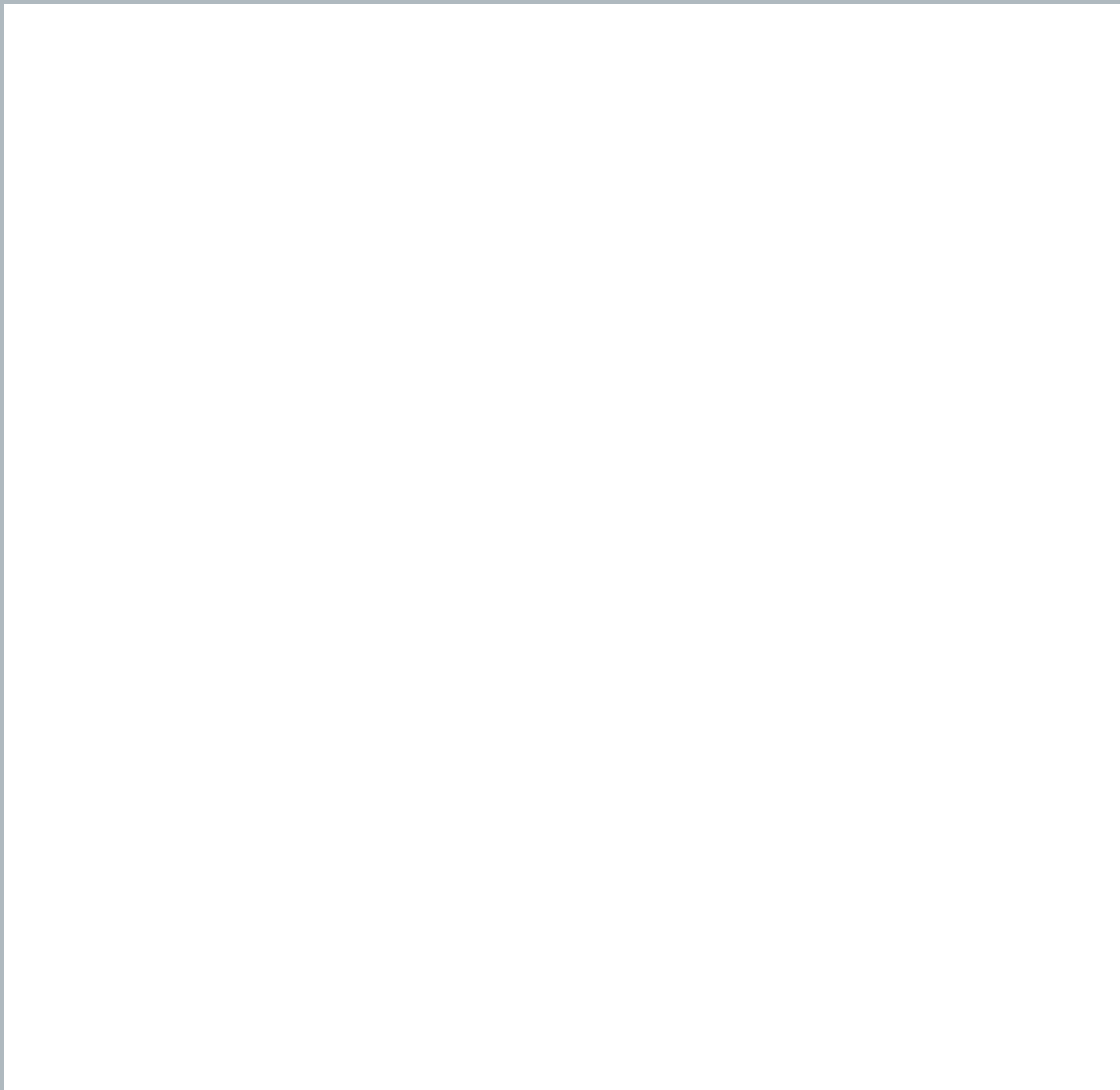




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2023



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DEFENCE POLICY PRIORITIES

Strong Lithuanian Armed Forces

- Developing combat power, manoeuvre, indirect fire support, air defence and logistic support capabilities
- Improvement of military service conditions and social guarantees
- Provision of modern equipment, armaments and supplies
- Infrastructure development

Reliable collective defence commitments

- Presence of Lithuania's strategic Allies – United States and Germany – in the region
- Host Nation Support Infrastructure development
- Participation in international operations in order to contribute to the solution of common challenges facing the Allies, ensuring international peace and stability

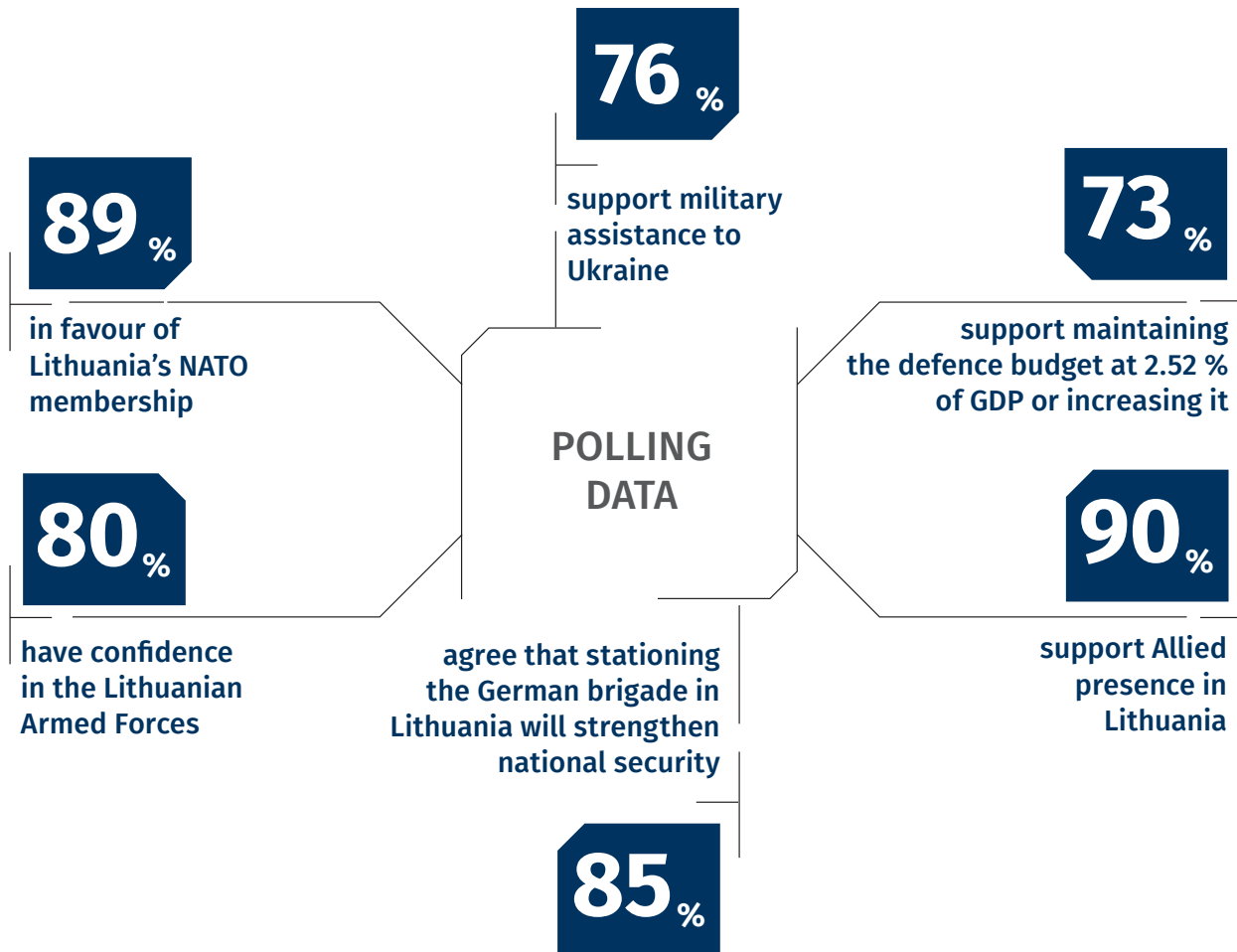
Resilient state and society

- Readiness for mobilisation
- Strengthening cyber security
- Will to defend, resilience and readiness for civil resistance

