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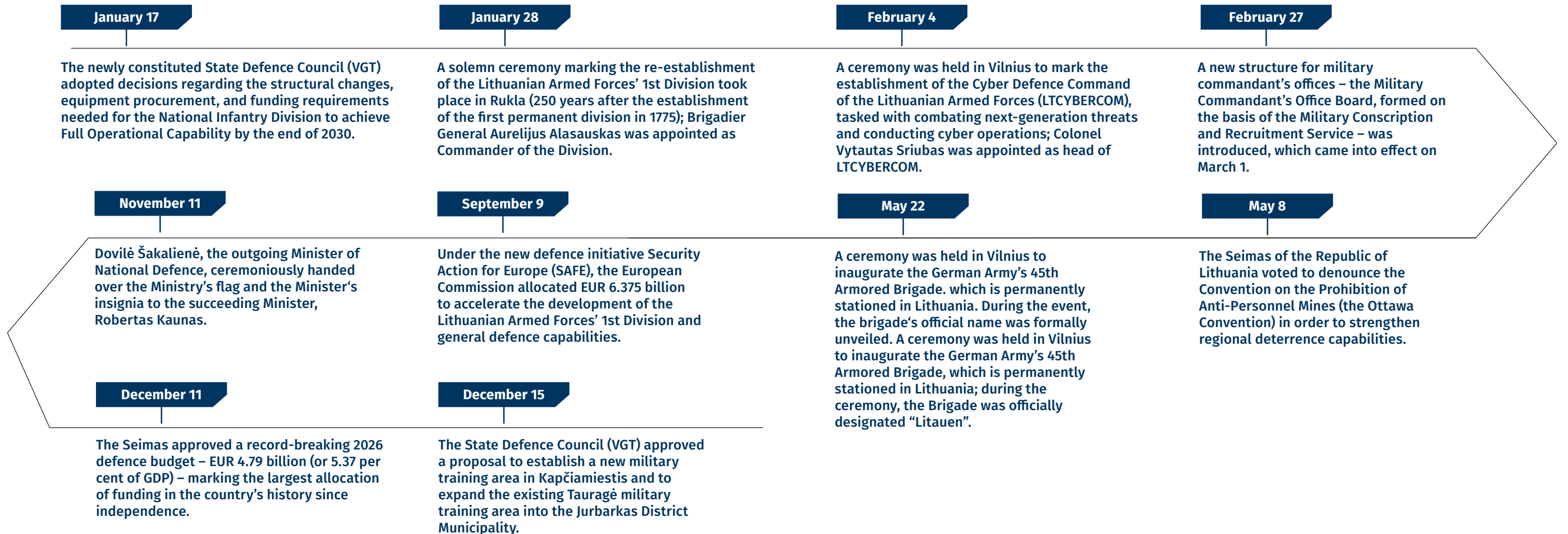
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CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS

2025



PRIORITIES OF DEFENCE POLICY

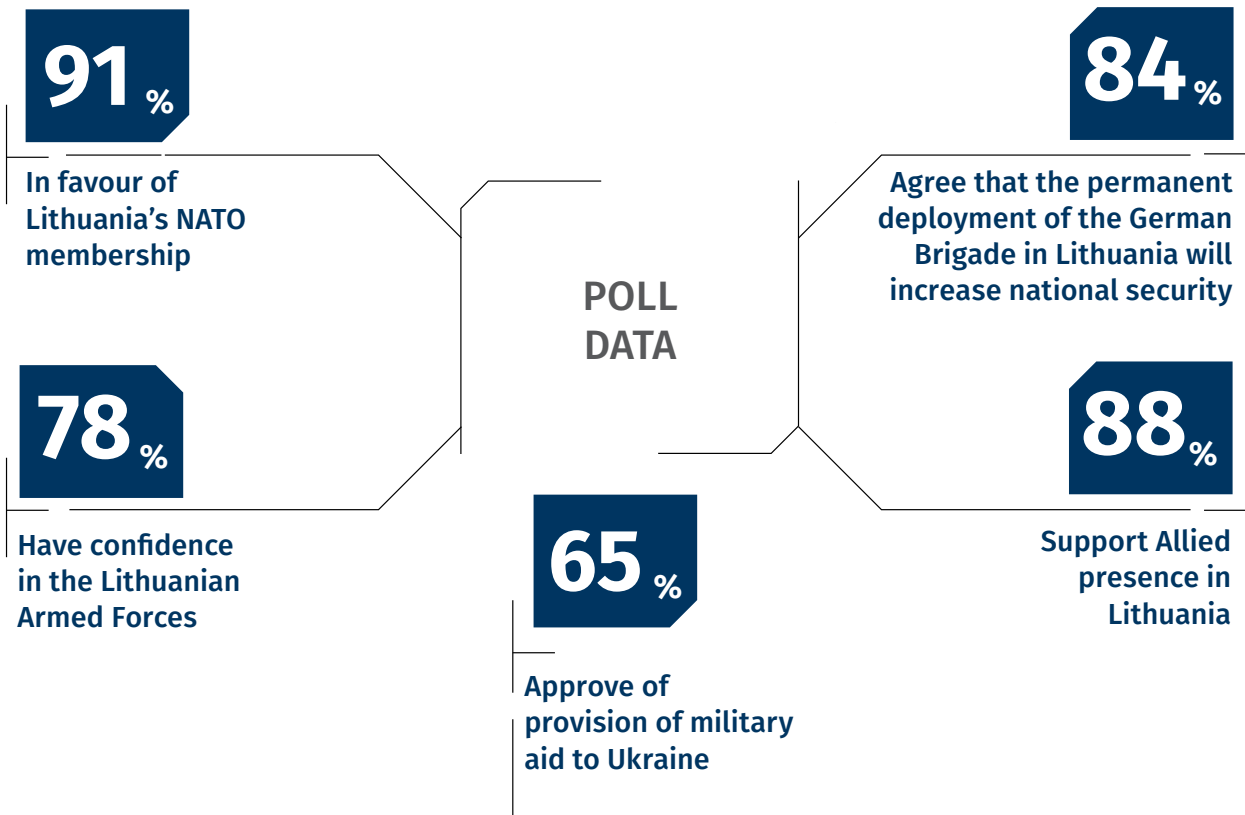
PRIORITIES IN 2025

- Stationing the German Brigade and cooperation with NATO Allies
- Development of/strengthening Host Nation Support
- Strengthening the 1st Division and other capabilities of the Lithuanian Armed Forces
- Development of the defence and security industry
- Public readiness for total defence and resilience to threats
- Aid for Ukraine

PRIORITIES IN 2026

- Expansion of the 1st Division and strengthening the Lithuanian Armed Forces
- Stationing the German Brigade and strengthening cooperation with the USA and other Allies
- State resilience to threats and a strong society prepared for national defence
- Development of the defence and security industry
- Aid for Ukraine

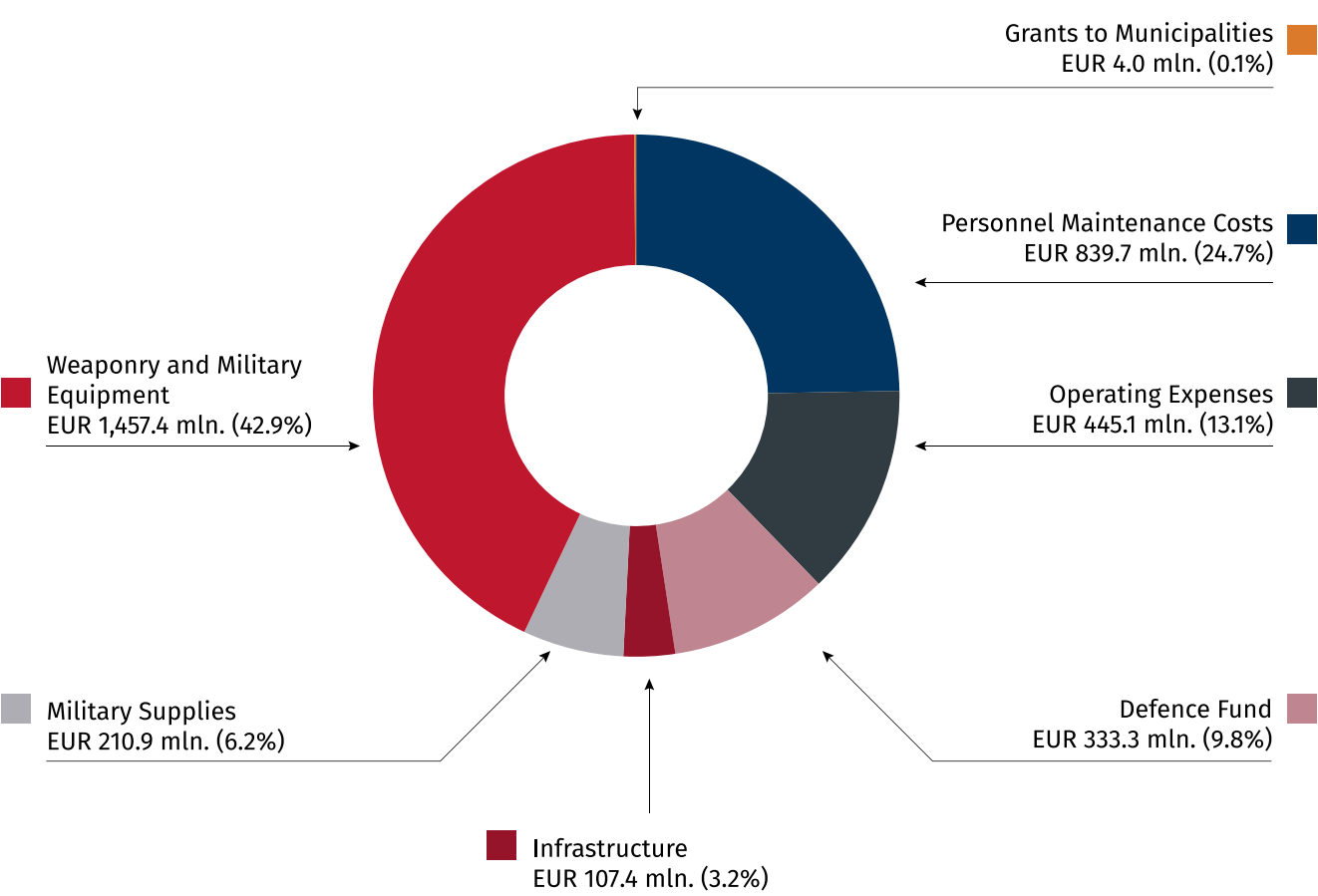
STRONG PUBLIC MANDATE



The survey was conducted by the market and public opinion research company Spinter Research on behalf of the Ministry of National Defence in December 2025

