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## 1. Identification of the programme

Member state: LIETUVA

Disease avian influenza in poultry and wild birds

This program is multi annual :

no

Request of Union co-financing  
from beginning of:

2016

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## 2. Description and implementation of the surveillance programme in poultry

### 2.1.1 Designation of the central authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme

(max. 32000 chars) :

State Food and Veterinary Service (hereinafter – SFVS) is the sole competent authority in Lithuania responsible for the official control of implementation of the legislation on food, feed, animal health and welfare. State Food and Veterinary Service (central service) consists of Administration and 15 Departments. Administration is comprised of the Director and 4 his deputies. The director is also Chief Veterinary Inspector of the State. Four Departments are concerned with animal health. (Emergency Response Department, Food Department, Veterinary Sanitary Department, Animal Health and Welfare Department)

Functions of Animal Health and Welfare Department, responsible for implementation of programme, are as follow:

The Animal Health and Welfare Department and Emergency Response Department are responsible for the coordination and control of all territorial State Food and Veterinary Services involved in the implementation of this program. Thus departments collects the data, performs statistical analysis and

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evaluation of the surveillance program and informs the relevant authorities in European Union about the progress of the control and surveillance program.

Emergency Response Department:

- Analyses epizootic situation of contagious animal diseases in Lithuania and other countries, makes assessment of risk factors and adopts decisions on control of infectious animal diseases and contingency actions;
- Organizes monitoring and control of contagious animal diseases and zoonoses, and eradication of outbreaks of infectious animal diseases.

Animal Health and Welfare Department:

- Carries out control over identification and registration of animals, over trade of animals, animal by-products, feeds and feed additives, over import, distribution and use of veterinary medicines.
- Analyses, implements EU legislation or drafts national legislation on animal welfare, control, monitoring and eradication of infectious animal diseases.

51 territorial State Food and Veterinary Services (administrative divisions) perform official food and veterinary control.

### 2.1.2 *System in place for the registration of holdings*

(max. 32000 chars) :

The commercial poultry farms are registered in accordance with Order No. B1-517 of the Director of State Food and Veterinary Service of 3 July 2012 on the approval of legal subject that are objects of veterinary supervision by the regional State Food and Veterinary Services. The regional SFVS provide the updates to the list of approved legal subjects to the Animal Health and Welfare Department and the approved subjects of veterinary supervision are included into national register available on Internet <http://www.vet.lt/objektai/LTindex.html>. The registered poultry farms are under veterinary supervision.

The following programs must be presented and operational for the veterinary approval of the holding:

1. The description of technological process and schemes of the holding and the territory.
2. Self – control program.
3. Control Program of drinking water.
4. Program of collection and disposal of waste water
5. Program of use and disposal of animal by products.
6. Control Program of pests.
7. Program of cleaning and disinfection.
8. Program of personal hygiene and health control
9. Program of training of personnel.

The means of transport must be cleansed and disinfected using method and means, approved by SFVS before and after the transportation of live birds.

Small poultry keepers are registered in the Farm animal register which is central Data Base for all farm animals including poultry.

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### 2.1.3 *Design (risk based surveillance or surveillance based on representative sampling taking into account criteria in Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EC)*

(max. 32000 chars):

Method used for avian influenza surveillance will be based on representative sampling, taking into account criteria of Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EC. The surveillance plan is drawn up having regard to Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC for the detection of avian influenza viruses. Sampling for serological testing for avian influenza will be carried throughout the whole territory of Lithuania in accordance with the approved surveillance programme from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

#### 2.1.3.1 *Short description of predominant poultry population and types of poultry production*

(max. 32000 chars):

The predominant poultry population in Lithuania in 2014 are as follows:  
Laying hens of Gallus gallus: 20 holdings with 69 flocks;  
Broiler chicken: 43 holdings with 309 flocks  
Breeding poultry of Gallus gallus: 7 holdings with 71 flock;  
Ducks: 1 holding with 10 flocks;  
Fattening turkeys: 12 holdings with 32 flocks;

#### 2.1.3.2 *Criteria and risk factors for risk based surveillance(1)*

(max. 32000 chars):

State Food and Veterinary Service is responsible for implementation of Avian Influenza surveillance programme in whole territory of Lithuania.

(1) Including maps showing target sampling sites identified as being particularly at risk for the introduction of avian influenza virus, taking into account criteria set out in point 4 of Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EC.