Support to Ukraine

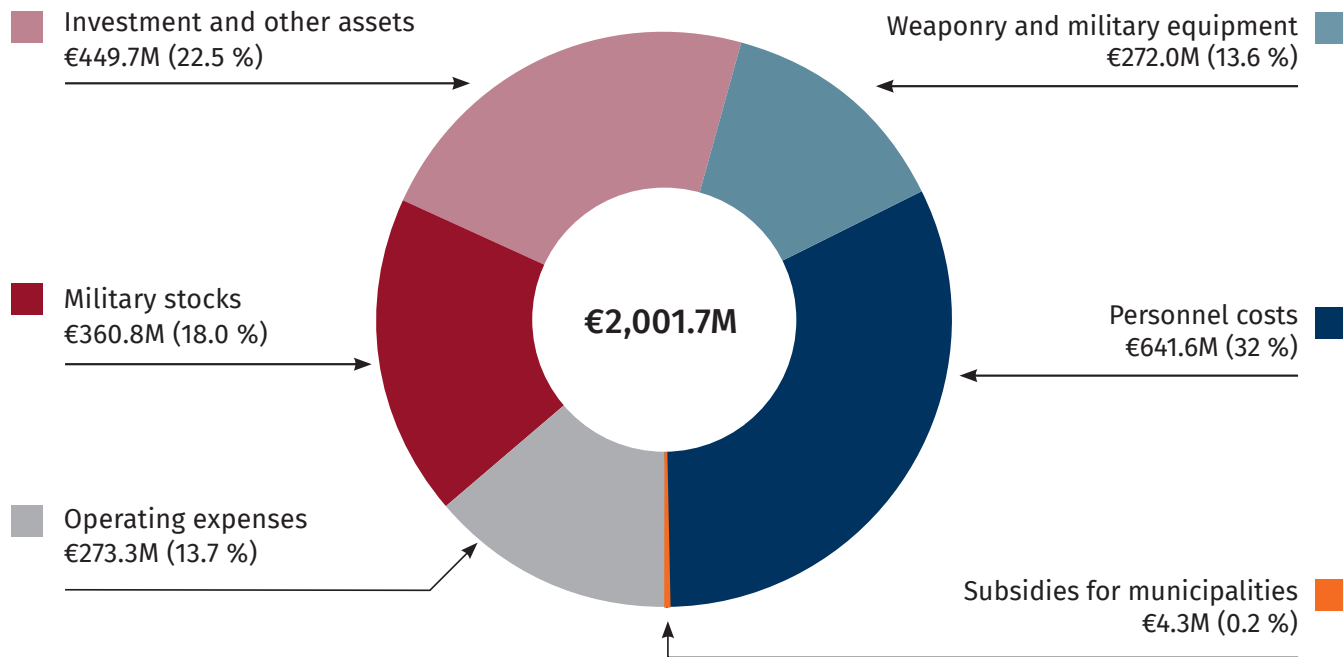
- Procurement, transfer and repair of weaponry, tactical vehicles and equipment
- Contributions to the international Ukraine Assistance Fund to finance heavy weaponry
- Military training and education, military rehabilitation and medical treatment, expert assistance in defence reform
- Strengthening cyber security

STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT

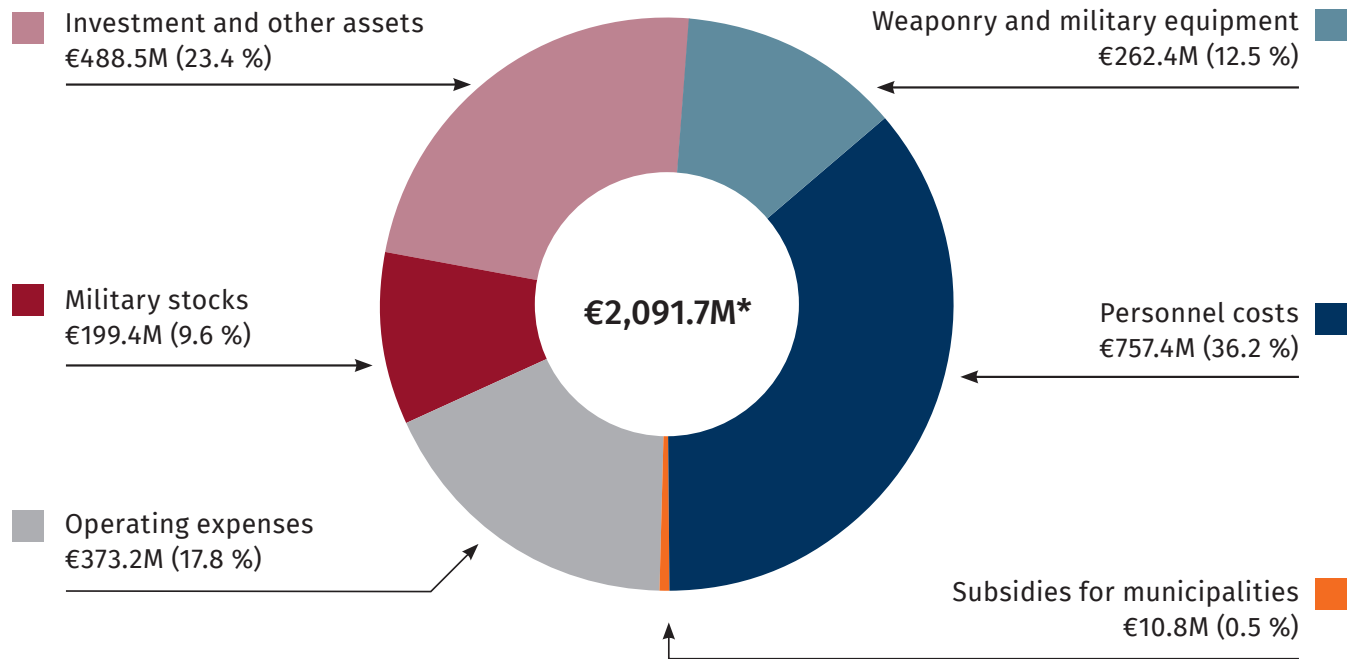


The public opinion poll commissioned by the Ministry of National Defence was carried out by market and public opinion research company "Spinter tyrimai" in December 2023.

