

## Summary

You are invited to participate in and contribute your presentation topic to the International Conference entitled **DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURES ECOSYSTEM IN LITHUANIA** to be held at the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 19 April 2024.

The Committee for the Future of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania is pleased to announce the organisation of the international Conference ‘Lithuania’s Future Ecosystem Development.’ The Conference aims to facilitate discussions on various aspects of Lithuania’s future ecosystem, including its development and role in implementing the State Progress Strategy ‘Lithuania 2050: Vision for the Future.’

The relevance of building and developing the future ecosystem became apparent in the Seimas upon the establishment of the Committee for the Future. The upcoming Conference will delve into the core issues surrounding strategic national and social development in Lithuania. It will aim to provide insights that will guide the nation’s further advancement, enhance competitiveness, and fortify resilience amidst the challenges of global flux and uncertainty.

The recent years have seen the emergence of fundamental challenges, necessitating alternative approaches to further development of the country. These challenges increasingly demand proactive political solutions. A paradigm shift in the methods and principles of strategic thinking is imperative. These matters gain particular importance as we strive to reform and modernise public administration, enhance the nation’s geo-economic competitiveness, and refine the effectiveness of social development and progress initiatives.

The Conference papers and discussions will inform the work of the working group set up by the Seimas in cooperation with the Office of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and tasked with drafting a White Paper on the Development of the Future Ecosystem of Lithuania.

**Conference venue:** Constitution Hall, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

**Date:** 19 April 2024

### **Key topics:**

- The role of foresight and strategic planning in an era of global flux and uncertainty
- The impact of Lithuania’s future ecosystem on societal dynamics and on the implementation of ‘Lithuania 2050’
- Foresight ecosystem in Lithuania: state of play, assessment of effectiveness, and guidelines for future development of foresight in the international context
- Lithuania’s foresight ecosystem development and its harmonization with European Union initiatives and institutional development
- The role, culture, and training of professionals in embedding insights
- Feasibility of fostering information provisioning, expert evaluation, development of data analytics, and its application to policy-making
- Prospects for proactive public governance: innovative, evidence-based and anticipatory governance
- The role of Lithuania’s future ecosystem in transforming public governance; prerequisites for evidence-based governance by the Government of Lithuania
- Empowering Lithuania: the role of digitalisation and AI in state and societal modernisation
- Harnessing science for political decision-making and strategic governance
- Advancing foresight: political transfer, sustainability, and development

You are kindly invited to participate in the Conference and submit the topic of your presentation by **29 February 2024**.

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