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### 2.2 Target populations (2)

(max. 32000 chars) :

Laying hens, chicken breeders, fattening turkeys, ducks.

(2) including MS specific exceptional circumstances as described in Annex I point 3 of Commission Decision 2010/367/EU)

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### 2.2.1 POULTRY HOLDINGS (a) (except ducks, geese and farmed game birds (waterfowl e.g. mallards) to be sampled

Serological investigation according to Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EU

Targets for year **2016**

Category : laying hens

**delete this category**

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
Lithuania	20	20	10	690	ELISA test
Lithuania	20	20	2	40	HI-test (H5)
Lithuania	20	20	2	40	HI-test (H7)
Lithuania	20	5	5	25	PCR test
<b>Total</b>				795	
<b>Add a new row</b>					

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.  
 (b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested  
 (c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

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Category : chicken breeders

**delete this category**

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
Lithuania	7	7	10	710	ELISA test
<b>Total</b>				710	
<b>Add a new row</b>					

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

(b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested

(c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category : fattening turkeys

**delete this category**

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
Lithuania	12	12	10	320	ELISA test
<b>Total</b>				320	
<b>Add a new row</b>					

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

(b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested

(c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.



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**Add a category**

Totals	Total number of tests
<b>Total poultry 2016</b>	1 825

2.2.2 *DUCKS ,GEESE AND FARMED GAME BIRDS (WATERFOWL e.g. MALLARD) HOLDINGS (a) to be sampled.*

*Serological investigation according to Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EU*

*Targets for year* **2016**

Category : duck breeders

**delete this category**

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
Lithuania	1	1	20	20	ELISA test
					<b>X</b>

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<b>Total</b>			20
<b>Add a new row</b>			

(a) *Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.*  
 (b) *Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (2) code can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested*

### Add a category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of tests		
<b>Total ducks and geese and farmed game birds 2016</b>		20	

**TOTALS for Poultry (2.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (2.2.2) and farmed game birds for year :**

2016

<b>Poultry + Ducks/Geese /farmed game birds</b>	<b>Total number of tests</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	1 845
<b>Grand Total ELISA</b>	1 740
<b>Grand Total agar</b>	0
<b>Grand Total HI tests (H5)</b>	40
<b>Grand Total HI tests (H7)</b>	40

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Grand Total Virus Isolation test	0
Grand Total PCR test	25
Grand Total Other test	0
Grand Total Samplings	0

### 2.3 Sampling procedures, sampling periods and frequency of testing taking into account criteria set out in Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EC

(max. 32000 chars) :

Samples will be taken by the official veterinarians of the territorial State Food and Veterinary Services and by the official (authorized) vets. Sampling in frame of passive surveillance in wild birds will be carried out during all period set in programme. The time period for sampling in the poultry holding will coincide with seasonal production for each poultry production category and will be combined with sampling for Salmonella control.

### 2.4. Laboratory testing : description of the laboratory tests used and follow up investigations taking into account criteria set out in the Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza (Common Decision 2006/437/EC)

Description of the used serological tests : (max 32000 chars )

#### Serological testing

The State Food and Veterinary Service has had a serological monitoring programme for avian influenza in place since 1999. The programme is part of the

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Animal Health Programme, and monitors commercial breeding poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese) just before they come into lay, and when they move between sites. In addition blood samples from poultry are screened, as are commercial laying flocks prior to export.

Laboratory performs detection of avian influenza (HPAI) disease antibodies against in serum by Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and haemagglutination inhibition (HI) method, according to OIE recommendations (as described in "Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals 2012" Chapter 10.4).

Detection of antibodies against highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A viruses in serum by ELISA method:

The IDEXX AI Ab Test is an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) designed to detect antibody to avian influenza viruses (AI) in chicken serum. The IDEXX AI Ab Test detects antibody reactivity to 20 different subtypes, including 14 hemagglutinin glycoproteins and the H5N1 subtype. ([http://www.idexx.com/view/xhtml/en\\_us/livestock-poultry/poultry/avian-influenza.jsf](http://www.idexx.com/view/xhtml/en_us/livestock-poultry/poultry/avian-influenza.jsf))

Detection of antibodies against highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A viruses in serum by haemagglutination inhibition (HI) method. ([http://vla.defra.gov.uk/services/ser\\_tests.htm](http://vla.defra.gov.uk/services/ser_tests.htm))

Detection of Influenza virus A subtypes H5 and H7 using one-step RT-PCR:

Laboratory performs detection of avian influenza (HPAI), according to OIE recommendations (as described in "Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals 2012" Chapter 10.4).

