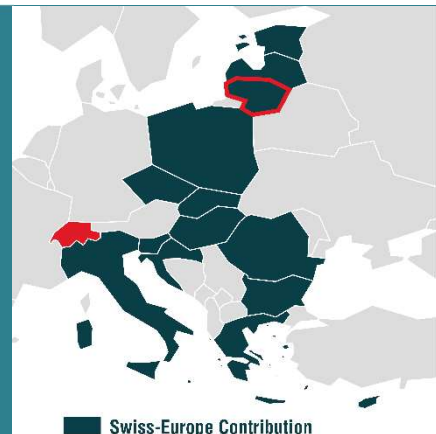


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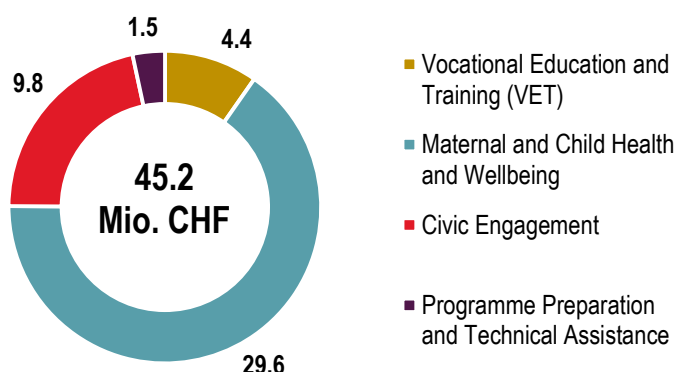
Swiss-Europe Contribution

The Swiss-Lithuanian Cooperation Programme is part of the Second Swiss Contribution to selected EU member states. It is a continuation of the first Enlargement Contribution and of the transition cooperation between Switzerland and Lithuania before the accession of Lithuania to the EU and it continues important work on healthcare from both, the transition cooperation and the first Enlargement Contribution.

The Second Swiss Contribution has a total value of CHF 1.3 billion and a duration until 3 December 2029. On 30 June 2022, Switzerland and the EU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Brussels, specifying key parameters of the contribution, such as the amount, its distribution among the partner countries, thematic priorities and principles for cooperation and implementation.

Key Areas of Support

- **Civic Engagement**
Strengthening civic society organizations and increasing the quality of volunteering
- **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**
Life-long learning and inclusive VET system
- **Maternal and Child Health and Wellbeing**
Improving quality and accessibility of the outpatient healthcare services and implementing holistic child development services



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The Second Swiss Contribution is an investment in Europe's security, stability and prosperity. The Second Swiss Contribution strengthens and deepens bilateral relations with the EU partner countries and the EU as a whole.

In May 2023 and as part of the Second Swiss Contribution, the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Lithuania signed a Framework Agreement. The Swiss-Lithuanian Cooperation Programme seeks to reduce economic and social disparities within the EU and within Lithuania, contributes to the strategic reforms undertaken by Lithuania and aims at improving the lives of people.

The Programme will strengthen existing and create new Swiss-Lithuanian partnerships, as well as provide for an exchange of experiences and knowledge in priority areas for both sides.

Lithuania contributes 15% as co-financing to each Programme and all Programmes are in-line with Lithuania's national policies and priorities.



Civic Engagement



The overall goal of the Programme is to empower civil society by strengthening its participation in the decision-making, improving the competencies of civil society organizations, and enhancing the well-being of disadvantaged groups, including residents with a migratory background. It has three strategic focuses:

1. Enhancing civic engagement in the decision making;
2. Strengthening civic society organizations through the development of an accountability standard for NGOs;
3. Increasing the quality of volunteering through the development of an organizational standard for quality volunteer management.

Vocational Education and Training (VET)



The Vocational Education and Training (VET) Programme has the aim to align the VET system with labour market needs. The Programme does so by improving the match between the competencies acquired in the education system and the requirements of the labour market.

The Programme focuses mainly on:

1. Piloting and implementing the model for mastery qualifications acquired in the workplace. The model will enable the recognition of a person's competencies, regardless of the means of their acquisition;
2. Developing and piloting a quality assurance model for the non-formal practical work-based training, which will facilitate the incentive to improve the competences of the employees;
3. Adapting the VET system to the integration of people with a migratory background, with the aim to address their needs and facilitate their integration into the labour market and society.

Maternal and Child Health and Wellbeing



The overall goal of the Programme is to improve healthcare services for pregnant women, newborns, infants and children with developmental disorders by developing a sustainable structure of integrated health, education and social care services.

In the frame of previous Lithuanian-Swiss cooperations and their contribution to the strategic development of the national health system, the main qualitative and quantitative changes were made in the field of hospital services for pregnant, delivering women and newborns. The quality of services and patients' satisfaction reached a very high level, as well as newborns' mortality rates have decreased significantly. On the other hand, the outpatient services for pregnant women, infants and children remain at previous levels and need to be improved.

The first component of the Programme focuses on improving the quality and accessibility of the outpatient healthcare services for pregnant women, newborns and infants.

Under the second component of the Programme, the main emphasis is put on improving the health and wellbeing of infants and children with a development disorder through the implementation of holistic child development services.

Further information about the Swiss-Lithuanian Cooperation Programme:

<https://cpva.lt/en/programme/lithuanian-swiss-cooperation-programme-2022-2029>



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