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**LETTER OF INTENT TO START THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
PROCESS FOR A FULL EGP MEMBERSHIP**

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Dear Colleagues,

Since the creation of Union of Democrats "For Lithuania", the relationship between our members and representatives of EGP grows closer every day. We highly appreciate the continuous dialogue and consultations with the EGP.

Following extensive discussions and a decision to apply for a full EGP membership, adopted by Union's of Democrats "For Lithuania" Convention on 17th June 2023, we herewith submit this letter of intent to join the EGP as a full Member Party.

We acknowledge that during the application process and according to the EGP Statutes further documents will have to be provided by Union of Democrats "For Lithuania". As the documents in need are all in Lithuanian language, a translation to English will be provided. As soon as the recently updated Union's of Democrats "For Lithuania" Statute will be approved by the Ministry of Justice of Lithuania, we will provide EGP with an English translation of it.

We look forward to welcoming members of the EGP's Fact finding mission to Lithuania. If required, we are prepared to answer any additional questions with regards to our political community's readiness for the membership of EGP.

We look forward to our common discussions in the nearest future in our path towards full membership of European Green Party.

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By this letter, I, Saulius Skvernelis, the chairman of the Democratic Union "Vardan Lietuvos", hereby express the consent to the contents of the Green Charter of the European Green Party, Global Greens Charter, the EGP Statutes, and the EGP Rulebook to follow the process of the application to be a member of the European Green Party initiated on June 17, 2023.

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## **STATUTES OF THE DEMOCRATIC UNION “Vardan Lietuvos”**

### **I. GENERAL PART**

1. These statutes regulate the activities of the Democratic Union “Vardan Lietuvos”.
2. A Party is a public legal entity with limited civil liability, whose legal form is a political Party, established and operating in accordance with the Law on Political Organizations of the Republic of Lithuania and its statutes.
3. The Party follows the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Political Organizations of the Republic of Lithuania, and other laws, these statutes of the Association and its own program.
4. The headquarters of the Party is changed by the decision of the Board of the Party.
5. The Party's activity period is unlimited.

### **II. OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

6. The Party's goals are to protect and uphold the fundamental values of the state: independence, family, culture and democracy; to strive for greater solidarity between society and the state, to uphold the highest values of moral politics, fairness, law and justice, to contribute to the creation of a more transparent Lithuania, to defend the interests of society by fighting corruption in the country; to solve the social problems of society and to develop social policies based on ensuring basic income; to invest in a strong state and the autonomy of self-government, to constantly develop the competences of its people, to increase the bargaining power of workers, to promote the creation and preservation of jobs, to pay special attention to small, family and medium-sized businesses, and to promote entrepreneurship in society; to develop a high value-added economy, to involve society in the development of participatory budgeting and to make economic growth felt by everyone; to motivate lifelong learning, to improve the quality of education, science and health services and their accessibility throughout Lithuania; to ensure coherence and equal conditions for the regional development of the country, regardless of the place of residence; to ensure the fostering of culture, nationality, ethno-culture, traditions and the free cultural development of ethnic communities living in Lithuania; developing a green policy that guarantees everyone's right to a clean and safe environment; to disseminate and implement political ideas that protect natural human rights and freedoms; to conduct a responsible foreign policy,

which would be guided by the principle that the interests of Lithuania and its people are paramount, and relations with other states are based on mutual provisions of respect, tolerance, cooperation and international law; represent Lithuania the political will of the citizens of the Republic in the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Parliament, municipal councils, in the public sphere.

7. The Party's areas of activity – the Party forms and implements its program in the fields of social affairs, economics and innovation, human rights, health, education, public administration, environment, energy, culture, justice, foreign affairs, national defense and other areas of importance to society and the state, creating equal opportunities and social guarantees for all people to dignified living conditions and equal freedoms and rights for all citizens.
8. In its activities, the Party and its bodies shall be guided by the following principles:
  - 8.1. The rule of law and the separation of powers;
  - 8.2. The maintenance, strengthening and justice of democracy;
  - 8.3. Respect for expressing open opinions, having different beliefs, and freely defending differences in one's faith and views;
  - 8.4. The coherence of compromise and the coherence of social groups in agreeing on solutions, to devote economic achievements to the solution of social problems;
  - 8.5. Personal and social responsibility, transparency.
9. Types of activities of the Party – prepares and seeks to implement the Party's program by political means, raises candidates for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Parliament, municipal mayors and councils, the Presidents of the Republic of Lithuania, delegates their representatives to state and municipal government and management institutions, defends the interests of citizens by political means in accordance with the Party's program, initiates and participates in civic actions, referendums, cooperates with organizations and (or) unions, other political parties, non-governmental organizations, concludes cooperation agreements, initiates and organizes discussions, public actions, conferences, seminars and other events, forms coalitions, unions of political parties, maintains relations with international organizations, political parties, youth organizations and /or unions operating at the level of other states and the European Union, disseminates information unhindered in writing, orally or otherwise about its activities, promoting the Party's ideas, goals and program, implements other rights of political parties established in the laws and other legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania.

### **III. MEMBERS, THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

10. The founders and members of the Party may be citizens of the Republic of Lithuania and citizens of the Member States of the European Union residing in the Republic of Lithuania who have reached the age of 18 and are not members of political organizations of other states, except for their membership in European political parties, the establishment and activities of which are regulated by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No. 1141/2014, which carry out in writing a commitment to comply with the Party's programme and these bylaws and the ethics that underpin their activities and transparency norms.
11. The person joining the Party fills out the application. In the application, the person undertakes to comply with the Party's program, articles of association and be of impeccable reputation. The requirements for good repute shall be determined by the Management Board.
12. The received application to become a member of the Party must be considered and the decision is being made at the upcoming meeting of the Department (Department Board), unless, by reasoned decision, the adoption of such decision is postponed until the next meeting, which must take place no later than within 30 (thirty) calendar days. If there is no functioning Department in the residential area, the application shall be submitted to the Board.
13. The Department (Department Board) may, by reasoned decision, reject a person's application to become a member of the Party. Such decision may be appealed to the Board by a person. The Board's decision is final.
14. Information about the examined applications to become a member of the Party shall be transmitted by the Board or the Department (Department Board) to the Party Administration no later than within 3 (three) working days.
15. If a person has indicated false data about himself/herself, the Party Board or the Department (Department Board) has the right to remove such member from the Party within 2 (two) months from the date of discovery.
16. A party member may withdraw from the Party or suspend his/her membership in the Party when he/she informs the Department (Department Board) to which he/she belongs, or the Board if the Party member does not belong to one of the territorially operating Departments.
17. A Party member who has violated the Party's statutes may be suspended from membership by a reasoned decision of the Department (Department Board) to which

he belongs, when such proposal is made by the Ethics and Transparency Commission, by decision of the Board, if the Party member is a member of the Party's governing body, or if he does not belong to one of the territorially operating Department, when such a proposal is made by the Ethics and Transparency Commission. Membership in the Party shall be restored by decision of the Department (Department Board) which made the decision on the suspension of membership or by decision of the Board when the circumstances that led to the suspension of membership are eliminated. In accordance with the procedure established by the Board, the Department (Department Board) may, by reasoned request, apply to the Board for the suspension of the membership of a Party member who has violated the Party's articles of association, when such a proposal is submitted by the Ethics and Transparency Commission.

18. A Party member who has violated the Party's articles may be expelled from the Party by a reasoned decision of the Department (Department Board) to which she/he belongs, when such a proposal is made by the Ethics and Transparency Commission, or by decision of the Board, if the Party member is a member of the Party's governing body, or if he does not belong to one of the territorially operating Divisions, when such a proposal is made by the Ethics and Transparency Commission. In accordance with the procedure established by the Board, the Department (Department Board) may, with a reasoned request, apply to the Board for the exclusion of a Party member who has violated the Party's articles, when such a proposal is submitted by the Ethics and Transparency Commission.
19. A member of the Party may appeal to the Board against the decision of the Department (Department Board) to suspend his/her membership in the Party or to remove him/her from the Party when such a proposal is made by the Ethics and Transparency Commission. The board's decision is final.
20. A person expelled from the Party may re-join it after 1 (one) year from the date of removal.
21. In cases established by the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania and other laws, a party member shall suspend his/her membership in the Party or leave the Party.
22. A party member who has been charged with a criminal offense must, until the validity of the charges against him becomes clear, submit a written application to the Board to temporarily suspend his membership of the Party no later than within 5 (five) working days from the date on which the allegations of a crime come to light. In the case when a Party member does not apply for a suspension of membership, his/her

membership in the Party shall be suspended by the decision of the Board. Membership in the Party shall be restored by the decision of the Board when the circumstances that led to the suspension of membership are eliminated or documents are submitted to the Board, that says that the reason for the suspension of membership has not been confirmed.

23. Rights of a party member:

- 23.1. to elect and be elected to all governing bodies of the Party;
- 23.2. to stand as a candidate and to nominate candidates, as well as to be nominated as a candidate for various municipal, state, European Parliament, and other European Union and international structures;
- 23.3. to receive the Party's support in raising his candidacy for the President of the Republic, the Seimas, the European Parliament, municipal councils and mayors;
- 23.4. submit their proposals for the Party's program and for the annual activity plans;
- 23.5. get information about the activities of the Party;
- 23.6. initiate the creation of operational groups;
- 23.7. establish and belong to factions;
- 23.8. to represent the Party body or Department which has delegated the authority;
- 23.9. belong to the Party branch and participate in its activities. A party member can choose the Department to which he wishes to belong;
- 23.10. suspend and restore his membership of the Party;
- 23.11. to withdraw from the Party.

24. Duties of a party member:

- 24.1. to comply with the Party's statutes and program;
- 24.2. to participate in the activities of the Party and the Department to which the member belongs;
- 24.3. to carry out the decisions made by the Party Congress, the Board, the Department (Department Board);
- 24.4. to be tolerant of other members of the Party, respect their opinions and rights;
- 24.5. not damage the party's reputation or engage in activities that could discredit, and belittle Party;
- 24.6. comply with ethical and transparency requirements;
- 24.7. to pay the membership fee approved by the Board.



25. The amount of payment of the membership fee, and the procedure for its collection shall be determined and approved by the Board.
26. For non-performance of the duties of a Party member or for conduct that demeans the name of a Party member, at least 3 (three) members of the Department, or on the proposal of the Department chairman, or the Board, the Department (Department Board) may give notice to the member. The member whose notice is being decided shall be given the opportunity to provide explanations. The member shall be informed in writing about the decision that was made. This decision may be appealed to the Board no later than 1 (one) month from the date of receipt of the written notification. The Board's decision is final.
27. A person who is not a member of the Party may be recognized as a friend of the Party. Independent, volunteer-based non-governmental organizations and/or unions that support and endorse the values of the Party's policies and values may also be recognized as Party friends. Party friends shall be registered and participate in the activities of the Party in accordance with the procedure established by the Board.