Virus isolation testing:

Virus isolation testing is carried out on all suspicious cases. All viruses isolated will be sent to the CRL, where H5 and H7 subtypes will be subjected to characterisation (VPI and nucleotide sequencing). The CRL will provide the protocol for sending isolates to the CRL, and the reporting tables for collection of survey data.

### 3. Description and implementation of the surveillance programme in wild birds

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### 3.1.1 *Designation of the central authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme and relevant collaborating partners (e.g. epidemiologists, ornithologists, nature bird observation and hunter organisations).*

*(max. 32000 chars):*

State Food and Veterinary Service (hereafter - SFVS) with all territorial units (in total 51) is a central authority in charge of supervising and coordinating of sampling procedure. The Animal Health and Welfare Department is responsible for the coordination and control of all territorial State Food and Veterinary Services involved in the implementation of this program. This department collects the data, performs statistical analysis and evaluation of the surveillance program and informs the relevant authorities in European Union about the progress of the control and surveillance program. The territorial SFVS have the contracts with private vets (authorized vets), which are involved in sampling. In each territorial SFVS are contracts with hunting clubs and with regional environment protection departments. Wildlife inspectors from the National Parks and Wildlife Service will participate in the sampling programme by reporting abnormal death of the bird. Ornithologists are also involved. In case they found dead wild birds they must to report to regional territorial SFVS and authorized vets or governmental veterinary inspectors take a samples and deliver to the National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute for AI testing.

### 3.1.2 *Description and delimitation of the geographical and administrative areas in which the programme is to be applied*

*(max. 32000 chars):*

Passive surveillance of wild birds will be implemented in a whole territory of Lithuania, in 51 territorial units of State Food and Veterinary Service.

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### 3.1.3 Estimation of the local and/or migratory wildlife population

*(max. 32000 chars):*

Approximate number of Anseriformes (water fowl) and Charadriiformes (shorebirds and gulls), which stay for winter in Lithuania is 45 000 (data of ornithologist association). Also Lithuania is in the route of autumn- spring migration of water fowl. Approximately 200 000 of wild birds belonging to 82 species have been observed during the autumn migration. It is estimated that 5 percent of them are waterfowl. Also, a large scale of waterfowl species are nesting in Lithuania during summertime.

### 3.2 Design, criteria, risk factors and target population(3)

*(max. 32000 chars):*

Anseriformes (water fowl) and Charadriiformes (shorebirds and gulls) will be the main sampling targets to assess if they carry LPAI viruses of H5 and H7 subtypes (which would in any case also detect HPAI H5N1 and other HPAI, if present). Samples will be taken in a frame of passive surveillance. Found dead and suspected wild birds - mainly Anseriformes (water fowl) and Charadriiformes (shorebirds and gulls) will be the main sampling targets species.

- (3) *Areas at risk (wetlands in particular where links with high density poultry populations), previous positive findings as referred to in point 2 of Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2010/367/EC should be taken into account and if possible complemented by a map.*

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### 3.2.1 WILD BIRDS focussed on target species

Investigations according to the surveillance programme set out in conformity with Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2010/367/EC

*Targets for year*

**2016**

NUTS (2) code/region (a)	Total number of birds to be sampled	Estimated total number of samples to be taken for passive surveillance	Type of test	Number of tests
Lithuania	51	51	PCR test	51
<b>Total</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Add a new row</b>				

(a) Refers to the place of collection of birds/samples. In case NUTS 2 (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested. Please fill-in these values directly in the field.

	Total number of tests
<b>Total number of tests</b>	51
<b>Total Virus isolation tests</b>	0
<b>Total PCR tests</b>	51
<b>Total Other tests</b>	0

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### 3.3 Sampling procedures and sampling periods

*max 32000 chars :*

Samples will be taken by the official veterinarians of the territorial State Food and Veterinary Services and by the official (authorized) vets. Sampling in frame of passive surveillance in wild birds will be carried out during all period set in programme. Faeces and pooled samples of organs from dead wild birds will be used for testing.