DEFENCE BUDGET BREAKDOWN 2023

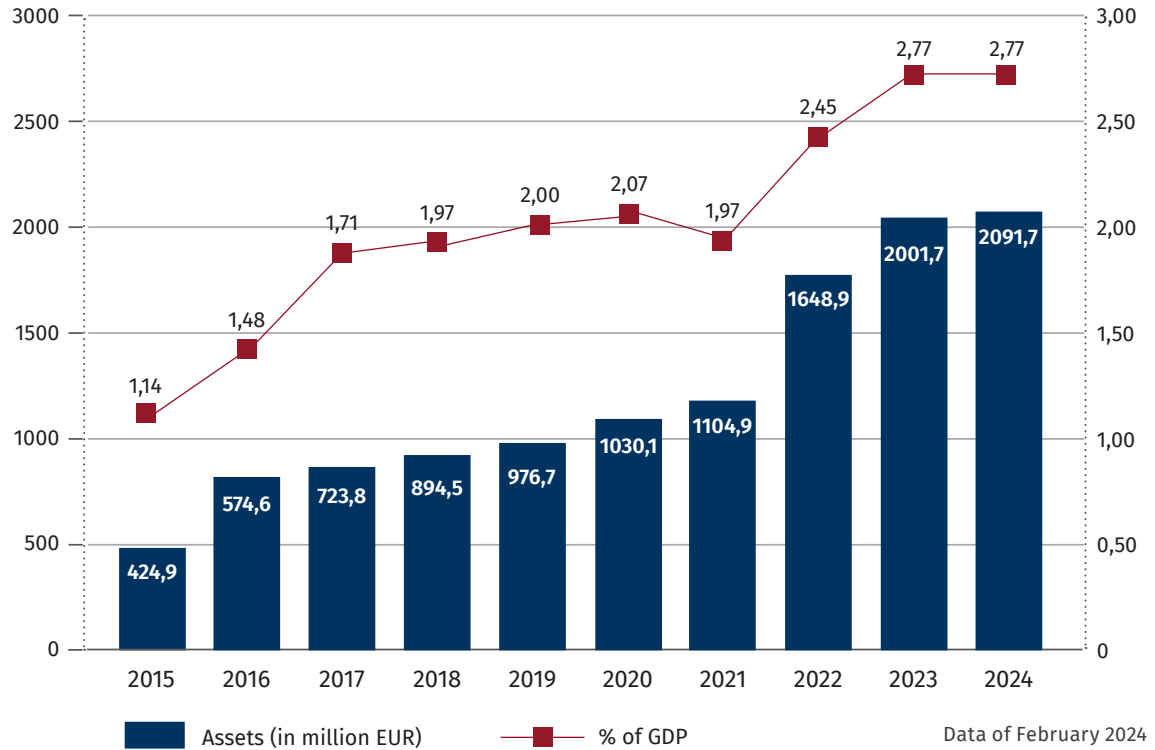


DEFENCE BUDGET BREAKDOWN 2024



*Data of January 2024

NATIONAL DEFENCE BUDGET



Compliance with NATO guidelines

| | 2014 | 2015–2018 | 2019–2020 | 2021 | 2022–2023 |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Defence spending at 2 % of GDP | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Personnel costs ≤ 50 % | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Major procurement ≥ 20 % | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |

LITHUANIAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL IN 2023

Professional military service

11 859



Volunteer service

5 397



Conscripts

3 781



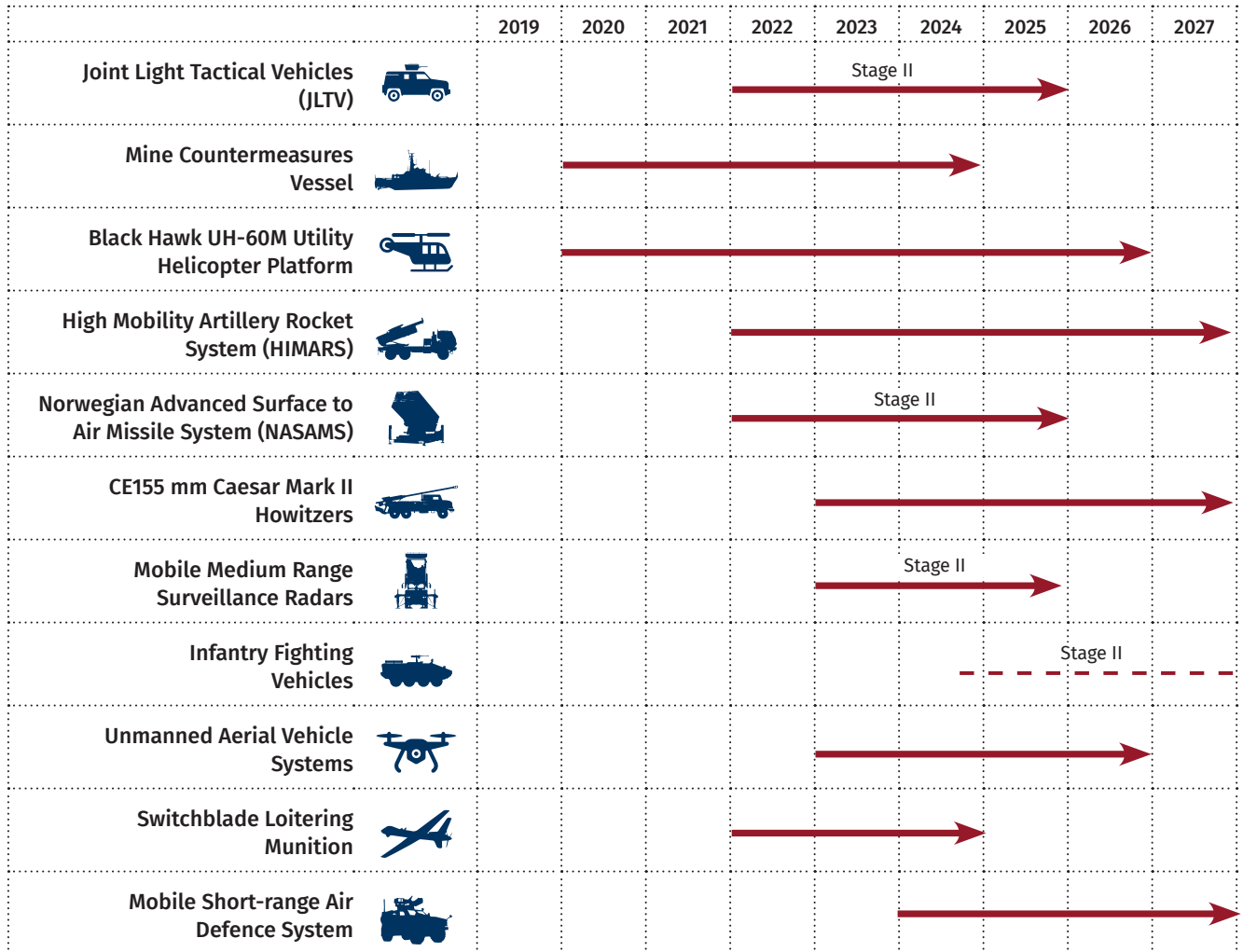
Active reserve

28 794



MAJOR MODERNISATION PROJECTS

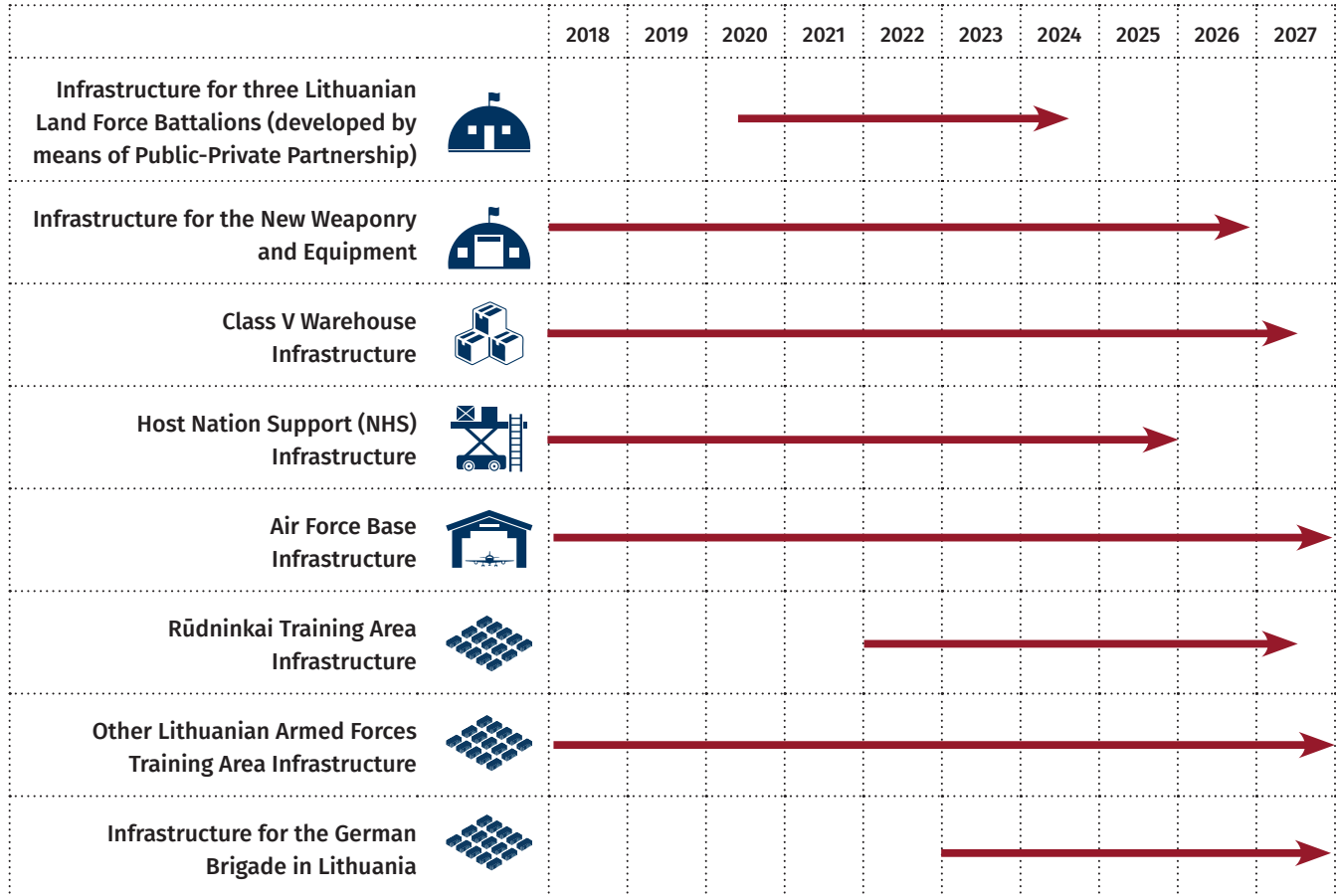
Modernisation projects of the Lithuanian Armed Forces aim to ensure a sustained growth of combat power.



Over 45% of the National Defence Budget, or nearly EUR 1 billion, will be dedicated to modernise the Lithuanian Armed Forces in 2024.

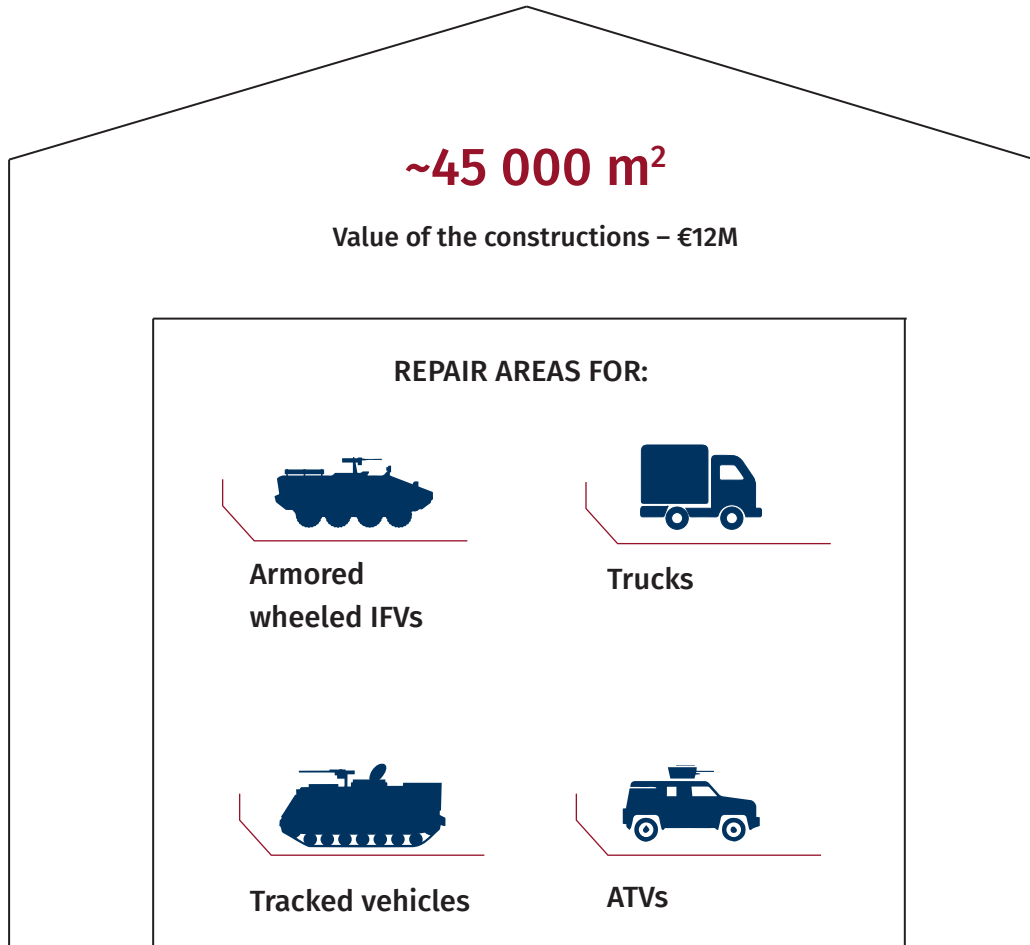
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The development of the Lithuanian Armed Forces infrastructure is one of the most critical priorities of the Ministry of National Defence.