#### **IV. PARTY ORGANS**

28. Party organs:
  - 28.1. Congress;
  - 28.2. Board;
  - 28.3. Chairman;
  - 28.4. Political Council;
  - 28.5. Ethics and Transparency Commission;
  - 28.6. Control Commission;
  - 28.7. Administration.
29. The Party Congress (hereinafter referred to as the Congress) is the highest body, the Board is the collegial governing body, the Chairman is the sole governing body, the Political Council is the advisory body. The party has a permanent Ethics and Transparency Commission, the Control Commission. The Ethics and Transparency Commission, the Control Commission are elected by universal vote at the Congress. By the decision of the Board, other commissions and committees may be formed (liquidated), operational groups may be initiated.
30. The Party has departments (hereinafter referred to as the Department). A Department is a structural unit that is established on a territorial basis. The organs of the Department are the general meeting of the members of the Department and the

Department Board. By the decision of the Department Board, subdivisions of divisions may be established.

31. The Party may be operated by a faction (hereinafter referred to as the Faction) which is registered by decision of the Board. A political faction may be registered by at least 100 (one hundred) members of the Party who have submitted a signed statement on the creation of a Faction, which must indicate the objectives of this Faction's activities. The reasoned refusal of the Board to register the Faction may be appealed by the members of the Party's steering group to the Congress, whose decision is final. The Faction shall be deregistered:
  - 31.1. by decision of the Board;
  - 31.2. by the Faction's appeal;
  - 31.3. The Faction has fewer than 100 (one hundred) members;
  - 31.4. The decision of the Congress on the abolition of the Faction.
32. Decisions of Party bodies, subject to the exceptions provided for in these statutes, shall be taken by a majority of simple votes. Meetings of these Party bodies shall be lawful if at least half of the members of that Party body are present, subject to the exceptions provided for in these Statutes. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairman of the Party Body shall be decisive.

## **V. CONGRESS**

33. The Party Congress is the highest body of the Party, which:
  - 33.1. approves and amends the Party's statutes and program. Changes to the statutes and program may be initiated by 1/3 of all members or by the Board by a majority of simple votes. The statutes and the program may be changed if more than half of the delegates present at the Congress vote in favor;
  - 33.2. makes decisions on the symbolism of the Party;
  - 33.3. approves or elects the Chairman of the Party, elects the Board, the members of the Ethics and Transparency Commission, and the members of the Control Commission;
  - 33.4. On the recommendation of the Chairman of the Party, confirms the number of Vice-Chairmen of the Party;
  - 33.5. elects the number of Vice-Chairman of the Party approved at the Congress, half of whose candidacies for deputies are submitted by the Chairman of the Party. Other candidates for the Vice-Chairman of the

Party are submitted at the Congress in accordance with the procedure established by the Board. All the Vice-Chairmans of the Party shall be elected by a majority of the delegates present at the Congress;

- 33.6. makes a decision on the reorganization or termination (reorganization or liquidation) of a political Party at least 2/3 of the votes of the delegates present at the Congress;
  - 33.7. approve the reports prepared by the Chairman, the Board, the Control Commission, and the Ethics and Transparency Commission;
  - 33.8. annuls previously adopted resolutions of the Board or Congress;
  - 33.9. makes decisions on the resignation or withdrawal of the Party bodies that are elected, appointed, and/or approved at the Congress before the expiry of the term of office;
  - 33.10. The Congress may also take decisions on other areas of the Party's activities.
34. The Party Congress shall be convened by decision of the Board at least every 2 (two) years, or requiring more than 1/2 of the Party departments.
  35. The agenda, date, place, and time of the Congress shall be approved by the decision of the Board. The head of the Party administration organizes the Congress. The head of the Party administration shall send a notice of the convened Congress to each department no later than 30 (thirty) calendar days in advance of the expected date of the Congress, indicating the preliminary agenda approved by the Board.
  36. Within 10 (ten) calendar days from the receipt of the notice of the convened Congress, each member of the Party may submit their proposals to the Board regarding the issues on the agenda. If the Board, on a reasoned basis, refuses to place the issue in the agenda of the Congress or to remove the issue from the agenda of the Congress, the Congress shall vote on the inclusion or removal of the issue.
  37. An extraordinary Congress may be convened on the initiative of the Chairman of the Party, the Board, and more than 1/2 of all departments. The decision on the extraordinary Congress is taken by the Board, and the agenda is proposed by its initiator.
  38. In the event that an extraordinary Congress is convened, the head of the Party Administration shall send a notice of the convened Congress to each department no later than 20 (twenty) calendar days before the Congress, indicating the preliminary proposed agenda.
  39. Within 10 (ten) calendar days of receipt of the notice of the extraordinary Congress

being convened, any member may submit their proposals to the Board regarding the issues on the agenda. Additional issues on the agenda are decided by the Congress.

40. The delegates of the Congress are members of the Political Council, the Board, the Control, Ethics, and Transparency Commissions, members of the Seimas that belong to the Party, members of the European Parliament, mayors and councilors of municipalities, and representatives of departments. Departments procedure for representing and voting at the Congress shall be determined by the Board.
41. A congress is considered legal if more than half of the delegates of the Congress are present.
42. At the Congress, decisions are considered adopted, if more than half of the delegates present at the Congress vote for them.
43. When a state of emergency is imposed, an emergency or quarantine is declared, people's health or life may be threatened and Party delegates cannot physically gather at the Congress or the extraordinary Congress (hereinafter referred to as congresses), Congresses are organized remotely by electronic means by decision of the Board.

## **VI. BOARD**

44. The Board is the collegiate governing body of the Party. The Board consists of the Chairman of the Party, Vice-Charmain, and 20 (twenty) members elected at the Congress, as well as the Chairmans of the 5 (five) Departments, who represent the Department with the largest number of Party members and the mayors of the municipalities, the Chairman of the youth and /or other organization and/or union that supports and approves the policies and values pursued by the Party if they are members of the Party. The Board is elected for a term of 4 (four) years by universal vote at the Congress. In the election of the Board, the aim is to maintain the principles of gender equality and representation of different age groups and regions of Lithuania.
45. The Board is headed by the Chairman of the Party.
46. The Board may be revoked by the Congress.
47. Board:
  - 47.1. organizes the activities of the Party;
  - 47.2. convenes the Congress, approves its agenda, date, place, and time;
  - 47.3. submits the Party's program provisions to the Congress for approval;
  - 47.4. consider the implementation of the Party's program;

- 47.5. reacts immediately to the political situation, makes the necessary decisions, prepares and publishes the political statements and positions of the Party;
- 47.6. establish the procedure for representation and voting at the Congress;
- 47.7. approve, on the recommendation of the Chairman, the Chief of staff and the composition of the staff;
- 47.8. approves election programs at all levels, lists of candidates for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Parliament and municipal councils, a candidate for the President of the Republic of Lithuania or adopts a decision on the sponsorship of the announced candidate, candidates for municipal mayors and candidates for Seimas members in single-mandate constituencies;
- 47.9. determine the principles and procedures for the selection and nomination of candidates in elections at all levels;
- 47.10. makes decisions on participation in coalitions with other political organizations during elections;
- 47.11. determines and approves the procedure for electing the Chairman of the Party;
- 47.12. approves the procedure for organizing the election of the Party's Vice-Chairmans;
- 47.13. determines the procedure for appointing a new member to the vacant seat for the remaining term of office in the event of termination of the mandate of a member of the Party's Board, Ethics and Transparency Commission, a member of the Control Commission;
- 47.14. makes recommendations for the members of Seimas, municipal mayors and members of municipal councils, for members of the European Parliament on the Party's program and compliance with ethical principles;
- 47.15. make recommendations to the Departments regarding the participation of their members in coalitions formed in municipal councils;
- 47.16. can make decisions regarding the nominations of Party representatives to the positions of civil servants of political (personal) trust;
- 47.17. establish the list of Departments to be established and the model form of the Rules of procedure of the Department (Department subdivisions);
- 47.18. sets the requirements of an impeccable reputation;
- 47.19. make a decision on the reorganization or cancellation of the Department;
- 47.20. On the proposal of the Political Council of the Party, initiates the early election of the Chairman of the Party Branch, the election of members of

the Department Board;

- 47.21. determines the procedure for the application, removal or removal of disciplinary liability of Party members suspension of membership in the Party;
- 47.22. makes decisions on the formation and liquidation of other non-permanent commissions and committees as needed;
- 47.23. initiates and administers the creation of operational groups. Operational groups are designed for the implementation of individual projects and/or issues. Operational groups must have clear goals, and deadlines, appoint responsible people and may not contradict the Party's program ethical principles and statutes;
- 47.24. determines the Party membership fee and the procedure for its collection;
- 47.25. identifies cases in which the membership fee would be allocated not only to the department to which the member belongs but also to the administrative and organizational activities of the Party;
- 47.26. submit to the Congress approval report on the financial activities of the Party prepared by the Chairman and approved by the Board;
- 47.27. approves Party's annual budget and annual activity plan;
- 47.28. submits to the Congress for approval a report on the activities of the Board;
- 47.29. approves the head of the Party's administration on the recommendation of the Chairman;
- 47.30. on the recommendation of the head of the party administration, approves the salary fund of the Party Administration;
- 47.31. If the head of the Party administration is unable to perform its duties, he/she appoints another person to hold this position;
- 47.32. make a decision on changing the address of the Party's headquarters;
- 47.33. makes a decision on the establishment and liquidation of the Party's analytical center;
- 47.34. makes decisions on the name and headquarters of the Party's analytical center and approves the statutes;
- 47.35. appoints or recalls the head of the Party's analytical center;
- 47.36. accepts all Party's analytical center owner competence assigned decisions;
- 47.37. examines the statement submitted by the members of the Party on the creation of a group in the Party and adopts the decision to register or refuse to register a Political Group;
- 47.38. approves the procedure for registering party friends and participating in the

activities of the Party;

47.39. may consider and decide on any other issues related to the party's activities, provided that they are not within the exclusive competence of other party bodies.

48. The Chairman of the Party or his authorized Vice-Chairman of the Party convenes the meetings of the Board and submits their agendas for approval. Board meetings must be convened if at least 1/3 of the board members require so. Such a meeting of the Board must be held within 7 (seven) calendar days from the requirement to convene it.
49. Meetings of the Management Board may also be organized remotely by electronic means of communication. When a state of emergency is imposed, an emergency or quarantine is declared and there may be a threat to human health and (or) life, and the members of the Board, in accordance with the requirements of the legislation, cannot physically gather for a meeting of the Board, the meeting of the Board is organized remotely by electronic means of communication, in accordance with the procedure established by the rules of procedure of the Board.
50. The Board may make decisions when more than half of the members of the Management Board are present. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority, and a member of the Management Board may also vote on agenda items remotely by electronic means of communication in accordance with the procedure established by the Board.
51. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the members of the Party unless the Board decides to organize a closed meeting of the Board. If there is no quorum at the board meeting, it shall be deemed not to have taken place and after 5 (five) calendar days a re-meeting of the Board may be convened, which has the right to take decisions in accordance with the agenda of the board meeting that has not taken place. Decisions at the re-meeting of the Board shall be taken by a simple majority.
52. Other issues of organization of the Board's work are determined by the rules of procedure of the Board approved by it.
53. A member of the Management Board who has missed more than one third of the meetings of the Board within six months shall be deprived of the right to be a member of the Board for the next term of office.
54. The Board shall report to the Congress on its activities.