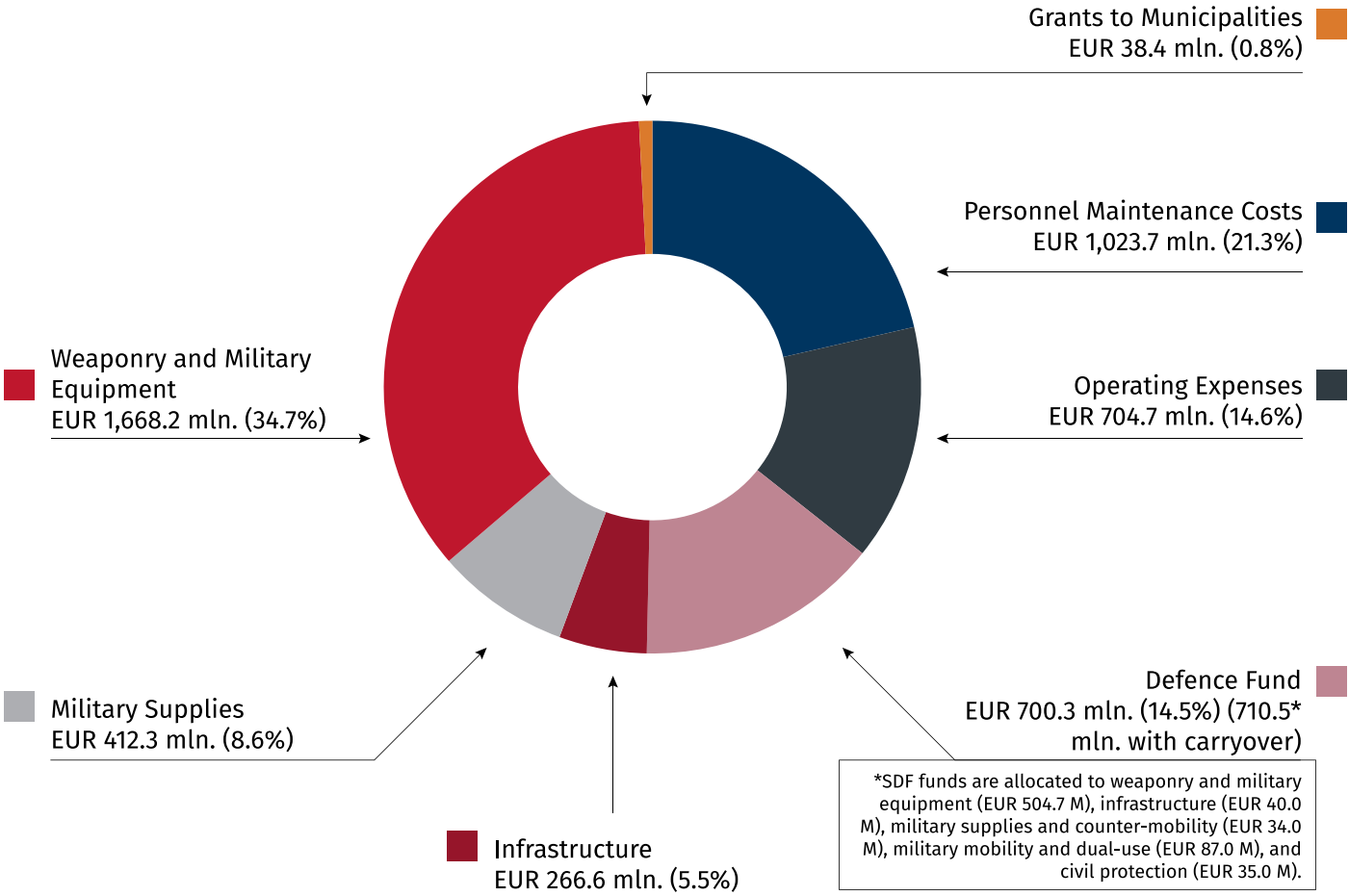
DEFENCE BUDGET BREAKDOWN
BY CATEGORY 2025

MND appropriations – €3,397.8 M



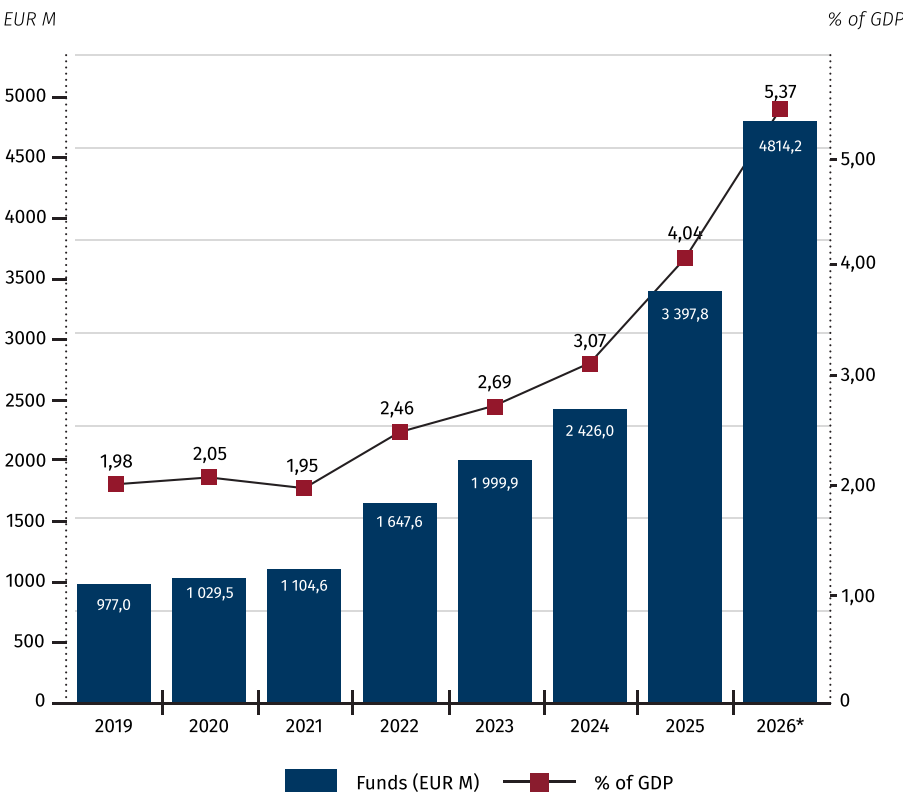
DEFENCE BUDGET BREAKDOWN
BY CATEGORY 2026

MND appropriations – €4,814.2 M



NATIONAL DEFENCE BUDGET

Defence budget trends, 2019–2026



Compliance with NATO requirements

	2014	2015–2018	2019–2020	2021	2022–2025
Defence expenditure 2% GDP	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Personnel costs ≤ 50%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Major procurement ≥ 20%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

STATE DEFENCE FUND



State Defence Fund expenditures cover:

- Acquisition of weapons, equipment, and gear necessary for developing division-level military unit capabilities.
- Infrastructure necessary for the German Brigade in Lithuania.
- Acquisition and development of counter mobility measures.
- Military mobility and dual-use transport infrastructure projects.
- Civil defence capabilities as provided for in the Law on Crisis Management and Civil Protection.

More than EUR 130,000 was collected through the Fund in 2025.



The Defence Fund is financed by:

- State budget revenues from the solidarity contribution, and a part of corporate, excise, and personal income taxes.
- Voluntary contributions from individuals and businesses; loans to the state through the purchase of defence bonds.
- A portion of the state budget revenue from the Bank of Lithuania's profit contribution exceeding EUR 14 M.
- State budget revenue from the security contribution.
- State budget revenue from the real estate tax.
- 80% of state budget revenues from the sale of state-owned agricultural land.

The Defence Fund may be used only for implementing the objectives specified in the Law on the State Defence Fund. Funds are allocated and transferred to institutions in accordance with the annual Defence Fund budget approved by Government resolution.



More information: kam.lt/valstybes-gynybos-fondas/

LITHUANIAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL 2025

Professional military service



Volunteer service and other non-permanent military service



Continuous Mandatory Initial Military Service



Active reserve



STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL PACKAGE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS

In an effort to strengthen the country’s defence capabilities and successfully develop the 1st Division, the Ministry of National Defence enhanced the social package for military service members.