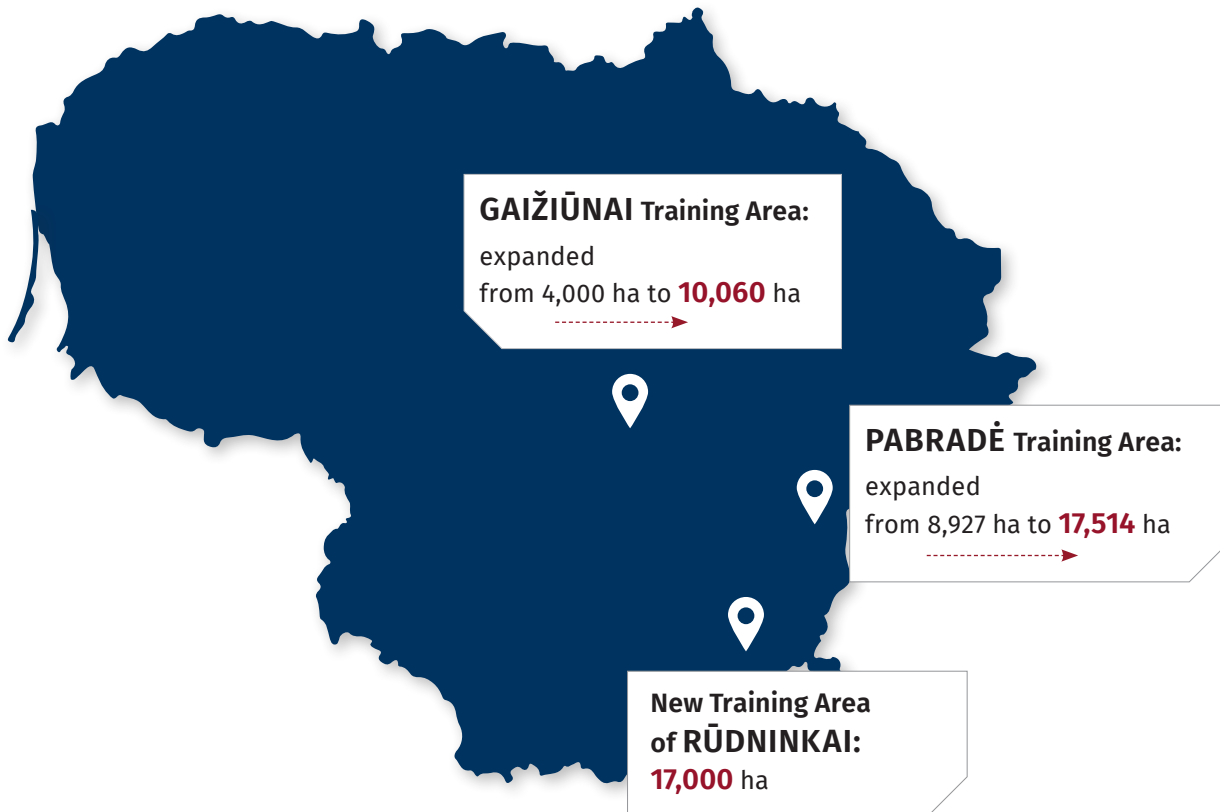
MODERN REPAIR WORKSHOP

The largest military equipment maintenance and repair workshop in the Baltic States was inaugurated in the autumn of 2023.



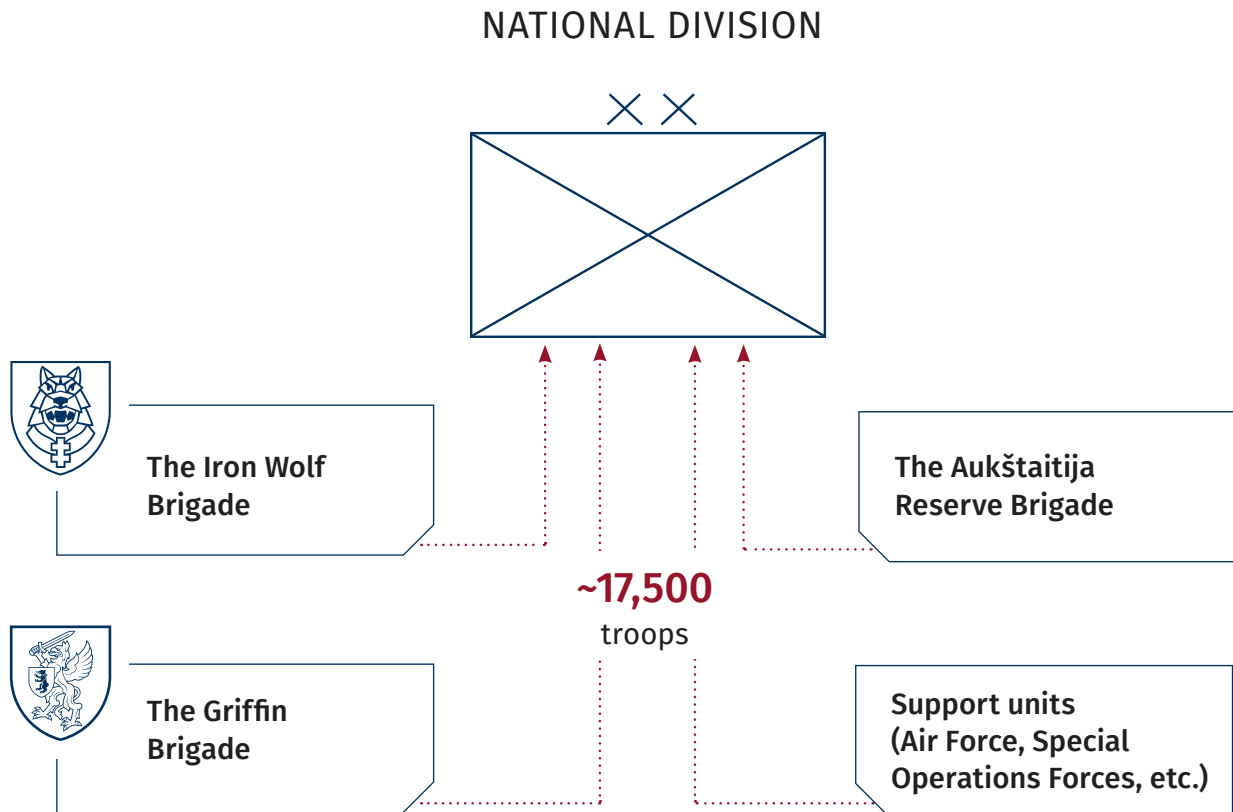
DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY TRAINING AREAS

Investment in training infrastructure are made to provide adequate training conditions for Allied and Lithuanian military personnel: **EUR 520 million** in 2023–2027.