## **VII. CHAIRMAN**

55. The chairman of the Party is the sole governing body of the Party. He leads the Party and represents it.
56. The Chairman is elected in accordance with the procedure established by the Board for a term of 4 (four) years in direct elections or at the Congress. The election of the chairman is open to all members of the Party who have paid a membership fee. The election of the chairman takes place by secret ballot of the Board in accordance with the established procedure at least 3 (three) months before the end of the term of office of the chairman of the Party. The chairman shall be deemed to have been elected by a majority of the members who took part in the direct elections. The results of the presidential election are approved by the Congress. If neither candidate obtains the required number of votes, the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall participate in the second round of elections in accordance with the procedure established by the Board. The candidate who received the most votes of the Party members, regardless of the number of members who participated in the elections, is elected chairman. The same member of the Party may be elected chairman of the Party for a maximum of 2 (two) consecutive terms.
57. Before the end of the term of office, only the Congress may recall the chairman by a majority of more than half of the total number of delegates. In the event of the resignation or inability of the Chairman to hold office, a member of the management Board appointed by the management Board shall remain in office until a new chairman is elected.
58. Chairman:
  - 58.1. in accordance with these statutes and in carrying out the Party's program, he is responsible for its political activities and development;
  - 58.2. submit to the Congress for approval the number of deputies;
  - 58.3. After the congress approves the number of vice-chairmans, they submit half of the nominations for vice-charmains;
  - 58.4. determine the functions and directions of the vice-charmains;
  - 58.5. directs and chairs the Party Board;
  - 58.6. chairs the Political Council or authorises another member of the Political Council to chair the Political Council;
  - 58.7. in carrying out the Party's program, articles of association, decisions of the Congress and the Board, forms the principles of activity, sets tasks, controls their execution;
  - 58.8. may convene an extraordinary Party Congress;
  - 58.9. prepares and submits to the Congress for approval a report on the activities of the Chairman;



- 58.10. resolves organizational issues related to the Party's finances;
- 58.11. may apply to the Ethics and Transparency Commission for possible ethical violations;
- 58.12. in order to achieve the party's objectives, submit to the Board proposals for the formation of election programs, lists of candidates for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Parliament and municipal councils, a candidate for President of the Republic of Lithuania or a decision on the sponsorship of a announced candidate, candidates for municipal mayors and candidates for Seimas members in single-mandate constituencies;
- 58.13. submits to the Board approval for the candidacy of the Head of the Party administration;
- 58.14. represents the Party in cooperation with state and municipal institutions, legal entities and people;
- 58.15. in the performance of the functions assigned to him, issues ordinances;
- 58.16. within the scope of his competence, the chairman may perform other functions, provided that they are not assigned to other bodies of the Party in accordance with these statutes, as well as by decisions of the Congress, the Board.

## **VIII. POLITICAL COUNCIL**

- 59. The Political Council of the Party (hereinafter referred to as the Council) is an advisory body consisting of the Chairman of the Party, the Vice-Chairman, the Board, the elected members of the Party's Seimas, the European Parliament, the mayors of municipalities, members of municipal councils, department chairman and Vice-Chairman of sections, as well as the chairman of a youth and /or other organization and /or union that supports and approves the policies and values pursued by the Party, if he is a member of the Party. The Council is constituted for a term of 4 (four) years.
- 60. The Council shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Party or by another member of the Council authorised by him.
- 61. Council:
  - 61.1. discusses the most important political issues and the Party's positions on topical policy issues and submits its proposals to the Board;
  - 61.2. analyzes the activities of the Party's representatives in the Seimas, the European Parliament and municipal councils, together with the Board, submits recommendations and proposals for political decisions to it;

- 61.3. on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Party, discusses the Party's candidacies for the position of appointed civil servants of political (personal) trust;
  - 61.4. On the recommendation of the Chairman of the Party, discusses election programs, candidates for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Parliament and municipal councils, a candidate for president of the Republic of Lithuania or support for the sponsorship of an announced candidate, candidates for municipal mayors and candidates for Seimas members in single-member constituencies;
  - 61.5. analyzes and evaluates the activities of the Party's Departments, and makes suggestions and methodological support. If necessary, may propose to the Board to initiate the early election of the Chairman of the Party's Section, the election of the members of the Department Board, to reorganize or abolish the Department.
62. The Chairman of the Party or his authorized Vice-Chairman of the Party convenes council meetings and submits their agendas for approval. Council meetings must be convened if at least 1/3 of the members of the Council so require. Such a meeting of the Council must be held within 10 (ten) calendar days from the request to convene it.
63. The Council may take decisions when at least 1/3 of the members of the Council are present at a Council meeting. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority. A member of the Council may also vote on items on the agenda remotely by electronic means of communication in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council. If there is no quorum at a meeting of the Council, it shall be deemed not to have taken place and, after 5 (five) calendar days, a re-meeting of the Council may be convened, having the power to take decisions on the agenda of the council meeting which has not taken place. Decisions at the re-meeting of the Council shall be taken by a simple majority.
64. Council meetings may also be organized remotely by electronic means of communication. When a state of emergency is introduced, an emergency or quarantine is declared and there may be a threat to human health and/or life, and members of the Council, in accordance with the requirements of the legislation, cannot physically meet for a Council meeting, the Council meeting is organized remotely by electronic means of communication, in accordance with the procedure established by the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

65. Other matters concerning the organisation of the Council's work shall be determined by the Council's approval of the council's work regulation.

## **IX. ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION**

66. The Ethics and Transparency Commission, in so far as it is not assigned to the exclusive competence of other Party bodies and Departments:
  - 66.1. resolves disputes between Party members, governing bodies (except for the Congress);
  - 66.2. in accordance with the procedure established by the statutes and the Board, assess the behavior of Party members, the compliance of their activities with these statutes, the Party's program, the decisions and ethical principles of the Congress, the Board, the Department (Department Board), submit conclusions and proposals on the disciplinary responsibility of a Party member and / or his/ her membership in the Party;
  - 66.3. examines complaints against decisions made by the Chairman, the Board, the Party's Departments;
  - 66.4. provide clarifications on the application of these statutes;
  - 66.5. prepares and submits activity reports to the Congress for approval.
67. The Ethics and Transparency Commission consists of 6 (six) members who are elected for a 4 (four) year term at the Congress.
68. Members of the Ethics and Transparency Commission may not be the Chairman of the Party, the members of the Board, the Chairman of the Departments and their Deputies, the members of the Control Commission, the Head of the Party Administration and the employees of the Party Administration. If a member of the Ethics and Transparency Commission is elected Chairman or vice-Chairman of the Section or starts working in the Party administration, he automatically loses his status to be a member of the commission.
69. The chairman and vice-chairman and secretary of the Ethics and Transparency Commission shall be chosen by the commission itself from among its members. The Ethics and Transparency Commission, acting within its competence, must obtain the requested information, documents and explanations.
70. Meetings of the Ethics and Transparency Commission shall be convened by its chairman or vice-chairman. Meetings of the Ethics and Transparency Commission may also be organized remotely by electronic means of communication. When a state of emergency is introduced, an emergency is declared situation or quarantine and there may be a threat to human health and/or life and the members of the Ethics and Transparency

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71. Before the end of the term of office, the Ethics and Transparency Commission or its individual members may be recalled only by the Congress by a majority of more than half of the delegates present. Following the resignation of the Chairman, the Ethics and Transparency Commission elects a new Chairman from among its members. If the Chairman is temporarily unable to perform his duties, his or her deputy shall perform his duties.
72. Other issues in the organization of the work of the Ethics and Transparency Commission are determined by the work approved by its regulation.

**X. PROCEDURE FOR THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO THE CONGRESS AND CONTROL OF THEIR ACTIVITIES**

73. Elected bodies of the Party: the Chairman, the Board, the Ethics and Transparency Commission, the Control Commission report on their activities at the Congress.
74. Control over the activities of management bodies is carried out by the Control Commission.
75. The Control commission consists of 6 (six) members, who are elected for 4 (four) years at the Congress. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman and secretary of the Control commission shall be chosen by the commission itself from among its members by majority vote.
76. The Control Commission takes decisions at meetings that are held at least 1 (once) every six months. Meetings of the Control Commission shall be convened by the Chairman of the Commission and, in his absence or inability to perform his duties, meetings shall be convened by the Deputy Chairman of the Control Commission. Meetings of the Control Commission may also be organised remotely by electronic means of communication. When a state of emergency is introduced, an emergency or quarantine is declared and there may be a threat to human health and ( or) life, and the members of the Control Commission, in accordance with the requirements of the

legislation, cannot physically meet at the meeting of the Control Commission, the meeting of the Control Commission is organized remotely by electronic means of communication, in accordance with the procedure established by the Control Commission.

77. Members of the Control Commission may not be the Chairman of the Party, the members of the Board, the Chairmen of the Departments and their Deputies, the members of the Ethics and Transparency Commission, the Head of the Party Administration and the employees of the Party Administration. If a member of the Control Commission is elected chairman or vice-chairman of the Department or starts working for the Party Administration, he automatically loses his status to be a member of the commission.
78. The Control Commission controls the use of the Party's assets and finances, provides methodological assistance to the Departments on financial issues, organizes trainings as needed, prepares and submits activity reports to the Congress for approval.
79. The control commission for control purposes must receive all the information, documents and explanations requested.
80. Before the expiry of the term of office, the Control Commission or its individual members may be recalled only by the Congress majority of more than half of the delegates present. In the event of the resignation of the Chairman, the Control Commission shall elect a new Chairman from among its members. If the Chairman is temporarily unable to perform his duties, his or her deputy shall perform it.
81. Other issues of the organization of the work of the Control Commission are determined by the work approved by its regulation.