Pay increase (7%)

Increase in meal allowance
(from EUR 12.5 to EUR 16.5
per day)

Higher financial incentives for
highly specific duties and on-
duty shifts (from 0.37 to 0.57
of the base rate)

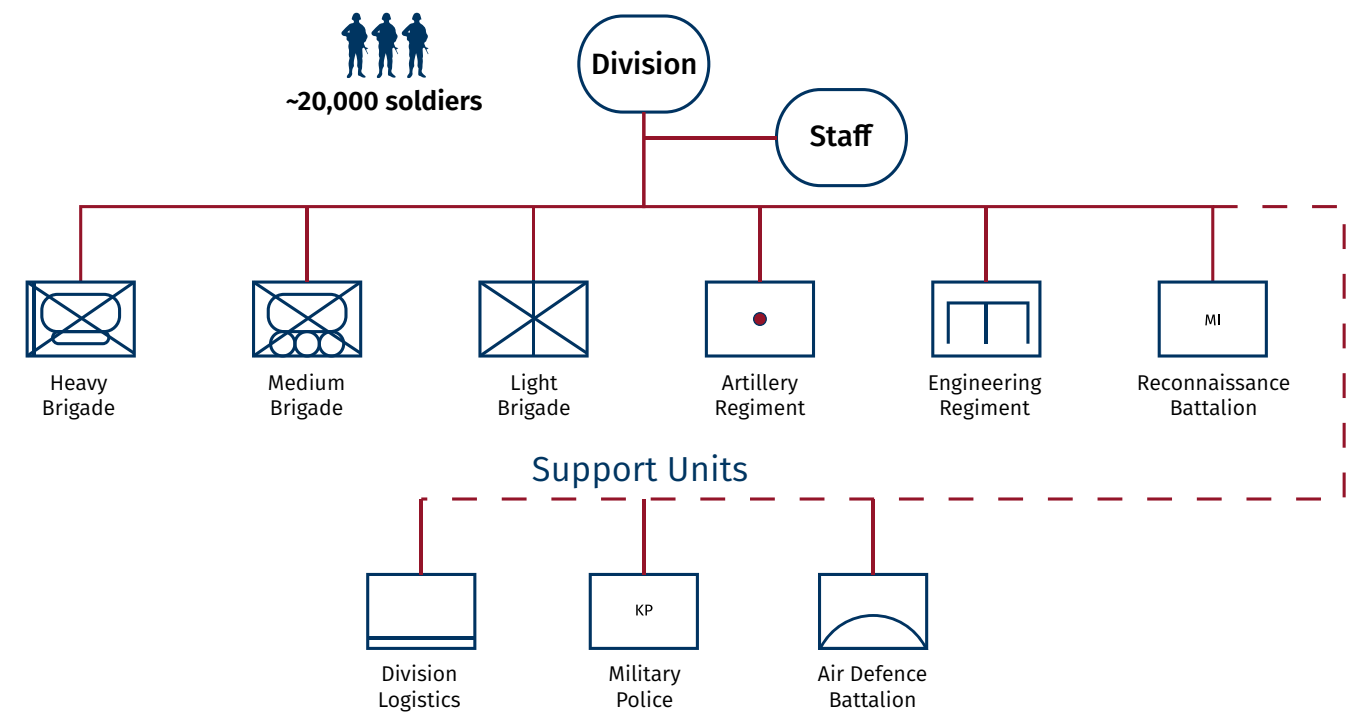


Increase in allowances
for participation in field
exercises (from 0.37 to 0.8 of
the base rate)

Harmonisation of social
guarantees for intelligence
officers

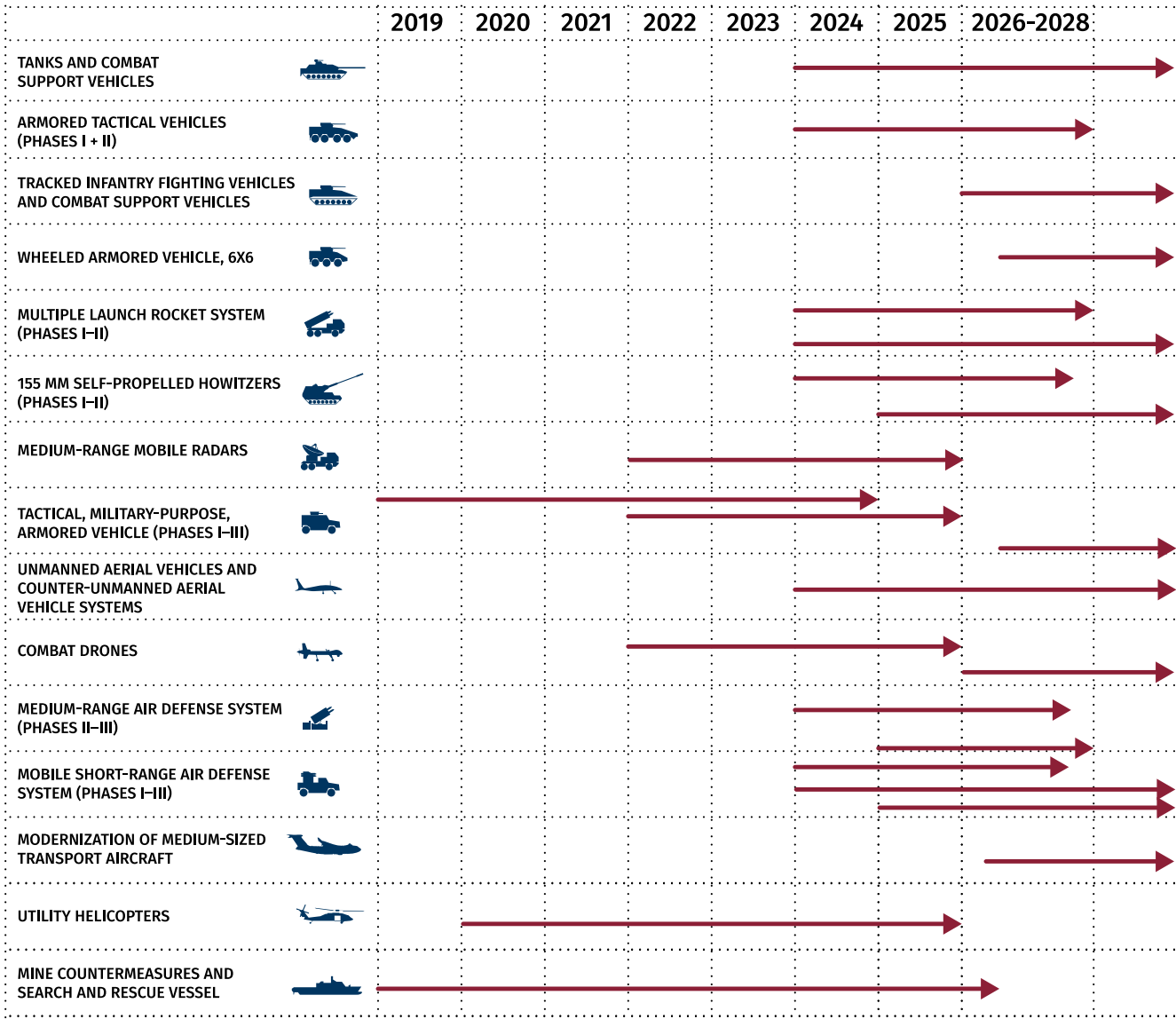
RE-ESTABLISHING THE 1ST DIVISION OF THE LITHUANIAN ARMED FORCES

The Division is developed by establishing new and strengthening existing military units, with at least 70% of the modernisation budget allocated for their development.