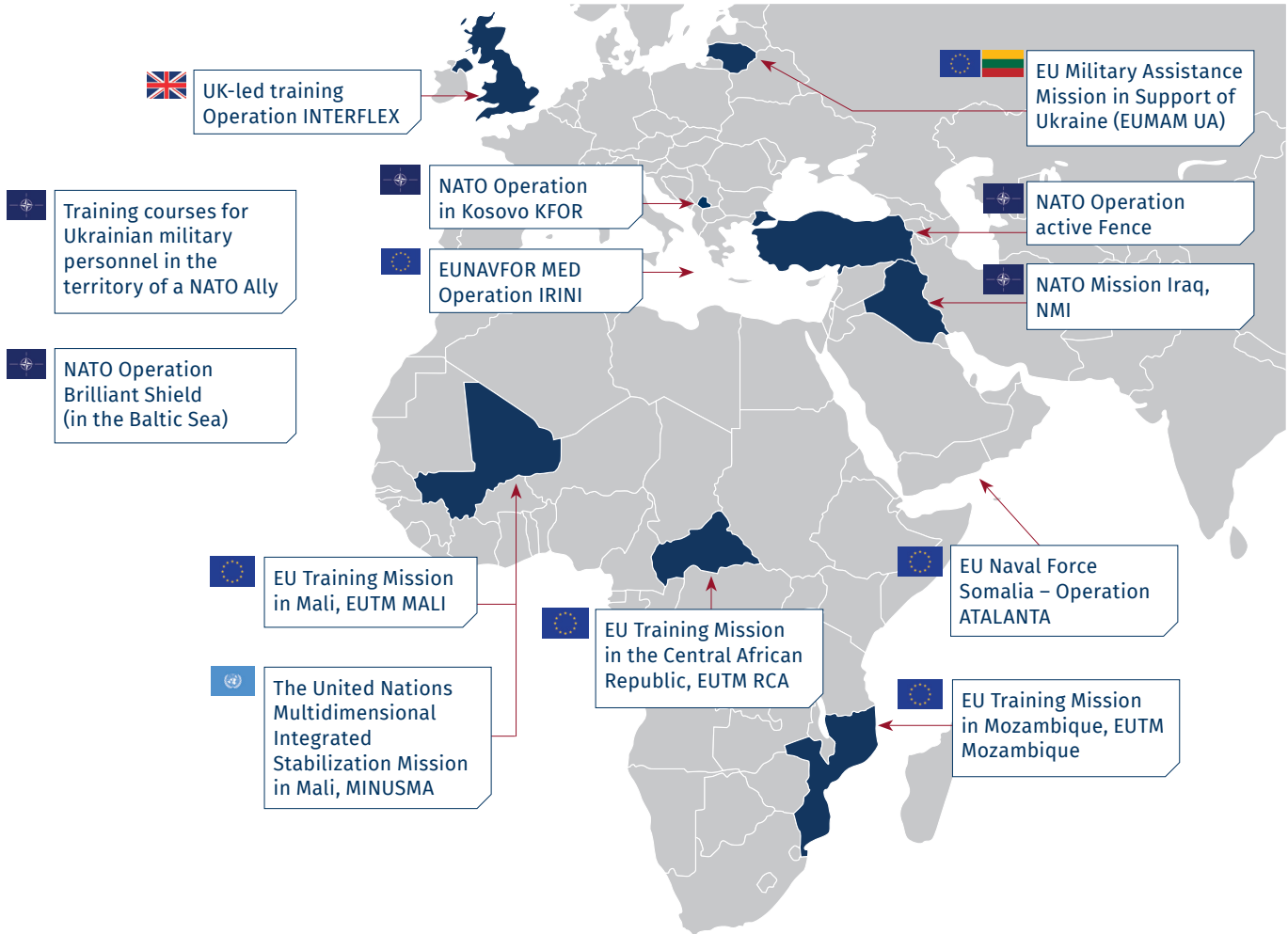


LITHUANIAN ARMED FORCES DIVISION

The establishment of the **National Division** will contribute significantly to increasing the combat power of the Lithuanian Armed Forces, accelerating modernisation and better interoperability between Lithuanian and NATO forces.



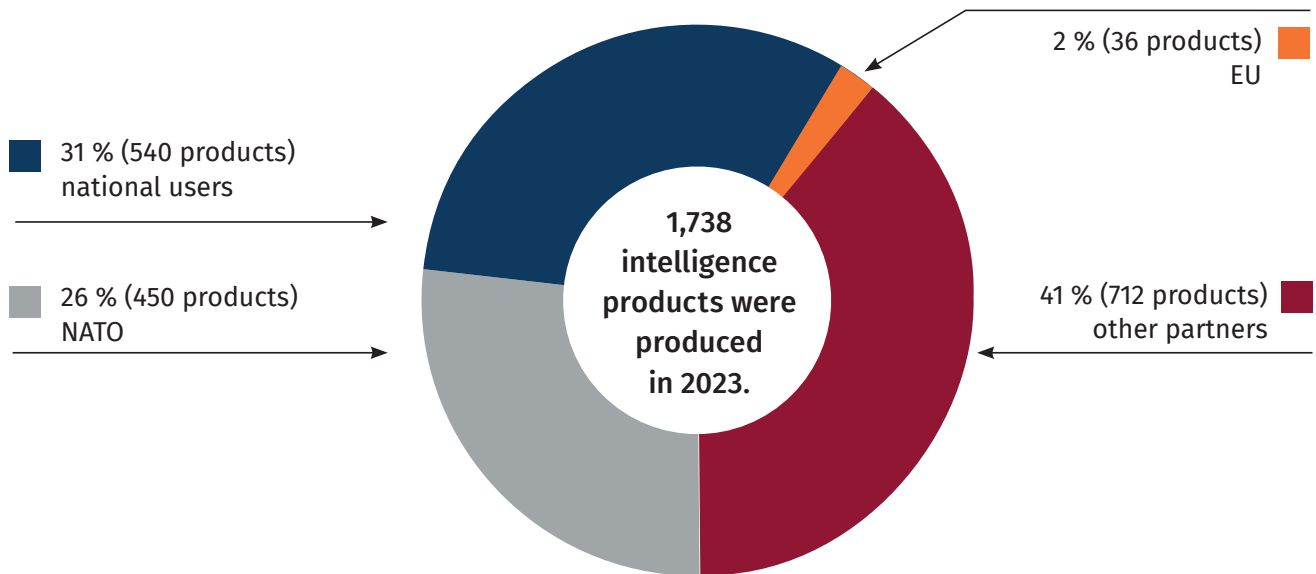
MULTINATIONAL OPERATIONS 2023



INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT

Defence Intelligence and Security Service under the Ministry of National Defence provided the Lithuanian State Defence Council and the Minister of National Defence with intelligence assessments and presentations on relevant issues related to the Russian war in Ukraine, hostile state activity against the Republic of Lithuania, information and cyber security domains, migration field.

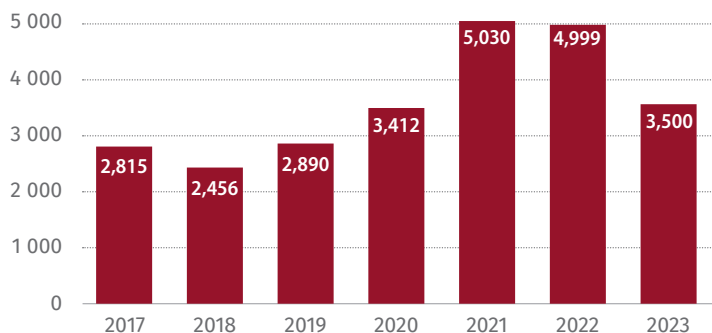
Customers of intelligence products:



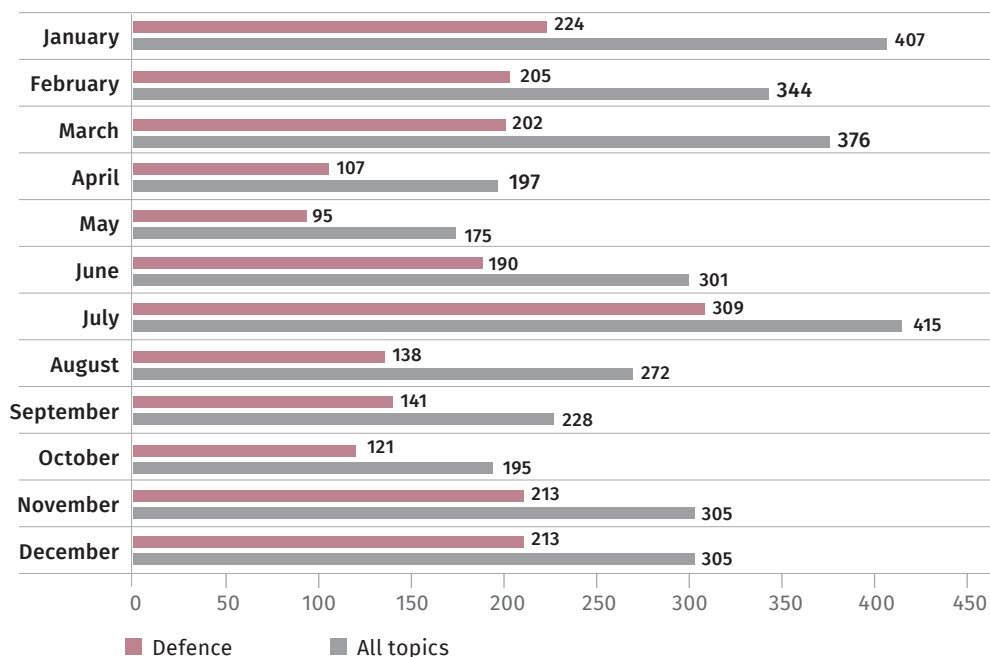
HOSTILE INFORMATION MONITORING

The Lithuanian Armed Forces identified 3,520 unique cases of hostile information activities in 2023. As many as 2,148 cases were directly related to defence.