## **XI. PARTY ADMINISTRATION**

82. The Party Administration (hereinafter referred to as the Administration) organizes and administers the day-to-day activities of the Party. The Administration consists of the Head of Administration and the persons working on the basis of an employment contract.
83. The Head of Administration shall be approved by the Party Board on the recommendation of the Party Chairman.
84. The Head of Administration shall be accountable to the Chairman of the Party and to the Board.
85. The Head of Administration performs the following functions: organizes the activities of the Administration, directs the administrative staff and supervises their

work; Under the authority of the Chairman of the Party, concludes transactions on behalf of the Party in accordance with the functions assigned to the Administration and other transactions, and is also authorized to represent the Party in cooperation with state institutions, legal and natural persons, when the issues are related to the financial and economic activities of the Party; Opens and closes the Party's bank accounts by order of the Party Chairman; ensures the implementation of the annual activity plan and the annual expenditure plan; inform the Congress, the Board, the Chairman of the implementation of the annual activity plan and the annual expenditure plan; submit to the Board for approval the annual salary fund of administrative staff; performs other functions assigned by the Congress, the Board, the Chairman.

86. Administration:

- 86.1. keeps records of the Party's funds and assets;
- 86.2. executes and implements the decisions of the Congress, the Board, the Chairman of the Party, informs the members and the Department about them;
- 86.3. prepares the annual expenditure and annual activity plan of the Administration and submits it to the Management Board for approval;
- 86.4. provides methodological, consultative, organizational assistance to the departments and organizes the Parties events;
- 86.5. manages a common database of Party members, an information system, constant accounting of Party members, collects data from departments;
- 86.6. is responsible for the party's clerical work, archives;
- 86.7. provides the necessary information to state institutions about the activities of the Party;
- 86.8. performs other functions assigned by the Congress, the Board, the Chairman.

87. The Head of Administration and the Administrative employee cannot be the Chairman of the Party, members of the Board, the Council, the Ethics and Transparency Commission, the Control Commission.

88. If the Head of Administration is unable to perform his duties, this position shall be held by a person appointed by the Board.

## **XII. PARTY DEPARTMENTS**

89. A party Department (hereinafter referred to as the "Department") is a structural unit that is established on a territorial basis. Sectional subdivisions may be established in

the section.

90. The Department may be established on a territorial principle in the Republic of Lithuania, in foreign countries. The Department may consist of at least 7 (seven) members. The decision on the establishment, reorganisation and/or termination of the activities of the Department shall be taken by the Board. The Department shall act in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Department, the model form of which shall be determined by the Board.
91. The highest body of the Department shall be the general meeting of the members of the Department (hereinafter referred to as the "Meeting"). The meeting shall be held at least once a year. During the meeting, decisions are taken by a simple majority when at least 1/3 of the members of the Section are present during it. The agenda of the meeting is decided by the participants of the meeting. Voting on the issues discussed at the meeting may be made in writing or electronically or remotely by electronic means of communication, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department. An extraordinary meeting may also be initiated by at least 1/4 of the members of the Department.
92. If there is no quorum at the meeting, it shall be deemed not to have taken place and after 5 (five) calendar days a re-meeting of the members of the Department may be convened, having the right to make decisions in accordance with the agenda of the meeting that has not taken place. Decisions at the re-meeting of the members of the Department shall be taken by a simple majority of votes.
93. The Chairman of the Department shall convene a meeting and inform all members of the Department thereof 10 (ten) calendar days before the date of the meeting of the members to be convened.
94. Department meeting:
  - 94.1. considers the issues of the Party's political activities, submits its proposals to the Board;
  - 94.2. evaluates the activities of the Department, listens to the activities of the Section President and the Section Board and reports on the use of funds and approve them;
  - 94.3. in accordance with the procedure established by the Board, it proposes candidates for the members of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, a candidate for the President of the Republic of Lithuania and candidates for members of the European Parliament;
  - 94.4. in accordance with the approved procedure of the Board, organizes the election of a candidate for mayor of the municipality and draws up a list of candidates for members of the municipal council;

- 94.5. considers the Party's electoral program for municipal elections;
  - 94.6. may nominate and nominate their candidates for the Party's governing bodies;
  - 94.7. may, within the limits of its competence, perform other functions, provided that they are not assigned to other bodies of the Party in accordance with these statutes, as well as by decisions of the Congress, the Board;
  - 94.8. Elect the Chairman of the Department and/or the Department Board by secret ballot for a term of 4 (four) years. On the recommendation of the Chairman of the Department, determine the number of Vice-Chairman and approve them. The Chairman of the Party may not be the Chairman of the Department.
95. The Department may form the Department's collegial governing body, the Department Board. Meetings of the Department Board shall be convened by the Chairman of the Department at least once every three months. At the request of 1/4 (one-quarter) of the members of the Department Board, the President of the Section shall, no later than within 5 (five) calendar days from the receipt of such a request, convene an extraordinary meeting of the Section Board, presenting the agenda of the scheduled meeting to the members of the Section Board. If less than half of the members of the Department Board meet at a meeting of the Department Board, the meeting shall be deemed not to have taken place. The next meeting of the Department Board, according to the agenda of the meeting that has not taken place, must be convened no later than 7 (seven) calendar days after the date of the meeting that has not taken place and is considered to have taken place if 1/4 (one quarter) of the members of the Department Board are present.
96. The Department Board shall:
- 96.1. approve annually the budget of the Department (Subdepartments);
  - 96.2. prepare a report on the activities of the Department (Subdepartments) and the use of funds, which shall be approved by the meeting of the members of the Department;
  - 96.3. considers the applications of persons applying to become members of the Party and makes decisions;
  - 96.4. within the scope of its competence, considers and makes a decision on the disciplinary responsibility, warning, expulsion, withdrawal from the Party or suspension of membership of a Party member;
  - 96.5. maintains the database of members of the Department, carries out the



- accounting of members, collects data from the subdepartments of the Department and provides information to the Administration;
- 96.6. establish a list of subdivisions of the Department to be created and transmit information about the established subdepartments of the Department to the Administration no later than within 3 (three) working days;
  - 96.7. in accordance with the Party's statutes, the decisions of the Congress and the Board, organizes and controls the implementation of the Party's resolutions (decisions), provides information to the members of the Department;
  - 96.8. approve the procedure for electing the boards of divisional subdivisions;
  - 96.9. approve the reports on the activities of the divisional subdivisions;
  - 96.10. prepares the Party's electoral programme for local government elections;
  - 96.11. may perform other functions within the scope of its competence, provided that they are not assigned to other bodies of the Party in accordance with these Articles of Association, as well as by decisions of the Congress, the Board.
97. In the event that the Department Board is not formed, the functions of the Department Board specified in these Articles of Association shall be performed by a meeting of the members of the Department.
  98. The President of the Department shall direct the Department and the Department Board, convene meetings, sign the documents adopted by the meeting, represent the Department at local events and meetings.
  99. Meetings and meetings of the section (Department Board, if any) may also be held remotely by electronic means of communication. When a state of emergency is imposed, an emergency or quarantine is declared and there may be a threat to human health and (or) life, and in accordance with the requirements of the legislation, it is not possible to physically gather for a meeting of the members of the Department (Department Subdivisions) (meeting of the Department Board), such a meeting is organized remotely by electronic means of communication, in accordance with the procedure established by the Department.

### **XIII. PARTY SUB-DEPARTMENTS**

100. In sections with more than 100 (one hundred) members, department subdivisions may be established by decision of the Department vBoard.

101. The subdivisions of the divisions (hereinafter referred to as the Subdivisions) are the subdepartments of the Department.
102. The main task of the Subdepartment is to coordinate the activities of the Party members located in the territory of the Department in organizing elections and joint campaigns of the Party, to organize meetings with the members of the Seimas and the Municipal Council, and to provide them with support.
103. The activities of the subdepartments shall be governed by the Subdepartment Board. The members of the Subdepartment Board shall be elected in accordance with the procedure established by the Department. The chairman of the subdepartment board and his deputies shall be elected by the members of the Subdepartment Board for a term of 4 four years by secret ballot.
104. Subdepartment Board:
  - 104.1. submits proposals to the Department Board on all matters relating to the political activities of the Party;
  - 104.2. convene, at its discretion, a joint meeting of the Subdepartments to discuss relevant issues of the life of the Subdepartment, Chapter or Party;
  - 104.3. may perform other functions within the scope of its competence, provided that they are not assigned to other bodies of the Party in accordance with these Articles of Association, as well as by decisions of the Congress, the Board and the orders of the Department (Department Board).
105. The Subdepartments shall operate in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Subdepartments, the model form of which shall be determined by the Board.
106. The Chairman of the Subdepartment Board shall sign the adopted documents and, if necessary, represent the Department and/or subdivision at local events and meetings.
107. Subdepartment meetings can also be organized remotely by electronic means of communication. When a state of emergency is introduced, an emergency or quarantine is declared and there may be a threat to human health and / or life, and in accordance with the requirements of the legislation there is no possibility to physically gather for a meeting, such a meeting is organized remotely by electronic means of communication.

#### **XIV. YOUNG DEMOCRATS ORGANIZATION**

108. The Young Democrats' Organization and/or Union (hereinafter referred to as the Youth Organization) is a youth organization, a partner of the Party, which unites the friends of the Party's youth.

109. In its activities, the youth organization is guided by the principles of transparency, openness, democracy and respect, involving young people in political decision-making and seeking to develop responsible, active and civic individuals.
110. The Party seeks to involve members of the Youth Organization in its governing bodies, if they are members of the Party. The Chairman of the Youth Organization, if he is a member of the Party, becomes a member of the Party Board and the Council.
111. In accordance with the procedure established by the Board, the Party examines the proposals submitted by the Youth Organization on the issues of the Party's activities and helps to ensure the development and growth of the Youth Organization, protects the interests and rights of the members of the Youth Organization, and develops a dialogue with young people.
112. The youth organization undertakes to: uphold common values, help to carry out the activities of the Party and ensure the achievement of common goals, participate in political processes, make proposals on the issues of the Party's activities, ensure activity in defending civic positions among young people.

## **XV. PARTY ANALYTICAL CENTRE**

113. For the implementation of the Party's objectives, in accordance with the Law on Political Organizations of the Republic of Lithuania, other legal acts, the Party's Articles of Association and the decisions of the Board, the Party's Analytical Centre (hereinafter referred to as the Analytical Centre) is established in accordance with the established procedure.
114. The legal form of the analytical center is a public institution.
115. The founder and owner of the analytical center is the Party.
116. The analytical center is established and liquidated by decision of the Board.
117. the Board has taken a decision to establish the Analytical Centre, which approves the statutes of the Analytical Centre and decide on the name, seat and head of the Analytical Centre.
118. All decisions assigned to the competence of the owner of the Analytical Center shall be taken by the Board.
119. The analytical center may have and acquire only such civil rights and obligations that do not contradict the law, the statutes of the analytical center and the objectives of its activities.

## **XVI. THE END OF A POLITICAL PARTY**

120. A party can be reorganized, reorganized or dissolved only by a decision of the Congress of a political party, if at least 2/3 of the delegates present at the Congress vote in favour.

121. The party is reorganized, reorganized or liquidated in accordance with the procedure established by the Civil Code and the Law on Political Organizations and (or) the decision to liquidate a political party in cases established by law is taken by the court.