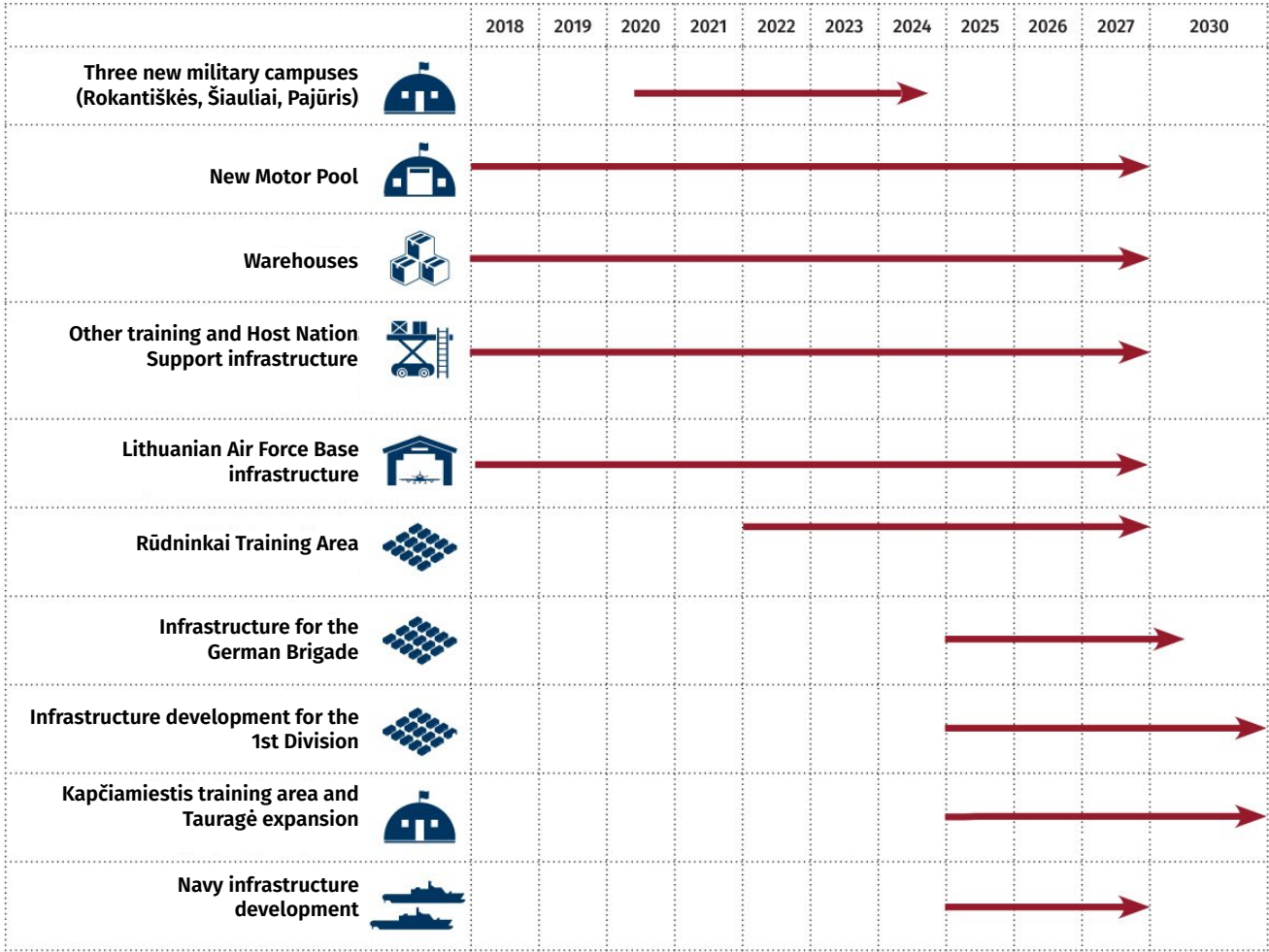
MAJOR MODERNISATION PROJECTS

Strategic procurement initiatives focused on comprehensive combat capability development and modernising the Lithuanian Armed Forces.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Infrastructure development is among the Ministry of National Defence’s highest priorities. In 2025, several key projects were completed: Host Nation Support infrastructure in Pabradė; Lower Neris Terrace complexes in Rukla (Logistics Staging Area); anti-tank shooting range complex in Rūdninkai; JLTV garages in Rukla.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE RŪDNINKAI TRAINING AREA

The most important military infrastructure project developed to date throughout the history of the independent Lithuania.

Military Campus



Infrastructure dedicated to the German Brigade

- 190 hectare area
- ~91,000 sq. m of residential buildings
- 84,000 sq. m of administrative buildings: headquarters, barracks, classrooms, etc.

Infrastructure designated for the Lithuanian Armed Forces, the German Brigade, and NATO allied troops.

Training Infrastructure



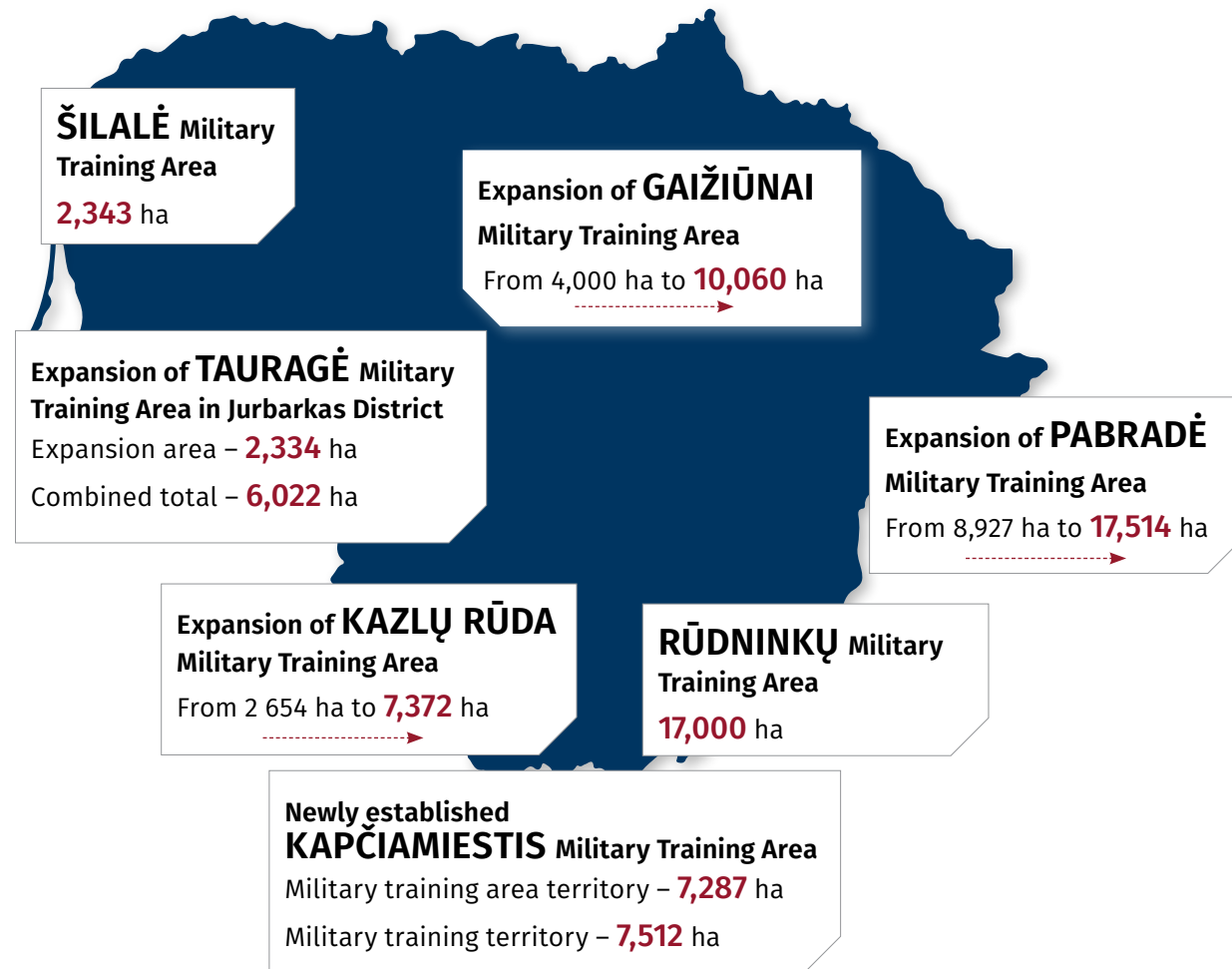
Lithuanian Armed Forces, German Brigade, and NATO allied troops

- 4 shooting range complexes
- Multifunctional range with support infrastructure
- Access roads to target positions, vehicle parking, etc.

Phase I construction is scheduled for completion in late 2026, 10 months ahead of schedule, and will accommodate 600 troops. Upon full completion of Phases I and II, the military campus will house up to 2,000 permanent residents, with the full capacity to support training and work of approximately 4,000 German Brigade soldiers and 750 civilian personnel.

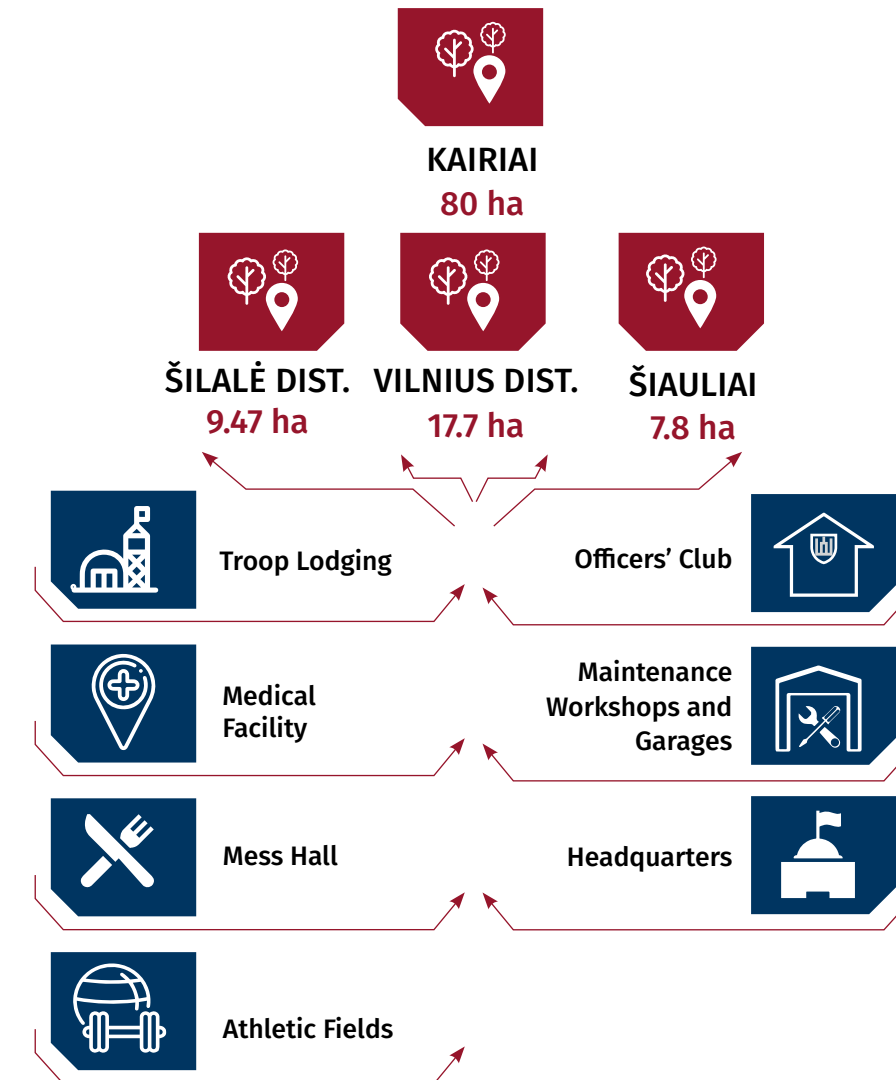
DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING AREAS

In order to ensure proper training conditions for Lithuanian and allied troops, investments are being made into training infrastructure.