The flow of hostile information observed in 2023 was marked by accusations that Lithuania and NATO were provoking Russia and Belarus. Our country was also accused of planning military aggression attempts against the Russian and Belarusian territories in conjunction with NATO military action. Information pressure was used to target NATO and Lithuanian military capabilities, military build-up and military acquisitions, Western economic and military support to Ukraine.



Dynamics of the hostile information activity



Information pressure by topic 2023

Information pressure by topic 2023

- Russia's war against Ukraine
- NATO
- NATO-Russia relations
- Lithuania's NATO membership
- NATO Summit
- NATO-Belarus relations
- State governance and order

BUILDING UP CYBER SECURITY

Cyber security activities in 2023 were developed in the following directions:



International cooperation

- Lithuania provided **cyber security assistance to Ukraine**, including the provision of software and hardware
- **Three more countries** – Belgium, Denmark and Slovenia – joined the Lithuanian-coordinated PESCO CRRT* project thus strengthening the capability to tackle cyber incidents
- Partnerships with Australia, Japan and South Korea were launched at the Cyber Security Forum Cyber Champions Summit in Lithuania



Strengthening cyber security capability and competencies

- **Adoption of the National Cyber Security Development Programme 2023–2030**
- A project, renewing a Secure network and cyber-attack prevention system, was finished. This enables more particular state institutions to join Secure network.



Legislation development

- Coordination of transposition of the EU NIS 2* **Directive into the national law**

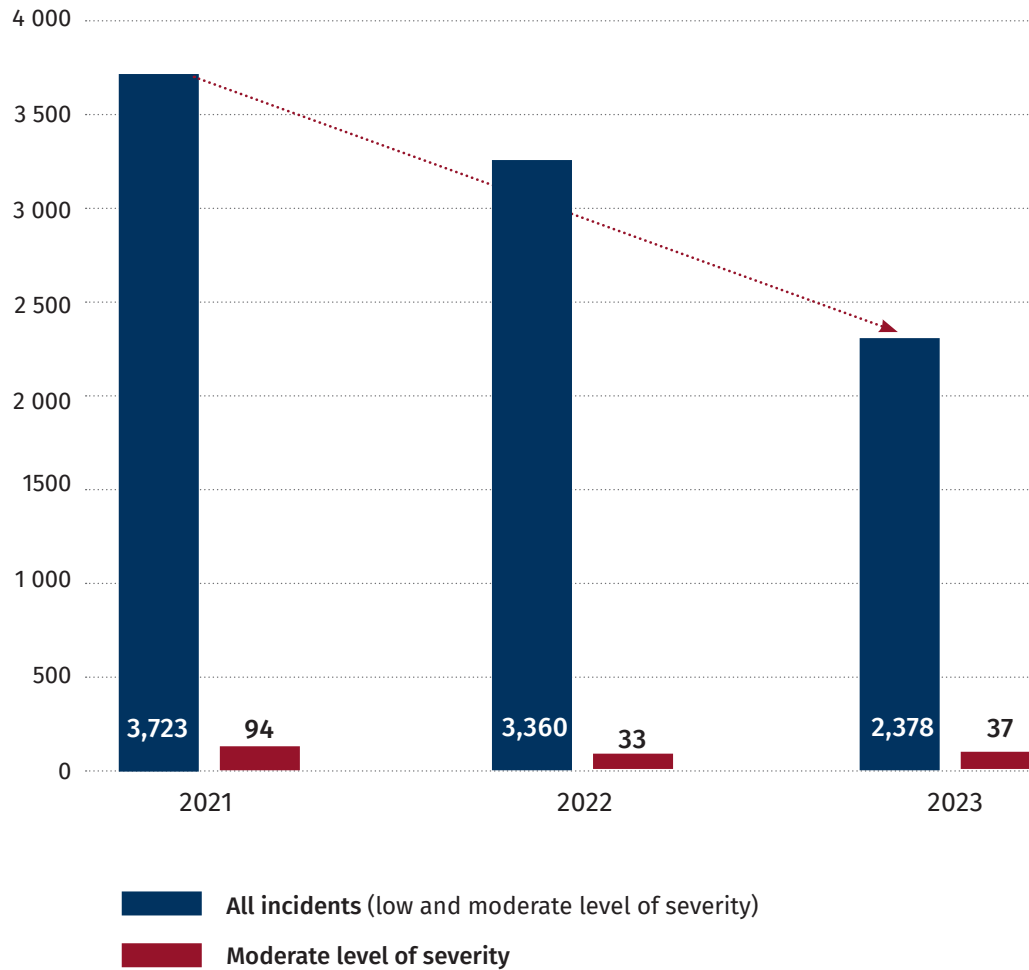
* The Network and Information Security (NIS) Directive.

* *Permanent Structured Cooperation Cyber Rapid Response Teams and Mutual Assistance in Cyber*



As many as **235** institutions underwent training in Exercise PhishEx Cyber Shield 2023 to gain resilience against phishing.

CYBER INCIDENTS RECORDED IN LITHUANIA



ALLIED PRESENCE IN LITHUANIA

Lithuania provides Host Nation Support to Allied forces deploying and acting on the territory of Lithuania. Host Nation Support annually takes up 10–15% of the defence budget.

ALLIED CAPABILITIES IN LITHUANIA



**NATO Air Policing
Mission**



**NATO enhanced Forward
Presence Battalion
Battle Group**

2 500+
troops



**NATO Force
Integration Unit**



**U.S. Rotational Army
Battalion**



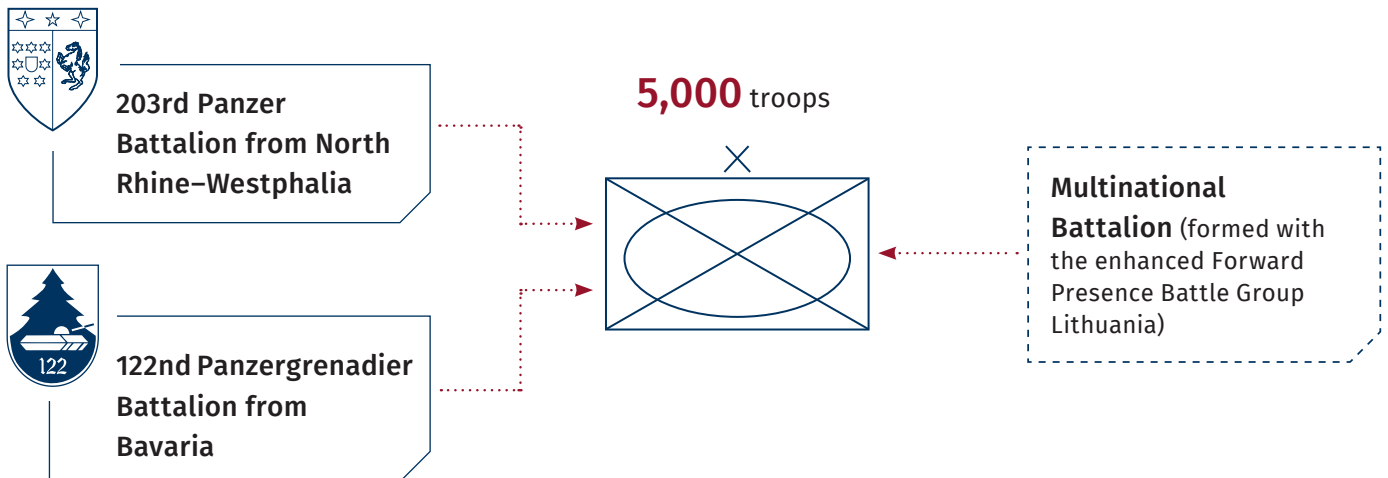
**Forward Command
Element of the German
Brigade**

THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE GERMAN BRIGADE IN LITHUANIA

The permanent presence of larger Allied forces in Lithuania significantly enhances deterrence. The German Brigade stationed in Lithuania will reduce the likelihood of short-notice or no-notice attack.



