

**TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Title of Initiative: to achieve greater involvement of the disabled people in sports by allocating not less than 10 per cent of the state budget funds allocated for sport or more to finance the sporting activities of the disabled and for the disabled

Provide a summary of the initiative, including a brief overview, proposed/actual outcomes and an assessment of any lessons learned and the way forward.

Please provide more details on the initiative below:	
Objective(s):	<i>Please indicate which, if any, of the following fell among the main objectives of the initiative:</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that no one is left behind
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies
Implementation mechanisms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
	<p><i>What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?</i></p> <p>After the adoption of the new edition of the Law on Sport of the Republic of Lithuania in 2018, from the beginning of 2019 not less than 10 per cent of the funds of the Sport Support Foundation shall be allocated for the implementation of projects to promote and develop the sports of the disabled and for the disabled (the funds disbursed through the Sport Support for the disabled have increased for from 13 000 EUR in 2016 to 1 300 000 EUR in 2019).</p> <p>Following the provisions of the aforementioned law, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has adopted the procedure for funding the projects of the Sport Support Foundation and the procedure for the allocation of budgetary appropriations for the high-performance sports programmes of national sports organisations.</p> <p>The latter legal act provides that 12 per cent of the total amount of state budget funds designated to finance the programs (8,15 per cent in 2018) shall be allocated for the implementation of the high-performance sports programmes submitted by the umbrella sports organizations of the disabled.</p> <p><i>What are the main deliverables/activities involved?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10 per cent of the Sports Support Fund can be used to finance projects for the disabled people that promote their physical activity, provide them with sports inventory and equipment, offer them qualification development, enable them to organize sports events and provide with opportunity to develop, maintain and repair existing sporting facilities with the aim of adapting them

	<p>for the disabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 12 per cent of the funding for the high-performance sports programmes can be used to finance programmes that mainly include the preparation of athletes for high-performance sport competitions for the disabled and their participation in European and international competitions, championships and games for the disabled. <p><i>What is the time frame of the implementation?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The duration of the sports project may not exceed 4 years. • The sports programmes last much longer, however the funds are allocated annually.
Target Audience(s):	<p><i>Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disabled people and disabled athletes of all age groups.
Partners/Funding:	<p><i>What are the main organisations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles in development and/or implementations?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lithuanian Paralympic Committee, the Lithuanian Committee of Sport for the Deaf, the Lithuanian Blind Sports Federation, the Lithuanian Sport Federation for the Disabled, the Special Olympics Lithuania, sport clubs for the disabled, national sports federations of people without disabilities and legal entities, that engage in sporting activities or wish to carry out them. Their role is to carry out projects and run programmes for the disabled. <p><i>What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State budgetary appropriations and the co-financing funds of the applicants (10 per cent of the cost estimate of a project or programme).
SDG Alignment:	<p><i>To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG subgoal 10.2 – By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status. <p><i>Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Article 30, Item 5: With a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate on an equal basis with others in recreational, leisure and sporting activities, States Parties shall take appropriate measures: (a) To encourage and promote the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels; (b) To ensure that persons with disabilities have an opportunity to organize, develop and participate in disability-specific sporting and recreational activities and, to this end,

	<p>encourage the provision, on an equal basis with others, of appropriate instruction, training and resources; (c) To ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sporting, recreational and tourism venues; (d) To ensure that children with disabilities have equal access with other children to participation in play, recreation and leisure and sporting activities, including those activities in the school system; (e) To ensure that persons with disabilities have access to services from those involved in the organization of recreational, tourism, leisure and sporting activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Council Recommendation of 26 November 2013 on promoting health-enhancing physical activity across sectors. • Inter-institutional action plan for the implementation of the state sports development strategy for 2011–2020, adopted by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. One of the aims of the plan is to promote a healthy lifestyle of all residents of the Republic of Lithuania through physical activity, physical culture and sports. To achieve this aim, programs and projects for the social integration of the disabled through physical education and sports have to be implemented.
<p>Alignment with global frameworks:</p>	<p><i>How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objectives of the Kazan Action Plan, WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity or other related internationally agreed frameworks on sport and/or physical activity?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initiative contributes to reach the aim of the main policy area (I) of the Kazan Action Plan – to foster empowerment and inclusive participation.
<p>Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:</p>	<p><i>Which of the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace is this initiative designed to align?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This initiative is designed to align with the Resource mobilization, programming and implementation thematic area (Thematic Area No. 3) of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace. <p><i>To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area of the need for sustainable investment, resource mobilization and funding streams, alongside creative partnerships, for achieving development and peace objectives through sport. • The area of the need to identify and address key thematic areas in sport for development and peace, as well as cross-cutting issues such as human rights, gender, disability, integrity, transparency and health.
<p>Outcomes:</p>	<p>What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative? The long-term impact of the Sport Support Foundation funding on the number of participation of the disabled people in sport</p>

	<p>remains to be seen yet as the initiative is new and the reports of the projects carried out in 2019 are still being evaluated. The implementation of a number of other projects continues, as they can be implemented in the period of 4 years. However, it shall be noted that the sport projects for the disabled have already accounted for 20 per cent of all the Sport Support Foundation projects (to compare with less than 1 per cent in 2016). According to the public quarterly statistical report, 1 220 disabled persons took part in the project activities of the Sport Support Foundation in the fourth quarter of 2019 and 1 374 persons participated in the activities in the first quarter of 2020.</p>
<p>Mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating implementation:</p>	<p><i>What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?</i> <i>What are the specific monitoring and evaluation tools involved?</i></p> <p>The mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative are set out in the decrees of the Government establishing procedures for the allocation of budgetary appropriations for the high-performance sports programmes and for funding the projects of the Sport Support Foundation. The Education Exchanges Support Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the Sport Support Foundation projects. After evaluating project reports the agency provide a public quarterly statistical report on project implementation. The Ministry of Education, Science and Sports with its Sport Unit monitors and evaluates the implementation of the high-mastership sport programmes. Report is the main tool for monitoring and evaluation.</p>
<p>Challenges/Lessons learned</p>	<p><i>What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been a challenge for the sport organisations for the disabled to draft, submit and manage the projects, as their administrative capacity and professional ability is rather low. <p><i>What lessons learned have/can be utilized in the planning of the future initiatives?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The improvement of administrative capacity and professional development of the non-governmental sports sector (including the sport organisations for the disabled) could be one of national priorities in the field of sport.