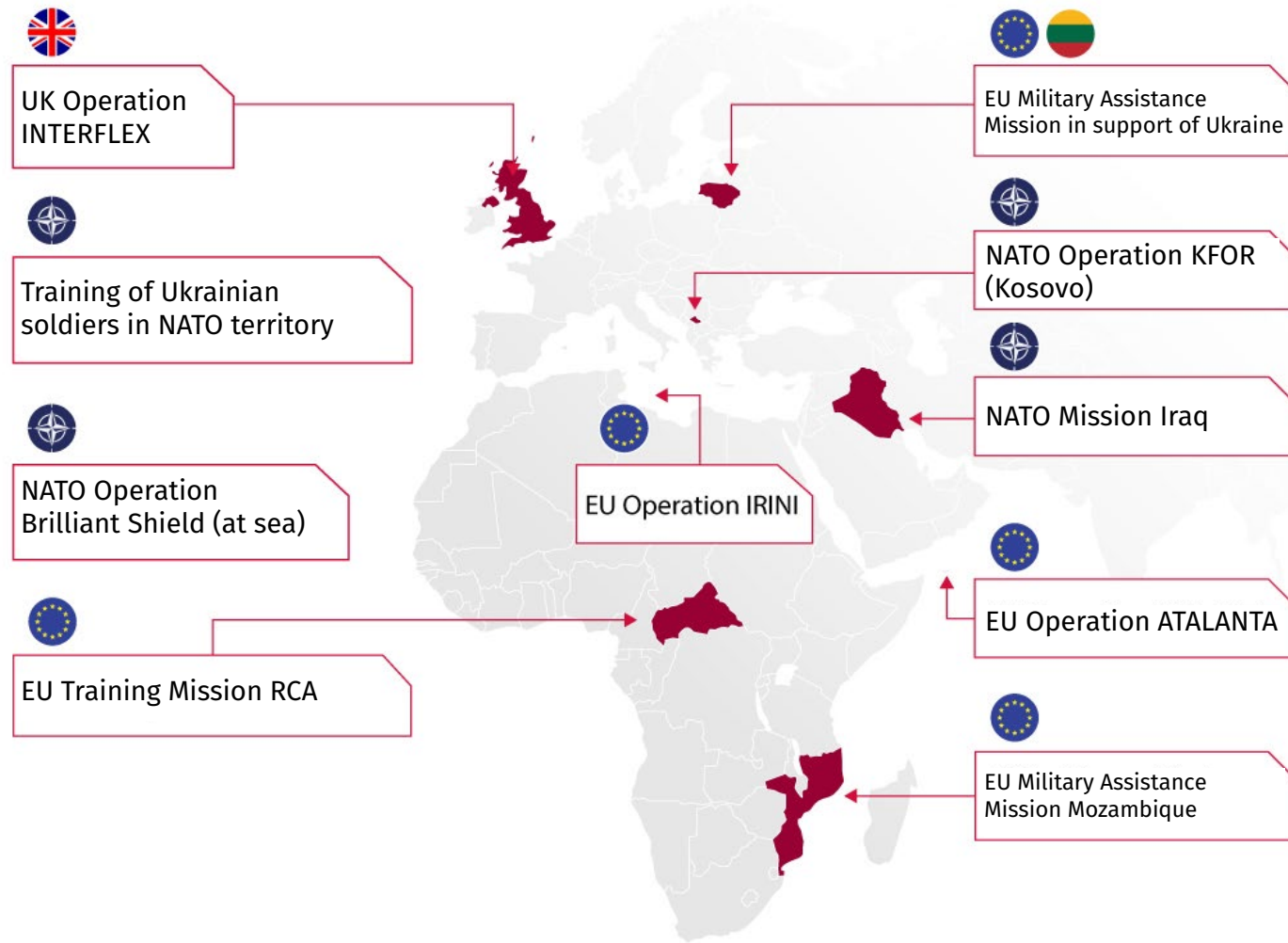


On April 23, 2026, the Law on the Kapčiamiestis Military Training Area and the Kapčiamiestis Military Training Territory of the Lithuanian Armed Forces was adopted, entering into force on May 1, 2026. Previously, on December 15, 2025, the State Defence Council (VGT) approved the proposal to establish the new Kapčiamiestis Military Training Area and to expand the existing Tauragė Military Training Area within the Jurbarkas District Municipality.

NEW MILITARY CAMPUSES



MULTINATIONAL OPERATIONS 2025



LITHUANIAN ARMED FORCES SUPPORT TO THE PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONS 2025

- **13** Search and rescue, oil spill response at sea
- **6** Support to the National Transplantation Bureau and Microsurgery Centre
- **23** Transportation of military aid to Ukraine
- **27** Strengthening state border protection
- **1** Assistance to state institutions in the territorial sea and EEZ
- **28** Assistance to the police
- **251** Assistance in strengthening site protection

INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT

By order of the State Defence Council and the Minister of National Defence, the Second Investigation Department under the Ministry of National Defence (AOTD) provided intelligence assessments and presentations on the regional security situation.

In 2025, 2,815 intelligence products were provided to national users, foreign partners, NATO, and the EU.

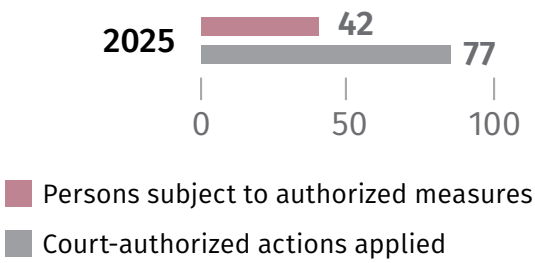
Vetting of natural and legal persons

AOTD processed inquiries regarding natural and legal persons in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania, responding to intelligence requests from institutions ensuring national security, other state institutions, international organizations, and competent bodies of foreign states.

Inquiries	Number of vetted persons in 2025
Regarding natural persons	20,266
Regarding legal persons	2,318

Identification and prevention of direct threats to the security of the National Defence System

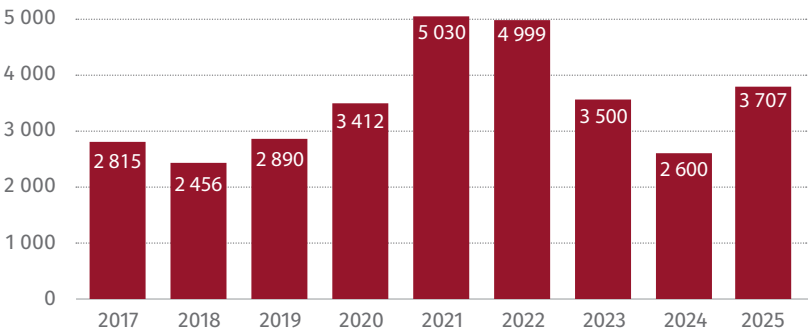
AOTD conducted intelligence and counterintelligence operations, carried out investigations, and applied court-authorized measures against natural and legal persons, aiming to collect critical national security intelligence and neutralize direct threats to the National Defence System.



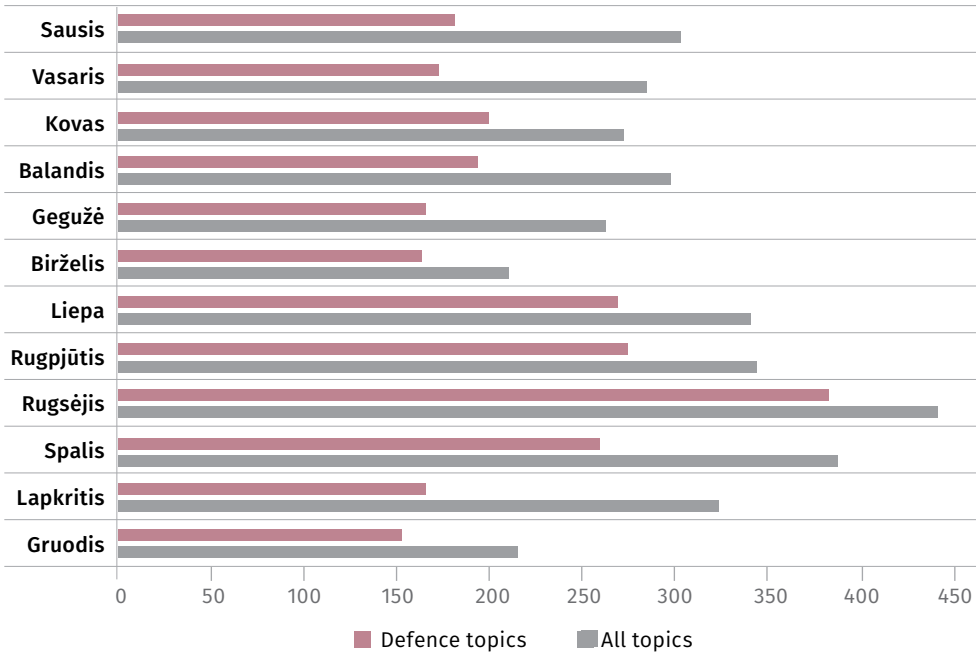
HOSTILE INFORMATION MONITORING

In 2025, the Lithuanian Armed Forces documented 3,707 unique cases of hostile information activity.

Information channels controlled by the Russian and Belarusian regimes carried out continuous hostile activity directed against the State of Lithuania and its Allies. The most exploited topics were defence and security; however, significant attempts were also made to achieve influence in the areas of Lithuania’s foreign policy and constitutional foundations.