THE GERMAN BRIGADE IN LITHUANIA



LITHUANIA'S GROWING DEFENCE INDUSTRY

The Ministry of National Defence promotes defence innovation and supports the development of defence technology

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2021–2023 €2.5M

2024–2027 €3.5M

DEFENCE PRODUCT TESTING

- From March 2023, Lithuanian companies and research institutions developing defence or dual-purpose products can take advantage of the opportunity to test their products at the training ranges of the Lithuanian Armed Forces and receive military expert feedback.

PROJECTS DEVELOPED SINCE 2021



Loitering ammunition design



Laser communication system for defence applications by vessel



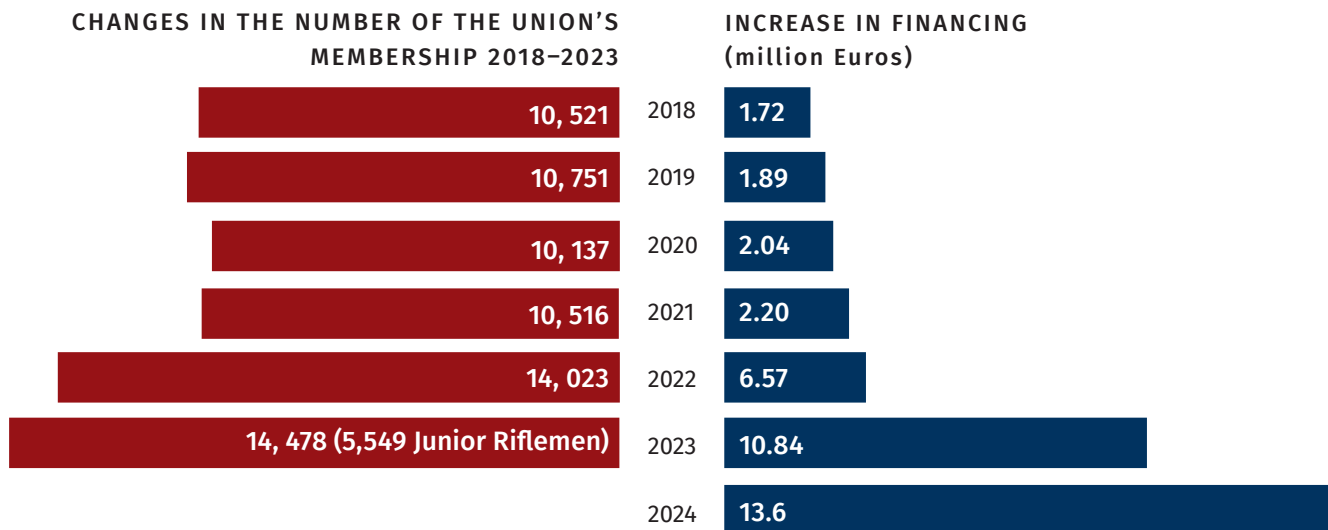
Radar electromagnetic signature reading and analysis system



Autonomous land and air system development

LITHUANIAN RIFLEMEN'S UNION

Growing funding for the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union helps to ensure that its members are better equipped and prepared for their tasks.



2023 Investment in helmets, backpacks, gear and fatigue uniforms for the members of the Riflemen's Union as well as radio stations, thermal imaging equipment, ammunition, vehicles.

STRENGTHENING CIVIL RESISTANCE

Civil resistance is one of the vital elements of total defence.

Civic Education and Defence Skills Course

Civic Education and Defence Skills Course for 9th graders is a joint project of the Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports and the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union aimed at developing practical survival, general safety and first medical aid skills and introducing to state defence options.

| School year | Number of 9 th graders who took the course | Percentage of the 9 th graders who took the course |
|-------------|---|---|
| 2022–2023 | 2,780 | ~10% |
| 2023–2024 | ~13,494 | ~50% |
| 2024–2025 | (Planned) ~27,000 | ~100% |



Lessons at school

The Ministry of National Defence joined the “Vilnius as School” project of the Vilnius City Council offering **six** civic education and history lessons. The lessons were taken by **700** schoolchildren in 2023.



Military History Promotion

As many as **13,785** users tried out the Military Vilnius routes on Walk15 app and discovered more about the history of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.



Presentation of the Allies to the public

NATO events *Mighty When United* in Kelmė, Prienai and Vilnius were attended by **~25,000** people. They had the opportunity to get a closer look at the Alliance’s defence mission and Allied military equipment.



Mobilisation School

Information-education platform
www.mobilizacijasmokykla.lt
was launched in the autumn of 2023
The platform offers four courses.

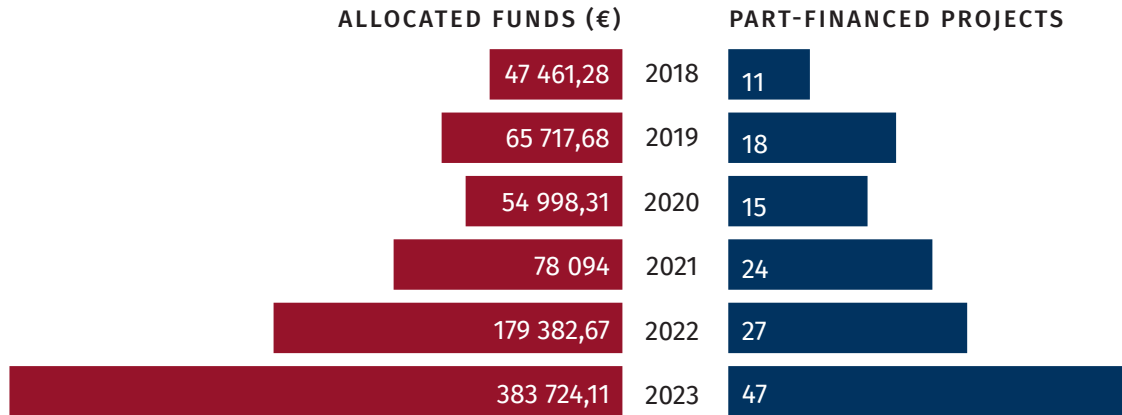
| | Topic of the course | Number of people who took the course and the test by 31 January 2024 |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | Allied deployment. Host Nation Support | 2,512 |
| 2 | Readiness for Mobilisation | 3,889 |
| 3 | Civil Resistance | 2,932 |
| 4 | Civil Resistance Course for Gun Owners | 2,789 |



Detailed information about civil
resistance and mobilisation is available
on <https://pasipriesinimas.kam.lt/>.

COOPERATION WITH NGOS

Partial funding of NGOs projects



PRIORITY TOPICS FOR COOPERATION WITH NGOS IN 2024:

1

Empowering the public for civil resistance by building knowledge, awareness and skills, will to defend and resilience to hybrid threats.

2

Fostering historical memory: events and personalities significant for the National Defence System and their commemoration in 2024.

3

Reintegration of servicemembers injured while on active duty. Support to the families of deceased soldiers and promotion of community spirit.

4

Strengthening the involvement of the Lithuanian diaspora in preparations for national defence and civil resistance.

MILITARY SUPPORT TO UKRAINE



LITHUANIA'S CONTINUOUS SUPPORT
TO UKRAINE IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR
MUTUAL SECURITY.

2022 €242.7M

2023 €283M

AREAS OF SUPPORT



Weaponry,
equipment,
gear



Training courses
and military
training



Contributions
to international
funds



Rehabilitation and medical
treatment for Ukrainian
servicemembers



Activity of the Lithuania-led
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Coalition of Ukraine



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