no less than 100 000 Lithuanians living abroad.

9. To create a coordination mechanism for Lithuania's global representation, integrating for a common goal public and private initiatives with the aim to strengthen Lithuania's competitive edge.

10. In order to meet the expectations of both employers and employees, to allow more flexibility in the provisions regulating working time, conclusion and termination of employment contracts as well as other provisions (to draft an amendment to the Labour Code, which would provide for the possibility to have a more flexible work schedule (a 40-hour work week, permitting for a more flexible distribution of working hours), to conclude fixed-term labour contracts for permanent jobs by agreement of both parties, to set a uniform time limit for all categories of employees to be given notice of termination of their employment contracts, to provide for a possibility for parties to agree on unpaid leave, etc.).

11. To produce a publicly available catalogue of public services, which would allow accessing all information about services (i. e. service provision procedures and qualitative parameters of service delivery) in one place. The catalogue of public services would facilitate regular assessments of the necessity and usefulness of services, rating of services and stimulate public discussions on service quality.

12. Taking into account the experience of cooperation between public and private initiatives, to develop a schedule for the implementation of public and private partnership projects based on good practice and implement, according to this schedule, a pilot project in which the public sector would receive most benefit and participate as an equal partner.

13. To implement Open Data measures in order to provide easy access to the data on the information files handled by public authorities and to enable the public and the business community to express their opinions on the relevance, as well as the desired format of individual files, so that primary data collected by public sector bodies are adapted for further use in the development of services/ products for society and business (reuse of information).

14. To ensure the application of evidence-based management instruments (impact assessment (cost and benefit analysis), programme evaluation, etc.) in the adoption of management decisions.

THE STATE PROGRESS COUNCIL, bearing in mind the priority measures for the implementation of the Programme of the Sixteenth Government 2012–2016, as well as the Government activity priorities for 2014,

plans to monitor the implementation of the following measures and works envisaged by the Government in 2014:

1. To approve and implement an Action Plan for the Promotion of Internationality of Higher Education envisaging new measures for the promotion of the development of joint study programmes, as well as measures for greater mobility of students and teachers, also to increase funding for the recruitment of foreign teachers.



2. To create a system for the monitoring of employment and careers of graduates from schools of higher education (a specialists qualification map).

3. To enhance the systems of civil servant remuneration and motivation by ensuring the transparency of the remuneration system as well as links to performance.

4. To continue the implementation of information society breakthrough measures by expanding the broadband electronic communication network in rural areas; to develop the legal, organisational and technical instruments necessary for online voting; to introduce an electronic prescription service for reimbursed medicines.

5. To intensify and expand participation in the operations of the structures of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and, in implementing the measures pursued by the organisation, to engage in active lobbying for membership in the OECD.

6. To continue the implementation of measures for the improvement of transparency and efficiency of the activities of State-owned enterprises as well as public institutions and to implement the recommendations issued by the OECD in the area of State-owned enterprises by following the State-owned enterprise ownership policy as well as transparency guidelines.