Dynamics of hostile information activity cases (2017–2025).



Number of hostile information incidents and defense-related information incidents

Total cases – 3,707
Main topics:

- NATO-Russia relations;
- Russia’s war against Ukraine;
- Baltic States-Russia relations;
- EU-Russia relations;
- Lithuania-Belarus relations;
- Lithuania-Russia relations;
- Lithuania-Russia relations.

CYBER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT

Focus areas of cyber security activities in 2025



International cooperation

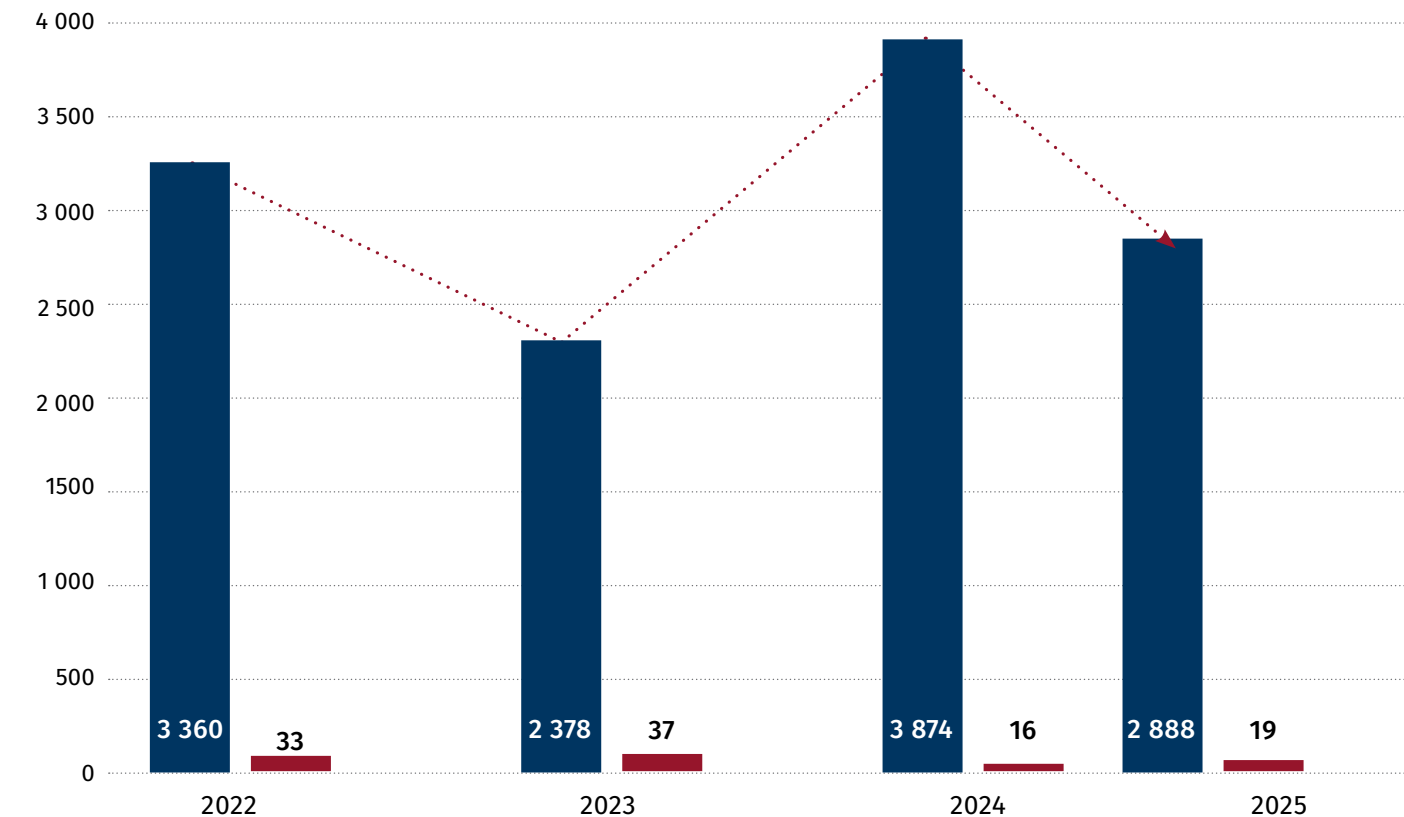
- In 2025, the Lithuanian-led PESCO CRRT deployed for two missions: supporting elections in Moldova and participating in the EU Training Mission in Somalia.
- Lithuania strengthened cooperation in cyber security and cyber defence with regional partners, prioritizing the Baltic states, as well as Germany, Poland, and Canada.
- Cooperation with the Indo-Pacific region was expanded, including bilateral consultations with Australia alongside official visits to South Korea and Singapore; the Indo-Pacific partners were welcomed to observe cyber defence exercises organized by Lithuania.
- Cooperation with the US continues to advance under the Bilateral Guidelines of Cyber Security and Defence Cooperation 2025–2029, approved in 2024.
- Lithuania continued its active participation in the international Counter Ransomware Initiative (CRI) which unites over 70 countries and international partners.



Strengthening cyber security capabilities and competencies

- To establish policy frameworks, the Ministry of National Defence signed cooperation agreements with the Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Health to systematically expand exercise programmes and lay the foundations for total defence.
- To manage the transition to post-quantum cryptography, draft guidelines were developed and a dedicated working group was established concurrently to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) across the National Defence System.
- As of 1 January 2025, the Lithuanian Armed Forces Cyber Defence Command (LAF CDC) commenced operations – later organising the international exercise Amber Mist 2025.

DYNAMICS OF TRACKED CYBER INCIDENTS IN LITHUANIA 2025



■ All incidents (low and medium impact categories)
■ Medium impact category

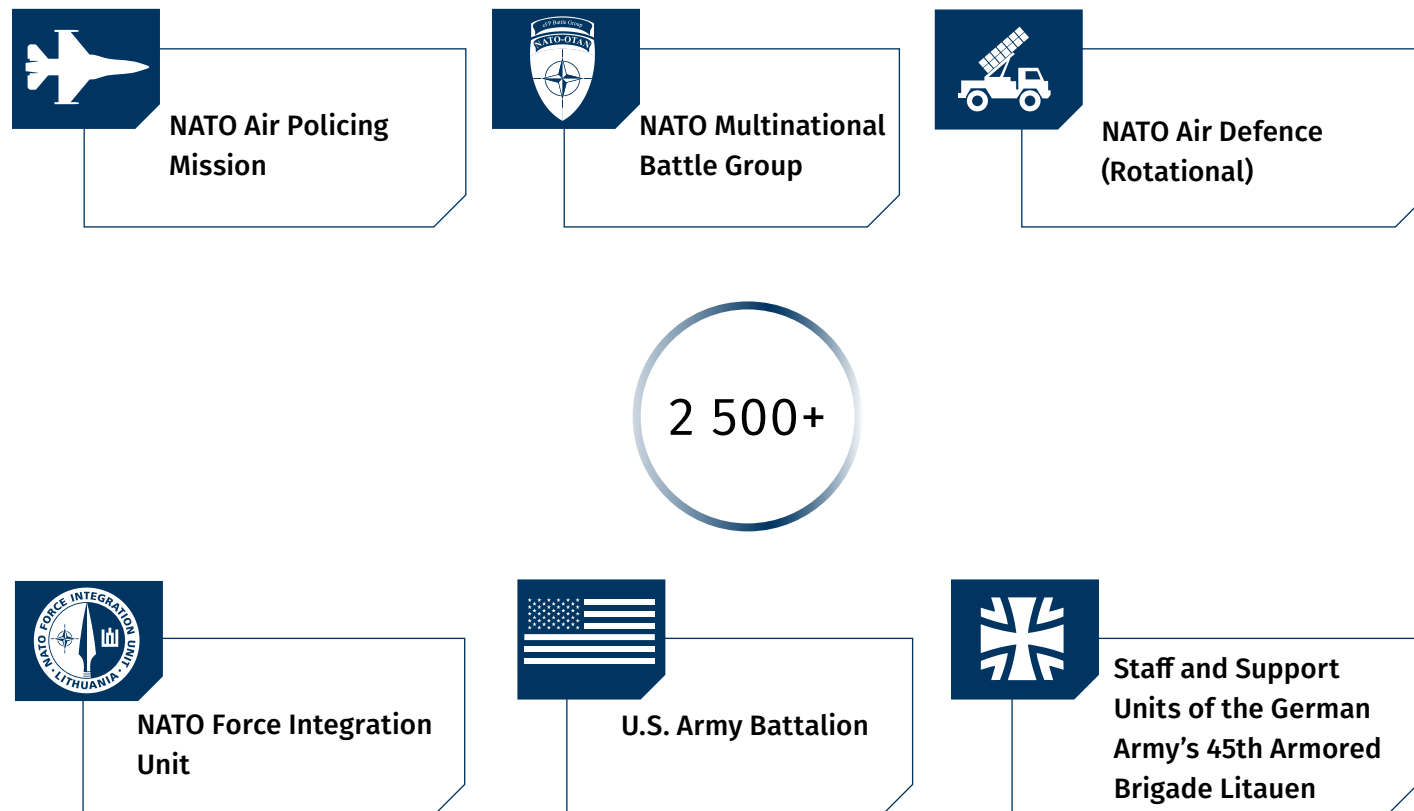
- 2,888 – total number of cyber security incidents documented in Lithuania, representing a 25% decrease compared to 2024
- Out of 2,888 tracked incidents, 19 were classified as high impact, 380 as low impact and 2,489 as near-misses
- More than 54% of all incidents (1,551 cases) involved social engineering; account takeover remains the primary attack vector, with over 106,000 compromised login credentials tracked
- The majority of incidents (2,118) were tracked on foreign hosting infrastructure; concurrently, the number of incidents within the systems of Lithuanian legal entities nearly doubled this year, reaching 280