## **XVII. APPLICATION OF THE STATUTES**

122. The provisions of the Articles of Association governing the term of office of the President of the Party, the Vice-Presidents, the Board, the Political Council, the Ethics and Transparency Commission, the Control Commission, the Chairman of the Department and the Department Board shall apply after the expiry of the term of office of the persons elected before the entry into force of these Articles of Association.

The Statutes of the Democratic Union "Vardan Lietuvos" were adopted at the inaugural congress on 29 January 2022, the amendments to the statutes were adopted (approved) at the congress on 17 June 2023.

Chairman of the Democratic Union

“Vardan Lietuvos” Saulius Skvernelis

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## **Democratic Union "Vardan Lietuvos"**

### **Guidelines for the presidential, EP parliament and seimas electoral programme for 2024-2028**

Lithuania is divided by the arrogance of those in power, unprofessionalism, lack of compliance with promises, failure to make timely decisions, failure to manage crisis and emergency situations.

Promises to create a new political culture, to carry out reforms, to raise high standards of transparency and quality for ministers turn into a new fiasco every time.

The people of Lithuania feel alienated in their own state, experiencing civil, economic, social, health care, criminogenic insecurities.

Disillusionment with the government and, perhaps even worse, democracy has become critical. The decline in the Civic Empowerment Index and the fastest decline in satisfaction with democracy in Europe are destroying the state from within. Already as many as 8 out of 10 residents are afraid to express their opinion. This can no longer continue. Lithuania needs a unifying policy.

The democratic community unites professionals in their field who are able to return democracy and trust in the state to Lithuanian politics.

We will not allow to further divide and to intimidate the people of Lithuania by dividing them into equals and more equals. Lithuania cannot become a single-city country or a "business project" where it is not worthwhile finance hospitals and schools.

- Lithuania needs a rational and reliable foreign policy that puts the national interests of the state and its people above any ventures.
- We urgently need to ensure the safety of our children in schools, whose future is threatened by the spread of drug and other toxic substances at a tremendous pace, as well as by an unsafe emotional environment.
- It is necessary to ensure the social security of families and to strengthen the middle class by significantly increasing support for families with children, single parents, limiting the manipulation of food prices and the abnormal profits of the commercial banks.
- It is time to put a stop to the highest mortality rates from preventable diseases in the entire European Union by investing in their prevention, reducing medical queues, and ensuring access to psychological support.

- Sustainable energy must become accessible to all, the green transition of the economy must reduce social tensions, create new, well-paid jobs, and help families save.
- There has to be more real representation of the people at the local government level. In order to ensure that, we will change the electoral system so that municipal councillors can be elected in elderships, given real budgets and new sources of funding for local government.

The strategy "For the Sake of a Safe Lithuania" is no means extreme or a radicalism that has infected those in power and part of the opposition. This is a necessary agenda that Lithuania needs urgently and for which the Democrats have the necessary experience - in managing the state, international organisations, the institutions of the European Union - and partners in Brussels and Washington.

We are not starting from scratch. We will not turn Lithuania into a site of inappropriate experiments, but rather we will further improve the systems in place to bring maximum benefit to all Lithuanian people.

We invite you to take this responsibility together!

In your hands are the guidelines for the 2024-2028 election programme according to specific areas of Lithuania. For more on the vision of the Democratic Union "In the Name of Lithuania" for the development of the state, see the approved programme of the Union [here](#).

## Foreign policy and national security

*At the core of foreign and security policy must be the national interest based on national consensus. Foreign policy must be consistent, characterized by long-term planning and investments in order to achieve the goals of Lithuania's foreign policy, especially in regions of the world remote from Lithuania. Lithuania must be a reliable international partner with a coherent and predictable foreign policy. But it must not be static – it is important to quickly adapt it to changing international realities. Effective economic diplomacy, which creates measurable benefits, must be the cornerstone of Lithuania's foreign policy, that significantly improves the well-being of the Lithuanian people.*

**We will take all measures to ensure Lithuania's security.** The main goal of foreign and defence policy is to ensure the security of Lithuania, where suitable conditions are ensured for economic growth, growth of people's well-being and political stability. This is an essential objective of internal and external policies. We must strive for a pragmatic and value-based coherence in foreign policy, the basis of which is the safeguarding of our national interests and their fundamental defence. In our interests, we must build consensus in the EU, NATO, and in bilateral politics. Only by acting in these formats can we safeguard our national interests.

**We will ensure the comprehensive security of Lithuanian citizens.** The tasks of the security issue will be a priority in the daily agenda, including proper and timely preparation for possible direct military aggression, strong organization of the protection of Lithuania's borders, development of effective mechanisms against future epidemics, the fight against organized crime and illegal migration, protection against energy supply disruptions, the fight against devastating climate change, and cybersecurity.

**We will restore the leadership of the Presidential institution in shaping the country's most important foreign and defense policy goals.** The head of the country has direct responsibility for the implementation of these goals, so he cannot be the approver of the direction decided by the Government.

**We will strengthen the Lithuanian army.** By ensuring the development of military infrastructure that meets the national and allied needs, we will seek to advance the planned acquisitions of armaments, equipment and equipment by the Lithuanian Armed Forces, which increase the combat power of the armed forces, as well as to ensure the efficiency and transparency of the funds used.

**We will develop airspace protection.** Ensuring the protection of airspace is not an option, it is a necessity. This is clearly demonstrated by the example of Ukraine. It is clear that the solution to this challenge requires not only Lithuania's financial investments, but also a unified approach and joint solutions from the Baltic States and Poland.

**We will develop Lithuania's military infrastructure.** We consider transparency of acquisitions of the national defense system to be a key priority, clearly demonstrating the added value that investments in our security create for Lithuania and our people. By developing military infrastructure, we will strive for the highest possible return on investment for the Lithuanian economy.

**We will ensure the provision of adequate infrastructure for partner troops.** The deployment of the German Bundeswehr brigade in Lithuania must become a new page of Lithuanian-German cooperation, ensuring the support of societies for mutual defence and opening up new opportunities for bilateral relations not only in the military, but also in the fields of education, culture and the economy.

**We will expand the Lithuanian army.** We will improve conditions for Allied soldiers, provide for a long-term reform program to improve conditions in the Lithuanian army and strengthen the motivation of soldiers. By encouraging us to choose a life path in the Lithuanian armed forces, we will ensure a meaningful career and additional security for the relatives of soldiers.

**We will strengthen the readiness of the public's defense.** Preparation for the implementation of the principle of universal defense must become a cultural change, which cannot remain just a declarative slogan – it must be ensured practical testing of the implementation of this principle and a consistent increase in public readiness for possible challenges, and the strengthening of the Riflemen's Union must be ensured.



**We will increase Lithuania's defence industrial capabilities.** We will ensure that suitable conditions are created in Lithuania for the development of the defense industry, and the government and institutions of the country actively support and support the autonomy of this industry and the development of innovative products.

**We will strengthen the protection of Lithuania's borders.** Through active measures, we will reduce irregular migration flows, paying particular attention to the integrated management of Lithuania's borders, fulfilling the country's international human rights obligations. By acting actively at European Union level, we will reduce incentives for illegal migration. We will strive to ensure that the protection of the European Union's external borders is addressed at union level. We will send a clear message that Lithuania and other European Union countries have the right to decide for themselves who can come and build their lives in a particular country. Only in this way will we be able to ensure that migration processes bring benefits, not harm to our state and region.

**If necessary, we will provide timely assistance to NATO partners.** Lithuania must fulfil the mentality of the "security user" – we must also become security providers ourselves. Only in this way can the NATO alliance's fundamental principle of solidarity be properly respected and the proper combat experience of the country's forces can be ensured. Only by providing timely assistance to NATO partners will we have the moral right to ask for help if needed.

**We will strengthen diplomatic relations with the U.S.** We must strive for U.S. involvement in ensuring the security of our region, despite possible changes in the U.S. administration, through direct diplomatic work, the inexhaustible potential of the Lithuanian diaspora in the United States, and business ties between Lithuania and the United States. The transatlantic dimension must remain a cornerstone of foreign and security policy, which must be nurtured and given much greater attention than has been the case so far. We need to think not only about what we expect from the US, but also about what we can give, what we can do for the US, strengthening the transatlantic dimension in Europe and in the world. Commitments must be reciprocal and not limited to commemorative meetings.

**We will provide support to Ukraine and other countries in the independence struggles.** Support for Ukraine is the main path to the security of our region. Together with our historic partner Poland and other allies, we must strive to maintain unity and support for Ukraine's victory over Russian criminal aggression. We must provide all the tools at our disposal for Ukraine to defend itself and learn both the strategic and tactical lessons of defence that the defenders of Ukraine are showing us.

**We will build stronger defence and security ties with Japan and South Korea and other democracies.** This can open up not only additional opportunities for Lithuanian business, but also ensure our involvement in solving the most pressing geopolitical challenges.

**We will strengthen the training and upskilling of diplomats on economic issues.** To ensure the competence of the staff, we will increase the funding of the diplomatic service. We will strive to have a commercial attaché (now there are ~20) or diplomat economists (now there are ~16) working in all markets that are important for Lithuanian business, and where necessary, an agricultural attaché is also used. We will make it possible to recruit local professionals for competitive remuneration in Lithuanian diplomatic missions for the performance of economic functions (as the USA and other countries do, because it is very effective economically – a lot of money is saved for the maintenance of families, resettlement, training, there is no language barrier, etc.).

**We will pay special attention to improving the quality of consular services for Lithuanian and foreign citizens.** We will concentrate and allocate consular resources to Lithuanian diplomatic missions in the countries where the most numerous Lithuanian diaspora is located. We will ensure the expeditiousness of issuing visas to the citizens of those states who contribute to Lithuania's economic growth (not only for those who are developing business in Lithuania, but also for students, culturalists, in some cases, and tourists).

**We will strengthen the links of Lithuania's development cooperation programme with foreign policy objectives.** Lithuania's development cooperation policy must contribute to Lithuania's notoriety and political weight, as well as create opportunities for Lithuanian business and academia to implement projects in developing countries or create new jobs in Lithuania, so we will increase the funding of the program.

## **People's security, justice and human rights**

**We will expand the civil protection information and infrastructural field.** We will strive to ensure the safety of people, from the organization of accessible first aid courses to the public to the regulation of the installation of hiding places, and we will provide assistance in cases of persecution. In the example of Latvia, we will legitimize the pensions of officials for ambulance workers, we will correct historical mistakes regarding the pensions of customs officers.

**We will increase citizens' trust in law enforcement agencies.** We will make the system of law and order and law enforcement agencies more transparent and efficient, as well as improve communication and cooperation between them. We will implement effective mechanisms of external and internal control, solve problems related to the (non-)initiation of pre-trial cases.

