Country profile: Lithuania

Geography, population and living standards	
Area (sq. km)	65 300
Population	2 971 905
Population density (sq. km)	45.5
Urban population	67.1% of total population
Population growth rate	-0.29% (2014 est.)
Total fertility rate	1.29 children born/woman (2014 est.)
Life expectancy	75.98 years
Ethnic groups	Lithuanian 84.1%, Polish 6.6%, Russian 5.8%, Belarusian 1.2%, other 1.1%, unspecified 1.2% (2011 est.)
Government	
State structure	Unitary state
Executive	President elected by popular vote for a five-year term (eligible for a second term) Prime Minister appointed by the President on the approval of the Parliament
Legislative	Unicameral parliament (*Seimas*) 141 seats 71 members elected in single-member districts, 70 elected by proportional representation Members to serve four-year terms
Elections	Last presidential elections held on 11 and 25 May 2014 (next to be held in May 2019) Last parliamentary elections held on 14 and 28 October 2012 (next to be held in October 2016)
Political situation	The government is headed by Algirdas Butkevicius of the Social Democratic Party (LSDP). It includes the Labour Party and the right-wing Order and Justice. The coalition has 80 seats out of 141 in the *Seimas*.
Legal system	Civil law system; legislative acts can be appealed to the Constitutional Court
Administrative-territorial structure	60 municipalities The **local council** is the municipality's legislative and decision-making body and is made up of members elected by direct universal suffrage for four years. It adopts the budget, enacts local legislation, and has the power to establish smaller territorial units. The mayor is directly elected and is a member of the local council.

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