- 44% – proportion of fraud cases among all documented criminal acts in cyberspace
- Over 70,000 malicious domains were blocked in 2025 by the National DNS Firewall (“VASARIS” system)
- 1,443 – organisations listed in the Register of Cybersecurity Entities, following a nearly fivefold expansion in NKSC supervisory coverage
- 64% – proportion of vulnerable information systems out of 153 systems assessed by the NKSC
- 52,000 – number of individuals who completed cyber security training provided by the NKSC

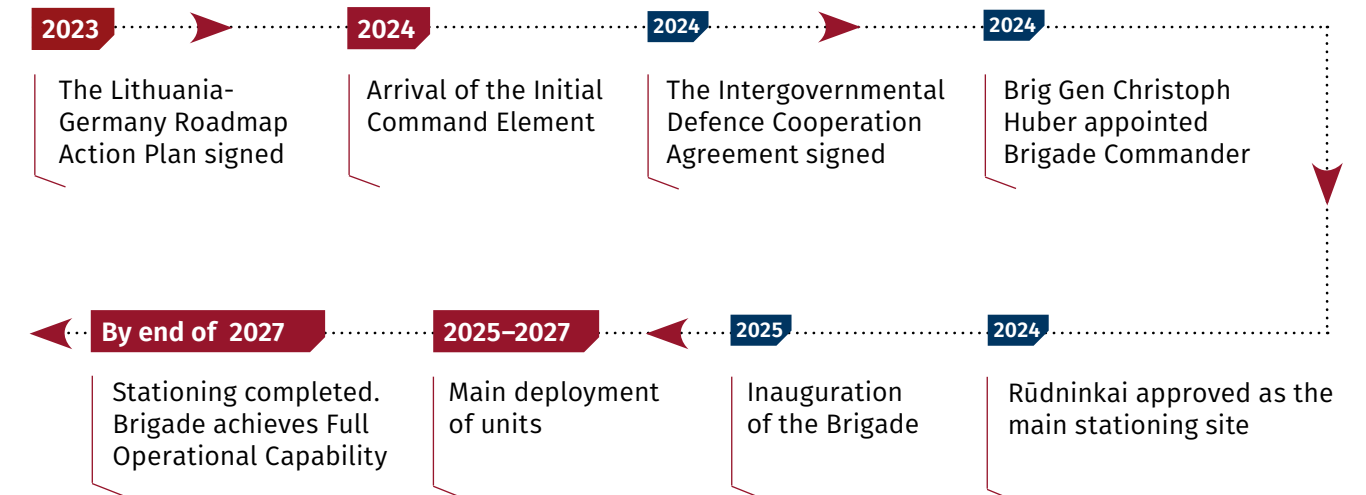
ALLIED PRESENCE IN LITHUANIA

Lithuania provides Host Nation Support to Allied forces arriving and operating in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania. Lithuania annually allocates 5–10% of its total defense expenditure to Host Nation Support.

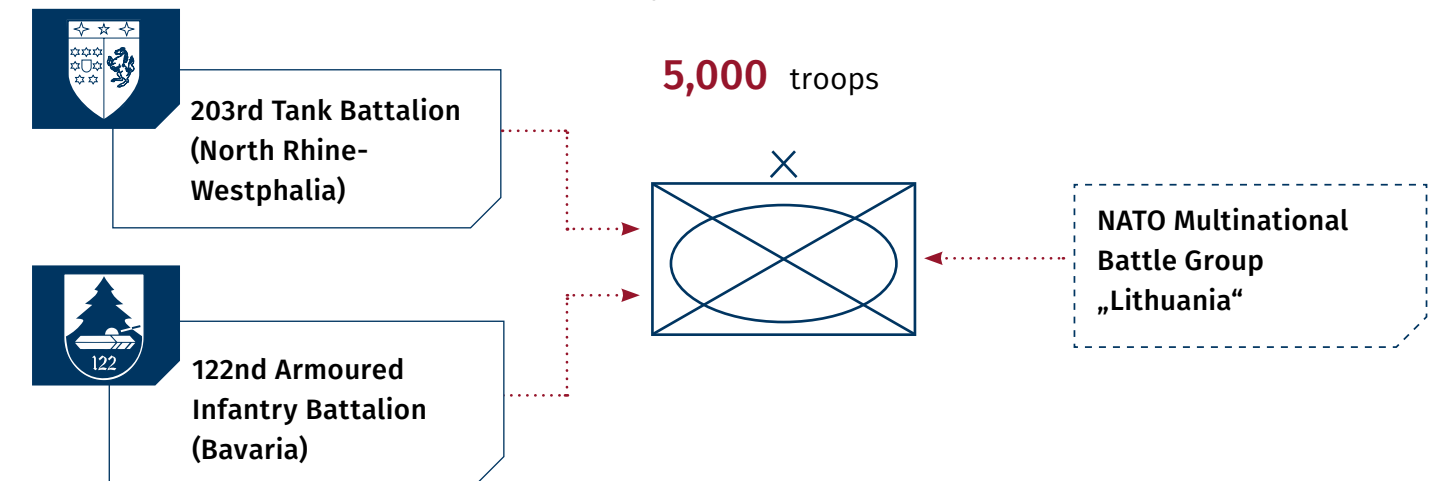
ALLIED TROOPS DEPLOYED IN LITHUANIA



GERMAN BRIGADE IN LITHUANIA



45TH ARMOURED BRIGADE 'LITHUANIA' OF THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES



GROWING LITHUANIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY

The Ministry of National Defence promotes innovation in the field of defence and supports the development of defence technologies.

THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOSTERS DEFENCE INNOVATION AND SUPPORTS THE ADVANCEMENT OF DEFENCE TECHNOLOGIES

2021–2023	EUR 2.5 million
2024–2027	EUR 3.5 million

In 2025, the first state order for the development of defence technologies was initiated.

Development of laser designator technology based on an unmanned aerial system.

EUR 1.5 million has been allocated for this project.

Additionally, ILTE, the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation (EIM), and the Ministry of National Defence (KAM) agreed on the establishment of the defence venture capital fund „MILINVEST-2“ (EUR 40 million).

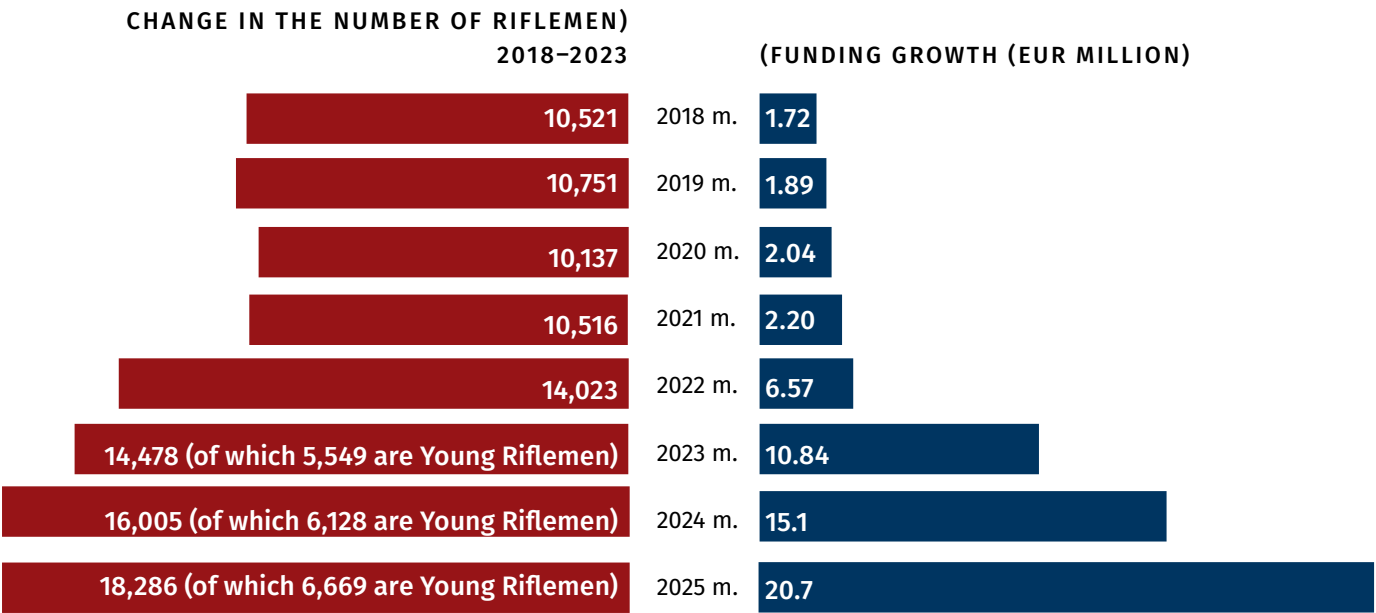
DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Completed 2025 Projects (Prototypes):

- Development of loitering munition.
- Laser communication system between ships.
- Radar electromagnetic signature scanning and analysis system.
- Mortar shell measuring device.

STRENGTHENING THE LITHUANIAN RIFLEMEN’S UNION

Growing funding allocated to the Lithuanian Riflemen’s Union helps ensure better equipment for organization members and preparation to fulfill tasks.