**We will strengthen inter-institutional cooperation on the use of psychotropic substances in schools.** We will bring together specialists in education, the police, medical institutions and children's rights for complex work with students and their parents' community.

**We will ensure maximum access to the services of law enforcement and law enforcement authorities in the regions.** We will increase the number of officials in the regions in order to ensure the sufficiency of the performance of their functions. We will strive to ensure that officials respond to events immediately and that assistance is provided in an appropriate and timely manner.

**We will work to expand the network of officers across the country.** We will increase the attractiveness of the profession of statutory officials by implementing the standard of their provision, improving their social guarantees and increasing the capacity of the institutions.

**We will strive to ensure and enforce human rights effectively.** We will encourage the activities of human rights institutions, ombudsmen, as well as non-governmental organisations, citizens, scientists and journalists working in the field of the protection of human rights. We will strengthen the capacity of state institutions to act in the event of a crisis, emergency, emergency or pandemic. We will ensure that any restrictions on human rights during emergencies are established only temporarily and extended only with the permission of the Seimas. We will strive for the ongoing parliamentary scrutiny of the human rights situation, including representatives of organisations active in the field of the protection of human rights;

**We will expand the availability and quality of state-guaranteed legal aid.** We will strengthen the system of providing state legal aid by assessing the possibility of financing the basket of legal services for a person, choosing a lawyer providing secondary legal aid at his own discretion, and by increasing the fees for lawyers providing state legal aid. We will strengthen the control of bailiffs.

**We will defend the public interest and raise public confidence in the democratic system.** We will strengthen the more transparent use of public resources and stronger protection for the whistleblower institute, guaranteeing whistleblowers the right to free professional legal aid.

**We will effectively combat corruption and non-transparent public procurement.** We will enshrine the inevitability of liability for such crimes, increase penalties and extend their limitation periods.

**We will increase the openness of the judicial system.** We will legitimise the institute of lay judges and promote the rotation of cases between the courts. We will strive to restore public confidence in the Lithuanian judicial system by improving the selection and career procedures of judges and the professional competence of other court staff, as well as their working and operating conditions.

**We will improve the functioning of the Prosecutor General's Office and strengthen its parliamentary control.** We will strive for the Prosecutor General to submit to the Seimas every year a report on the activities of the prosecutor's office. We will find that cases involving serious harm to the public interest and cases concerning major corruption are investigated by an extraordinary public prosecutor.

**We will ensure effective control of criminal intelligence entities.** We will pay special attention to the protection of the rights and freedoms of the individual and private life. We will strive to ensure that criminal

intelligence techniques are applied in accordance with the proportionality criteria. We will optimize the number of criminal intelligence entities in order to rationally and efficiently use the available state resources.

**We will legalise voting from the age of 16 in municipal elections.** The basic principle of democracy is the participation of citizens in the management of the state. Persons at the age of 16 already have an identity document, are obliged to assume partial legal responsibility, can work at the chosen place of work and pay taxes. Citizens of this age most often live in the municipality where they are registered, and therefore are not yet far from the current affairs of their city. We trust the youth of Lithuania and strive to provide active suffrage (the right to elect, but not to be elected) in the election of municipal councillors and mayors.

## **The European social economy, strengthening the family, social protection and social dialogue**

**We will change Lithuania's posture in the Council of the European Union on social issues.** We will actively support those initiatives under the European Social Pillar and the social economy that strengthen people's social protection, promote social dialogue, the development of skills and social entrepreneurship, civic participation and collective bargaining, create new financial sources, limit the ability of cross-border businesses to avoid paying taxes, and allow Member States to increase redistribution. Lithuania will never be competitive if it builds the welfare state alone.

**We will strengthen the Family as an institute.** By forming a positive attitude of society, especially young people, to the creation of a family, we will consolidate the perception of the family as a value of the state in social policy. We will support and encourage the family institute by providing material assistance, ensuring the development and accessibility of services, paying special attention to single parents. We will ensure that all schoolchildren receive free meals at the end of their term of office. For meals in educational institutions, we will return the status of a public service so that at the expense of the health of our children there is no business done. We will reimburse part of the interest on the home loan in the event of the birth or adoption of a child. We will create incentives for the creation of "family nurseries".

**We will help the family to overcome the crises that arise.** We will strive for the provision of timely, accessible and professional assistance services to families, fathers or mothers, families with children with disabilities, single parents facing psychological, material, health or other challenges. We will develop a factor system for overcoming crises (e.g. crisis pregnancy, postpartum), based on the unconditional acceptance of a person and the desire to help. We will ensure that parents or spouses who seek help do not suffer any negative social consequences, the threat of loss of children or other possible harm. We will establish a national housing development fund, of which gradually an increasing proportion would be devoted to the construction or purchase of social and municipal housing. We will make the housing rental market more transparent.

**We will strive to include people with disabilities, the long-term unemployed in the labour market and in public life.** We will apply state support for job creation by providing additional incentives for employers and employees. We will promote the application of a universal design that allows you to feel safe, move, work and learn in one space for people with various disabilities and those who do not have them in public spaces. We will create a system of incentives for social micro-credits, in line with the practices of Italy and other countries. Throughout the social security system, we will develop a basic universal income that will help eradicate absolute poverty, mitigate the consequences of the digitalisation and robotisation of jobs, and enable workers to devote their time to self-education.

**We will ensure a dignified old age.** We will create favourable conditions for people who have reached the age of retirement to choose between the possibility of staying in the labour market or retiring and living in dignity from the benefit they receive. We will encourage seniors to stay in the labour market by expanding the active labour market policies proposed by the Employment Service for a group of seniors, with a lower tax burden and incentives for employers who employ seniors. We will include people of retirement age in the new system of individual learning accounts of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

**We will ensure free transportation of patients.** After serious injuries and other illnesses or complex surgeries, we will ensure free transportation of patients to their homes (when no service is provided in a nursing hospital) for nursing and care, and compensate for the rental of nursing equipment and supplies when the needs of long-term care are not identified.

**We will reform the pillar II pension system.** We will make it possible to suspend contributions indefinitely, and we will direct the state's incentives towards the development of occupational funds, finally bringing our pension savings closer to sustainable, Western systems.

**We will simplify the availability of services provided by the state.** We will strive for the application of the principle of non-duplication of functions between state institutions, bodies and organizations. We will ensure the creation of an environment conducive to cooperation between them, so that the services necessary and owned by a person are provided not by contacting each institution individually, but by filling out a joint application.

**We will take an active part in the European Union's debate on the 4-day working week.** We will initiate this discussion in Lithuania, start to shorten the maximum number of working hours for the most difficult people – shift schedule employees– and legalize mandatory collective agreements in shift work.

**We will improve the Law on Public Procurement.** We will introduce a requirement for all companies receiving public money to have a collective agreement with employees and to participate in sectoral collective bargaining, when they take place.

**We will improve the social guarantees of the self-employed.** We will strive to ensure that the self-employed are guaranteed basic social security in the event of care for a person or child in the event of illness or loss of employment.

## **Self-government and regional development**

**We will strengthen self-government, foster state governance based on the principles of democracy and transparency.** We will promote a culture of dialogue between public administrations and the population, as well as greater involvement of local communities in decision-making at the municipal level. We will enable elderships and communities to participate independently in the redistribution of financial funds on the basis of a participatory budget.

**We will change the electoral system of municipal councils.** We will strive for councillors to be elected on a mixed basis, with some councillors elected in the wards. We will promote the financial autonomy of self-government and elderships, as well as budgets that are formed according to the needs of the local community.

**We will strengthen local communities.** We will seek more funding for associated structures, expanded elders' conferences, and encourage municipalities to contribute to infrastructure projects initiated and implemented by communities.

**We will adjust the recently adopted liberal reform of the civil service.** We will promote collective bargaining in the budgetary institutions. We will create a program that will attract specialists who are missing from the regions to work – doctors, teachers, civil servants, etc.

**We will remove excessive restrictions on municipal borrowing.** We will establish a special financial instrument for municipal loans or guarantees.

**We will make it possible for municipalities to dispose of unused targeted grants.** Having achieved the goals and results set for the implementation of the functions set by the municipalities, we will not reduce the grants and refuse their return to the state budget.

**We will develop an urban policy of the state and self-government.** We will ensure a high quality of life in all cities, towns and villages. We will pay particular attention to stopping the chaotic development of cities – in particular, the uncoordinated development of the suburbs. We will promote cooperation between

municipalities (especially with circular municipalities) in infrastructure, the provision of public services (education, health, etc.) and other areas. Based on the principles of universal design and ecology, we will build new and upgrade existing infrastructure in order to improve the quality of life.

**We will promote greater cooperation between institutions at national and municipal level.** We will also pay more attention to state aid for the implementation of the functions delegated to municipalities – civil protection, mobilization, etc. In response to the public security situation and the lack of competences, we will promote more active cooperation and the sharing of good practices between institutions at national and municipal level.

**We will develop the quality and supply of public services.** We will facilitate the operation of non-profit non-governmental and community-based organisations, prioritise them in the selection of quality public service providers and seek to increase their funding. By ensuring legal bases and initiating new funding programmes, we will improve the conditions for the development of social business.

## **Effective health care**

**We will ensure the effective development of the network of health care institutions and improve the quality and accessibility of health care services.** We will develop optimal algorithms for managing patient flows, improve the procedure for registering with doctors and promote cooperation between all participants in the health care system – we will centralize the treatment of patients who suffer from serious, complex diseases in university hospitals, and in cases of milder health disorders, we will ensure the provision of treatment services in the regions. We will also strengthen primary outpatient personal health care, medical rehabilitation of children and adults, develop nursing and care services, ensure the development of these services in homes and institutions.

**We will review the system of training health professionals.** We will strive to have a sufficient number of professional and motivated health workers at all levels. We will ensure decent wages, working and living conditions for health workers and promote regular dialogue and cooperation between the medical profession, non-governmental organisations and local communities.

**We will strengthen the mental health of the population.** We will expand mental health services and improve their accessibility by organising active support, including preventive and early intervention, for children and adults. We will develop the control and prevention of the use of psychoactive substances and other addictive factors.

**We will encourage new investments in medical innovation.** We will strengthen the involvement of universities working in the field of health and life sciences in the country by developing optimal models for the development of the health care system. We will develop research-based health promotion programs and pay particular attention to the development of an effective system for prevention, health promotion and early diagnosis of diseases. We will constantly expand our teaching about healthy lifestyles, develop health literacy of Lithuanian people, ensure timely complex management of health threats and health risk factors based on science and research. We will abolish the upper age limits for participants in preventive programs.

**We will improve health technology assessment.** We will ensure timely access to effective medicines and medical technologies for the people of Lithuania, increase the availability of hope medicines by creating hope programs, and promote the rational use of medicines.

**We will seek to increase the state budget contributions for persons covered by compulsory health insurance at the expense of the state budget.** We will ensure that public spending on health care per person reaches the European Union average and grows at a rate no lower than gross domestic product. We will improve the fees for health care services and the mechanisms of payment for the services provided. In solving the problems of the health system, we will ensure synergy between the decisions taken by the authorities in different areas of state management activities.

## **Sport and physical activity of the population**

**We will expand the availability of non-formal education services.** Low physical activity of children threatens various health disorders as they grow up, therefore, by increasing the pupil's basket for non-formal education, we will strive to ensure that already in 2030 **70-90%** of schoolchildren participate in physical activity activities after school (at least 180 minutes a week).

**We will seek to legitimize a separate student's sports basket.** A new way of financing children's physical activity will help to avoid duplication of sources of state and municipal funding, promote the availability of high-quality physical activities that meet the needs and hobbies of the student.

**We will ensure the active participation of children living in the regions in the non-formal education program.** We will develop a ride-hailing system so that non-formal education services are accessible and accessible to children living away from the points of provision of services.

**We will strive for accessible physical activity opportunities for all individuals, regardless of age.** After a proportional assessment of the general recommendations of experts of the World Health Organization (WHO) for different age groups of physical activity, we will look for opportunities to implement them, ensuring the financing of the minimum need for physical activity for each age group.

**We will promote a healthier lifestyle for adults based on physical activity.** We will seek a GPM exemption for sportspeople or the possibility of a tax refund, an example of a model already in place in Iceland.

**We will support high-performance athletes.** According to the established sports performance and mastery, we will create favorable conditions for achieving results by improving the system of financing high-performance athletes. By solving the problems of seniority of athletes, we will create opportunities for athletes who have completed their careers in professional sports to smoothly and successfully continue their personal careers or, if necessary, support their retraining.

**We will promote the renewal and development of sports facilities.** In order to create favourable conditions for the training of high-performance athletes in Lithuania, we will apply tax incentives to contractors in order to ensure the application of economic indicators and the basics of the geographical principle for the construction or reconstruction of sports facilities, especially for professional sports (e.g. at least one covered football / rugby sports facility in the county is installed).

**We will determine the recommendations for the activities of the sports training centers.** These recommendations would define the standard of performance of a qualitatively functioning organization, regardless of the legal status of the organization (PI, JV or association). The recommendations will aim to ensure the provision of 3 levels of services so that organizations can provide physical activity and / or professional athlete training services and apply for state and municipal funding. In this way, we will ensure the availability of services for every child, regardless of the ability of the parents to finance the child's physical activity activities.

**We will provide funding for physical activity of a rehabilitation nature for people with disabilities or special needs.** We will develop the infrastructure and system of universal design and physical activity.

## **Quality education and lifelong learning**

**We will increase the autonomy and funding of general education institutions.** We will look for a balance between the state and the non-state sector, reduce the bureaucratic burden of educational institutions (crèches-kindergartens, kindergartens and schools).

**We will improve the system of payment for workers in the education sector.** By adequately assessing the workload of teachers, specialists in educational assistance and payment for it, we will reduce classes, compensate for the clerical expenses of teachers and otherwise reduce the workload of teachers.

**We will look for opportunities for the integration of inclusive education in educational institutions.** We will realistically assess the possibilities of implementing inclusive education in specific schools, pre-school educational institutions. We will help to implement inclusive education by improving the competences of educational support specialists, ensuring the necessary number of specialists in helping the pupil and the right educational environment.

**We will promote the diversity of forms of education and training.** We will increase the autonomy of municipalities by organizing the educational process, seek to create more flexible and responsive funding opportunities for municipalities that respond to the specifics of education. We will ensure the quality of education policy before the ranked quantity – we will reduce the flow of excess information in general education schools, we will seek to transfer part of the learning from a permanent environment to an educational space. We will increase state aid to communities for non-commercial schools.

**We will increase the basket of non-formal education for children from 20 to 70 euros.** A larger basket would be focused on the competencies promoted by the state.

**We will create a unified state platform for the content and methodology of digital education.** The platform will be conveniently accessible to all teachers and students.

**We will strive to increase the quality and attractiveness of vocational education and training.** We will review the methodology for financing vocational education and training and the procedure for paying employees, modernize the content of vocational education and training, ensure that vocational schools are equipped with technologies, necessary equipment and teaching aids.

**We will seek closer cooperation between vocational and general education schools and business.** We will enable students to study in parallel in a vocational school.

**We will increase the autonomy of universities and the autonomy of colleges.** We will initiate a more flexible system of remuneration for teachers and researchers, ensuring attractive and competitive wages that correspond to the level of competence and the content of the position.

**We will expand the activities and accessibility of non-formal education institutions.** We will support and strengthen the activities of third-century universities and other institutions of non-formal education for children and adults. We will promote their development across the country and support other lifelong learning initiatives.

## **Environmental protection and overcoming the climate crisis**

**We will support the European Union's joint initiatives to complement the European Green Deal with social justice commitments and a common social agenda of the European Union's institutions and member states.** The green transition of the economy must reduce social tensions, create new, well-paid jobs, and save family budgets. Sustainable energy, transport solutions must be available to people with the lowest incomes.

**We will promote the development of green energy.** Studies show that environmental solutions do not yet reduce, and sometimes even exacerbate inequality, therefore, in order to promote change, it is important to preserve a good reputation for green energy.

**We will ensure the leadership of the public sector in overcoming the climate crisis and achieving the objectives of the circular economy.** We will actively encourage municipalities to develop hybrid farms for renewable electricity sources (solar and wind power plants) and to establish renewable energy communities together with residents. We will strive to install solar power plants on the roofs of public buildings. We will support the introduction of renewable energy sources both in the renovation programs of apartment buildings and in the reconstruction of private houses. We will accelerate renovations by supporting the active participation of the municipality in renovation projects and promote the inclusion of additional funding.

**We will strive for environmentally friendly and sustainable waste management that respects the environment.** By 2035, we will ensure that by 2035, the amount of municipal waste going to landfills, not only recyclable, is no more than 2% of the total amount of waste, and that the amount of waste incinerated for energy recovery is at most 20%, we will ensure active prevention of the application of waste, promoting the long-term use, repair and renewal of objects. We will ensure more efficient recycling of waste and the use of recycled raw materials, reusable and reuse of packaging and objects.

**We will change pollution taxes.** We will strive to regulate the waste management chain so that the waste management method with the least damage to the environment is the cheapest and the most damaging is the most expensive. We will reduce the fees for waste management for residents who sort it properly and have less waste.

**We will strengthen state control over environmental protection.** By ensuring more funding for the environmental protection system sector, we will significantly increase the number and salaries of environmental officials, create conditions for upskilling and ensure the introduction of new, advanced information systems.

**We will restrict clear-cutting in farmed forests, we will completely ban them in protected areas.** We will partially compensate for the acquisition of advanced, forest-friendly forest equipment, implement international tourism and wellness strategies based on the recreational value of the forest. We will develop a strategy for the maintenance and enhancement of green urban areas. We will not allow the privatisation of a state-owned forest management company.

**We will promote sustainable local consumption.** We will support the European Union's joint initiatives to apply higher standards to the design of locally produced and imported goods, the use of materials, the ecological and social costs of production, the durability of things, the secondary use of things, recycling and repairs.

## **Green economy, transport, energy, and renovation**

**We will promote research and development to become an integral part of all policies.** We will apply tax and financial incentives and coordination assistance.

**We will strive to ensure that Lithuania secures a better status for an innovative European economy.** We will make efforts to ensure that state budget allocations for research and experimental development in higher education and the government sector account for at least 0.75% of gross domestic product in the near future and at least 1% of gross domestic product by the end of 2030.

**We will define the concept of social business.** We will create regulatory mechanisms and incentives and support measures in this area. We will establish a Social Business Council ('SVT'). We will ensure that social business, as an activity that addresses the challenges facing our society, is integrated into the country's strategic documents, the European Union's plans for the financial period and in the plans for helping the economy. Based on the current example of the "Green Corridor" for large investment projects, we will speed up and simplify the procedures for setting up an investor, spatial planning, and issuing other permits for socially significant business projects.

**We will pay special attention to small and family businesses, which are considered to be the backbone of the economy.** In order to more effectively protect the rights of small entrepreneurs in disputes with the institutions, we will establish the institution of the Ombudsman for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

**We will improve intercity and local services.** We will ensure a social taxi service in all municipalities. We will develop demand-responsive public transport so that residents living further away can book public transport on their mobile phone in advance, running in the optimal route in the desired time interval. During the term of office, we are committed to achieving public transport on all republican roads at least three times a day, thus ensuring the mobility of non-driving persons, so that people, without their own transport, can access work, medical institutions and return home in the evenings.



**We will improve the condition of state roads.** We will invest in improving the quality of roads, bridges, railway viaducts and paving gravel roads.

**We will support green, consumer-centred, integrated mobility solutions for people and goods.** We will increase the number of buses powered by Lithuanian biogas, thus using biomethane produced from waste in Lithuania in Lithuania. Electric buses should become normal transport in cities.

**We will activate the activities of market surveillance authorities – competition, public procurement and other services.** We will allocate greater institutional resources to clarifying cartel agreements between large market players and detecting abuses of a dominant position. We will protect the local economy from the promotion of self-directed competition and support the active participation of the state, self-government, community in economic activities.

**We will improve the connection of Lithuanian airports with the most important European cities and invest in the revitalization of the tourism business.** We will pay special attention to local and wellness tourism, we will consider the promotion of local and inbound tourism as one of the priority directions of the state.

**We will increase the production of cheap electricity in Lithuania.** By increasing the supply of electricity, we will be able to reduce the market price of electricity for all residents, not only those who are able to install solar and / or wind power plants themselves. If there were more people willing to invest in solar and/or wind power plants than is possible to connect to the electricity grid, electricity network operators would be empowered to expand the infrastructure needed to connect new producers in the fastest possible way, on their own initiative and with funds, until electricity is cheaper for consumers more than the additional costs to pay for the new infrastructure due to the growth of production.

**We will develop flexible electricity consumption.** The growing volatility of electricity in our region makes it possible to take advantage of periods of low prices, thereby reducing electricity prices for businesses and residents. Flexible consumption is the main condition for the further development of RES.

**We will encourage the development of industrial facilities capable of using excess electricity.** In order to increase the share of electricity produced in Lithuania, it is necessary to develop equipment capable of converting large amounts of excess RES energy into synthetic fuels (hydrogen, methanol, etc.).

**We will invest in building inter-system connections with Central Europe.** By helping Lithuania to become an exporting country for RES, we will ensure the payback of RES investments and the development of green production.

**We will promote the transition to a net billing system.** We will promote the transition to this system with additional privileges – the possibility of generating income from the guarantee of the origin of the generated "green" electricity, the right of priority to receive state support for storage batteries, the possibility of selling excess electricity not only exclusively to your electricity supplier.