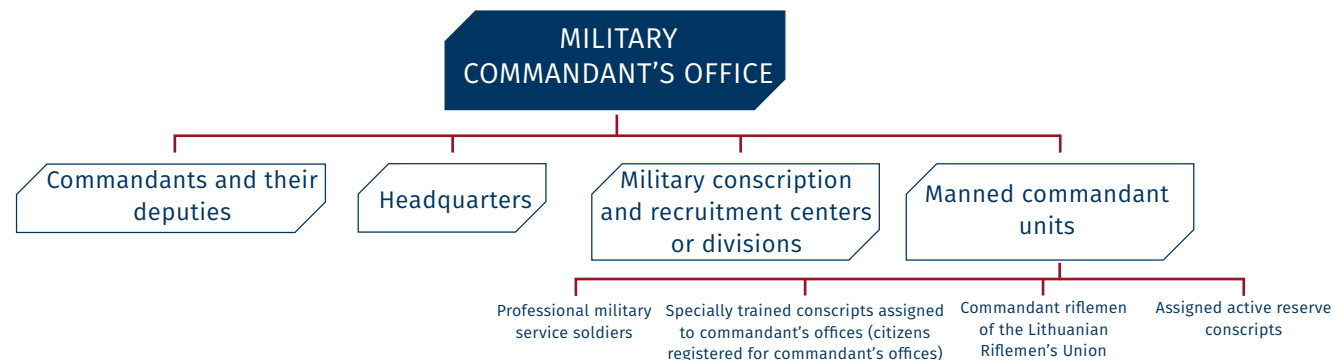
In 2025, special emphasis in the Lithuanian Riflemen’s Union was placed on the establishment of commandant riflemen and specialized units (unmanned aerial vehicles, medical, information support, etc.), interoperability with the Lithuanian Armed Forces, Young Riflemen activities, and conducting the Citizenship and Defence Skills Course for 9th-grade students.

MILITARY COMMANDANT'S OFFICES

In 2025, the Military Commandant's Offices Directorate (KKV) of the Lithuanian Armed Forces was established. The purpose of establishing the KKV is to create a fully functioning network of commandant's offices across Lithuania, ensuring effective public involvement in national defence—thereby contributing to the country's security. Having started operations on March 1, 2025, the KKV consists of a headquarters and 6 regional military commandant's offices in Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai, Panevėžys, and Alytus.



The KKV has already appointed more than 35 commandants and their deputies in 41 municipalities and strengthened operational coordination—interoperability plans have already been signed with all 60 municipalities.



A SYSTEM FOR TRAINING CITIZENS FOR CIVIL RESISTANCE

BASIC CIVIL RESISTANCE COURSE

Online training platform *MobilizacijosMokykla.lt*, open to everyone, mandatory for gun owners, and in the future – for civil servants as well.

144,361 individuals completed the course.

RESILIENCE TO HYBRID THREATS MODULE

Provides theoretical knowledge, strengthens public resilience not only in times of crisis, but also in daily life.

1,433 individuals completed the module.

CIVIL RESISTANCE SKILLS MODULE

Designed to strengthen skills necessary in the event of war.

3,926 individuals completed the module.

INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

Theoretical and practical training for instructors of the Department of Mobilization and Civil Resistance.

182 individuals completed the course.

465 individuals completed training under specialized drone piloting modules.



Exercise „Vytis Canopy

National mobilization system verification exercise, which also involved testing citizens' civil resistance readiness skills.



Svarbiospamokos.lt

A platform providing concise, centralized information about opportunities to attend civil resistance and hybrid threat resilience training throughout Lithuania.



Citizenship and Defence Skills Course for Schoolchildren

A joint project of the Ministry of National Defence, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, and the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union, designed to impart practical survival, general safety, and first-aid skills, and to introduce opportunities for involvement in national defence.

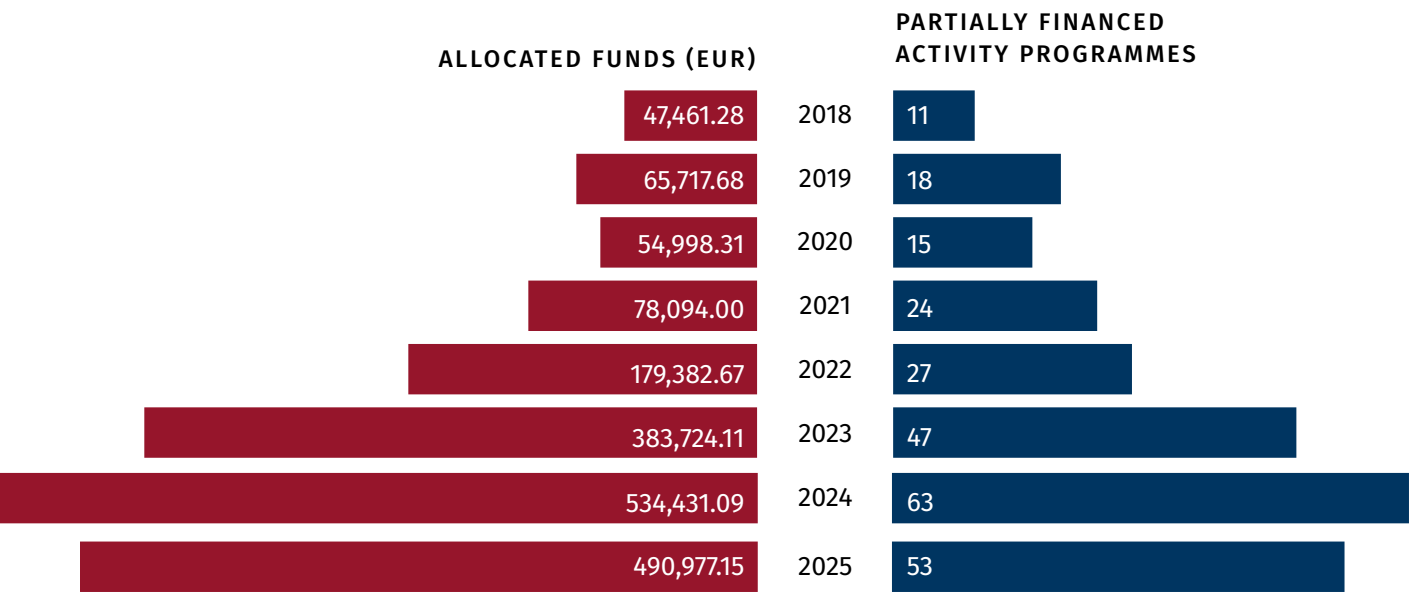


Citizenship Exam

An initiative designed to test knowledge on state structure, mobilization, and methods of civil resistance. Approximately 10,000 citizens of the Republic of Lithuania participated.

COOPERATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Partial Co-financing of Non-Governmental Organizations' Activity Programmes



2025 PRIORITY THEMES FOR COOPERATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- International cooperation of reserve soldiers and strengthening Lithuania's representation in NATO and European Union reserve soldier organizations.
- Strengthening comprehensive defence: training in civil resistance knowledge and skills.
- Strengthening comprehensive defence: training in preparedness, resilience to crisis situations, and civil resistance knowledge and skills for communities, organizations, and economic entities.
- Strengthening women's role and involvement in preparedness to participate in armed and non-armed resistance.
- Psychological and civil resilience training for crises aimed at municipal administration employees and community leaders.
- Strengthening comprehensive defence: preparing society, business, and local communities for civil resistance.
- Fostering historical memory: events and figures significant to Lithuania and the National Defence System, and their commemoration in 2025.
- Reintegration of soldiers injured in the line of duty. Support for families of deceased soldiers and promotion of community spirit.
- Strengthening the involvement of the Lithuanian diaspora in preparedness for state defence and civil resistance.

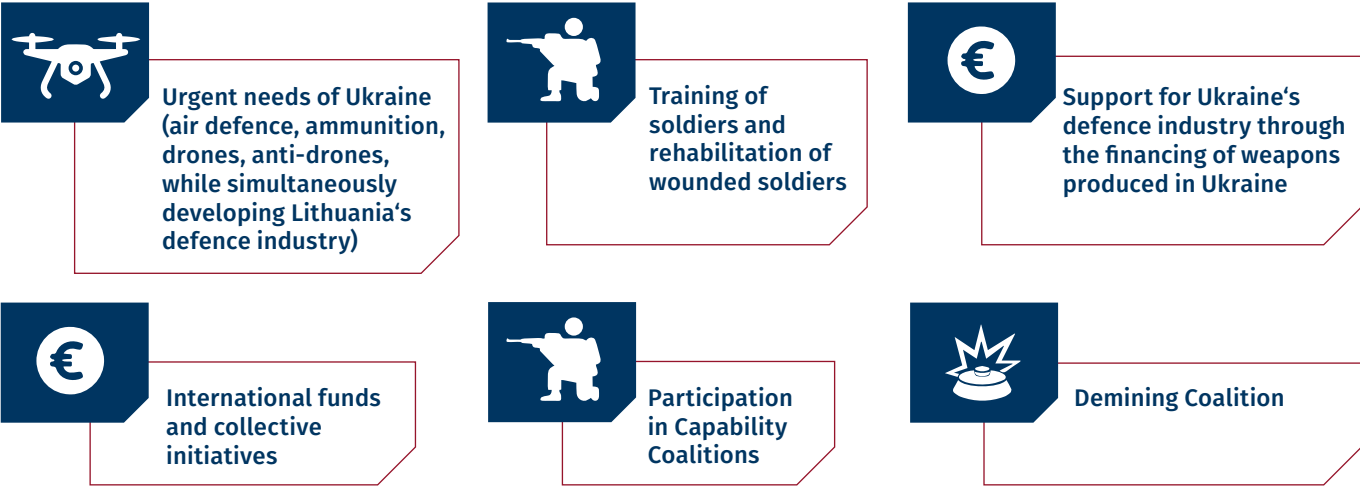
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