**We will offer a peer-to-peer platform for renewable energy communities.** By reducing restrictions on the activities of renewable communities, we will create a regulatory environment in the market that ensures that membership in a renewable energy community is a more attractive alternative for individual electricity consumers than individual investments in own solar and / or wind power plants.

**We will organize auctions for developers by signing the most favorable contracts for a mutual contract for difference for consumers.** In this way, we will ensure that electricity bills for consumers do not rise even as electricity prices on the market rise, as happened in 2022.

**We will provide a state guarantee for commercial banks.** By promoting residential renovations, we will provide a state guarantee to commercial banks lending to residents investing in housing renovations, covering part of the interest and providing a re-lending guarantee for a period of 100 years. We will encourage the active participation of the municipality in the renovation processes.

**We will promote energy conservation.** We will encourage residents who heat buildings with natural gas, diesel, coal to heat up with heat pumps, which, as electricity prices fall, will become an attractive way of

heating and heating. We will provide for simplified procedures to ensure that the heat generated in the cooling systems of buildings can not be removed into the environment, but fed into the network. We will promote the installation of industrial-sized heat pumps that heat water and the supply of heat to district heating networks.



# **Annex A Format of the application/membership report**

## **1. Party Name (as registered) in original language and in English and acronym (if applicable)**

Original language: Demokratų Sąjunga „Vardan Lietuvos”

English: Democratic Union “For The Sake of Lithuania”

Acronym: DSVL

## **2. Country/Region**

Lithuania, Vilnius

## **3. Web address and social media handles for all digital channels (eg. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and other social and digital media accounts registered on the party name)**

Web address: [Demokratai.lt - Demokratai.lt](http://Demokratai.lt)

Facebook: [Facebook](#)

Instagram: [Demokratų sąjunga „Vardan Lietuvos” \(@demokratai\\_vardan\\_lietuvos\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Youtube: [Demokratai „Vardan Lietuvos” - YouTube](#)

## **4. Party headquarters email address**

Email address: [info@demokratai.lt](mailto:info@demokratai.lt)

## **5. Postal and/or visitors address**

Address: Naugarduko g. 68-3, LT-03203 Vilnius

## **6. Party headquarters phone number**

Phone number: +370 608 84299

## **7. Logo file (optional if available: visual identity guidelines, logo files in several formats)**





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**8. MEP group/delegation (names, offices emails and if applicable web link)**

None

**9. Leader(s)**

The Chairman of this party is Saulius Skvernelis

**10. Members of Parliament (number of MPs, list of names or link to the parliamentary group web page, email of the group secretary)**

None

**11. Senators (or equivalent)**

Members of the Parliament:

Saulius Skvernelis

Linus Kukuraitis

Zigmantas Balčytis

Vytautas Bakas

Rima Bakšienė

Algirdas Butkevičius

Domas Griškevičius

Kęstutis Mažeika

Tomas Tomilinas

Rūta Miliūtė

Laima Mogienė

Laima Nagienė

Lukas Savickas

Algirdas Stončaitis

Zenonas Streikus

Vilija Targamadžė

**12. Ministers (Name, Portfolio, web link)**

None

**13. Number of Local Councillors and email of the LC responsible in the party office**

Number of Local Councillors: 124

Email: [info@demokratai.lt](mailto:info@demokratai.lt)

**14. Name of youth organisation and web link**

Name: “Young Democrats Organization”

Web link: [Jaunuju demokratu sajunga \(jauniejidemokratai.lt\)](http://jaunuju.demokratu.sajunga(jauniejidemokratai.lt))

**15. Number of registered members**

3746 members

**16. Party officers (names and emails of Secretary-General, Director, Treasurer, Media Officer)**

Secretary-General: Arnoldas Pikžirnis Email: [arnoldaspikziris@gmail.com](mailto:arnoldaspikziris@gmail.com)

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**17. Leader(s) biography and competence**

Saulius Skvernelis, the Chairman of the party, was born on July 23, 1970, in Kaunas, Lithuania. The politician brings a multilingual perspective to his role by knowing four languages: English, Russian, Lithuanian, and Polish.. Saulius Skvernelis is married and has two children. Beyond his political commitments, Saulius Skvernelis is an avid enthusiast of sports, history, and gardening. His diverse interests reflect a well-rounded personality, contributing to his dynamic leadership within the party.

**Education:**

2005	Mykolas Romeris University, Master of Law
2002	Law University of Lithuania (now – Mykolas Romeris University), Bachelor of Law
1994	Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, mechanical engineer
1988	Marijampolės Jonas Jablonskis School (now Marijampolės Rygiškės Jonas Gymnasium)

**Work experience:**

2016-2020 Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania  
 2014-2016 Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania  
 2011-2014 General Commissioner of the Lithuanian Police  
 2008-2011 Deputy General Commissioner of the Lithuanian Police  
 2005-2008 Head of the Traffic Supervision Service of the Lithuanian Police  
 2003-2005 Commander of the Lithuanian Police Escorting Team  
 2001-2003 Lithuanian Public Police Bureau, Road Patrol Team, Commissioner  
 1999-2001 Police Department under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Traffic Police Service of the Public Police, Organizational Division, Commissioner Inspector  
 1998-1999 Trakai Police Station, Traffic Police, Commissioner Inspector  
 1994-1998 Lithuanian Police Academy (now – Mykolas Romeris University), Department of Police Law and Professional Tactics, assistant

**Political career:**

2022 – now Chairman of the Democratic Union "For the sake of Lithuania"  
 2021 Leader of the opposition in the Seimas  
 2020 – now Member of the XIII Seimas  
 2016 – 2020 Member of the XII Seimas

**18. Latest available set of Accounts**

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III. KITAS TRUMPALAIKIS TURTAS			
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III. NEIŠSICIASIŲ KAPITALAS			
IV. SUKALPTAS VEIKLOS REZULTATAS			
D. FINANSAVIMO BŪGOS			
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I. BŪGALAIKIS BIPARENGIJIMAI		18239	
II. TRUMPALAIKIS BIPARENGIJIMAI	2.7	18239	
NUOSAVAS KAPITALAS, FINANSAVIMAS IR BIPARENGIJIMAI, IŠ VISO		344344	

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Struktūriniai	Pastabų Nr.	Ataskaitinis laikotarpis	Pradžios ataskaitinis laikotarpis
I. PAJAMOS		202673	
1. PARDAVIMO PAJAMOS			
2. FINANSAVIMO PAJAMOS		202673	
3. KITOS PAJAMOS			
III. SANAUDOS		202673	
1. PREKIŲ, SUTEIKTŲ PASLAUGŲ SAVIKAINA IR KITOS PARDAVIMO SANAUDOS			
2. VEIKLOS SANAUDOS		202673	
3. KITOS SANAUDOS			
III. VEIKLOS REZULTATAS PRIEŠ APMOKEŠTINIA		0	
IV. PELNO MOKESTIS			
V. GRŪNASIS VEIKLOS REZULTATAS		0	

(išskaito įstaigose surašyti vertinimo apgauti nauji sąauginti ir pakeičiamieji)

(paraišas) (nuoris, paraišas)

## **19. Party biography**

The Democratic Union "Vardan Lietuvos" (DSVL) is a political party of Lithuania, founded in 2022. The founding convention of the party took place in 2022 on January 29 in Palanga. The founders of the party are the Seimas Democratic faction "Vardan Lietuvos", which was established in September 2021. It was mostly made up of the supporters of ex-premier Saulius Skvernelis who left the Lithuanian Peasants and Greens Union in the Seimas. Saulius Skvernelis was elected as the first Chairman of this political force. The Chairman has 8 deputies. There are no members of the European Parliament. The Democratic Union "Vardan Lietuvos" is a center-left political force. This party undertakes to apply the highest standards of moral policy, the supremacy of public interest, deliberative culture, professionalism, and democracy both in its organization and in the implementation of political goals.

## **20. International and regional structures where the party holds official membership (names, links and status of the membership)**

None



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	TURTAS	Pastabų Nr.	Ataskaitinis laikotarpis	Praėjęs ataskaitinis laikotarpis
<b>A.</b>	<b>ILGALAIKIS TURTAS</b>		0	
I.	NEMATERIALUSIS TURTAS			
II.	MATERIALUSIS TURTAS			
III.	FINANSINIS TURTAS			
IV.	KITAS ILGALAIKIS TURTAS			
<b>B.</b>	<b>TRUMPALAIKIS TURTAS</b>		344344	
I.	ATSARGOS	2.4	91586	
II.	PER VIENERIUS METUS GAUTINOS SUMOS			
III.	KITAS TRUMPALAIKIS TURTAS			
IV.	PINIGAI IR PINIGŲ EKIVALENTAI	2.4	252758	
	<b>TURTAS, IŠ VISO</b>		<b>344344</b>	
<b>C.</b>	<b>NUOSAVAS KAPITALAS</b>		0	
I.	DALININKŲ KAPITALAS			
II.	REZERVAI			
III.	NELIEČIAMASIS KAPITALAS			
IV.	SUKAUPTAS VEIKLOS REZULTATAS			
<b>D.</b>	<b>FINANSAVIMO SUMOS</b>	2.6	326105	
<b>E.</b>	<b>MOKĖTINOS SUMOS IR ĮSIPAREIGOJIMAI</b>		18239	
I.	ILGALAIKIAI ĮSIPAREIGOJIMAI			
II.	TRUMPALAIKIAI ĮSIPAREIGOJIMAI	2.7	18239	
	<b>NUOSAVAS KAPITALAS, FINANSAVIMAS IR ĮSIPAREIGOJIMAI, IŠ VISO</b>		<b>344344</b>	

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valdymo organo nario pareigų  
pavadinimas)

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*Andrius Plešinskas*

(vardas, pavardė)

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Eil. Nr.	Straipsniai	Pastabų Nr.	Ataskaitinis laikotarpis	Praėjęs ataskaitinis laikotarpis
<b>I.</b>	<b>PAJAMOS</b>		<b>202673</b>	
1.	PARDAVIMO PAJAMOS			
2.	FINANSAVIMO PAJAMOS		202673	
3.	KITOS PAJAMOS			
<b>II.</b>	<b>SĄNAUDOS</b>		<b>202673</b>	
1.	PREKIŲ, SUTEIKTŲ PASLAUGŲ SAVIKAINA IR KITOS PARDAVIMO SĄNAUDOS			
2.	VEIKLOS SĄNAUDOS		202673	
3.	KITOS SĄNAUDOS			
<b>III.</b>	<b>VEIKLOS REZULTATAS PRIEŠ APMOKESTINIMĄ</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>PELNO MOKESTIS</b>			
<b>V.</b>	<b>GRYNASIS VEIKLOS REZULTATAS</b>		<b>0</b>	

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(parašas)

Arūdas Rbairis  
(vardas, pavardė)