### 3.4 Laboratory testing : description of the laboratory tests used taking into account criteria set out in the *Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC)*

*max 32000 chars :*

Real-time RT-PCR (HA2 region of the H7 gene and N1 gene (according to VLA, 6th February, 2007), M gene and H5 gene (according to Commission decision 2006/437/EC approving Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza, Chapter VI; 4th August, 2006)) and Virus isolation test in embryonated fowls' eggs (according to Commission decision 2006/437/EC approving Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza, Chapter VIII, 4th August, 2006) will be used for monitoring of wild birds.

## 4. Description of the epidemiological situation of the disease in poultry during the last five years

*max 32000 chars :*

No cases of Avian influenza have been recorded in Lithuania. The following number of samples have been tested during the last 5 years with the negative results:

In 2010- 2205 samples of poultry and wild birds,



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In 2011-1655 poultry and 27 wild birds,  
In 2012 -1530 poultry and 337 wild birds,  
In 2013- 784 poultry and 49 wild birds,  
In 2014- 758 poultry and 67 wild birds.

### 5. *Description of the epidemiological situation of the disease in wild birds during the last five years*

*(max. 32000 chars) :*

No cases of Avian influenza have been recorded in Lithuania.

### 6. *Measures in place as regards the notification of the disease*

*(max. 32000 chars) :*

"Law on Veterinary Activities" (Official Gazette, 1992, No. 2-15; 2010, No. 148-7563) - Animal owners must immediately notify to veterinarian on animal death, abortions, simultaneous affection of several animals and any case, which arise suspicions that animal are affected by infectious disease.  
The Order of Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No. B1-281 of 12 April 2006 "Programme for animal contagious diseases" (Official Gazette, 2006, No. 48-1760).

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### 7. Costs

#### 7.1 Detailed analysis of the costs

##### 7.1.1 Poultry including ducks, geese and farmed game birds

*(max. 32000 chars) :*

Cost of ELISA is 3,26 Euro, cost for PCR test is 19,74 Euro.

##### 7.1.2 Wild birds

*(max. 32000 chars) :*

Cost of RT PCR is 19,74 Euro.

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### 7.2 Summary of the annual costs :

#### 7.2.1 Poultry surveillance including ducks, geese and farmed game birds

##### Detailed analysis of the cost of the programme - poultry

### Targets for year 2016

Laboratory testing					
	Methods of laboratory analysis	Number of tests	Indicative unitary test cost (per method) in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
ELISA test		1740	3.26	5672.4	
agar gel immune diffusion test		0	1.8	0	
HI-Test for H5 (specify number of tests for H5)		40	9.64	385.6	
HI-Test for H7 (specify number of tests for H7)		40	9.64	385.6	
Virus isolation test		0	37.88	0	
PCR test		25	19.74	493.5	
Other test		0	0	0	
<b>Sampling</b>					
		Number of samples	Unitary cost in € (*)	Total cost (€)	



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### 7.2.2 Wild bird surveillance

#### Detail analysis of the cost of the programme - wild birds

#### Targets for year **2016**

Laboratory testing				
Methods of laboratory analysis	Number of tests	Unitary test cost (per method) in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
Virus isolation test	0	37.88	0	
PCR test	51	19.74	1006.74	
Other cost	0	0	0	
Delivery of wild animals				
	No of wild birds	Eligible cost in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
Delivery of wild animals	51	10	510	
Other measures				
	Number	Unitary cost in €	Total cost (€)	

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NA	0	0	0	X
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<b>Total wild birds Testing + Delivery + Other measures</b>			1 516,74 €	

(\*) as per cofinancing decision for 2014 programmes

TOTALS for Poultry, duck, geese, farmed game birds (7.2.1) + WILD BIRDS (7.2.2) for year :

2016

<b>Grand Total Poultry, Ducks/Geese/Farmed game birds + WILD BIRDS</b>	Total Cost
	8453,84

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### C. Financial information

#### 1. Identification of the implementing entities - financial circuits/flows

Identify and describe the entities which will be in charge of implementing the eligible measures planned in this programme which costs will constitute the reimbursement/payment claim to the EU. Describe the financial flows/circuits followed.

Each of the following paragraphs (from a to e) shall be filled out if EU cofinancing is requested for the related measure.

a) Implementing entities - **sampling**: who perform the official sampling? Who pays? (e.g. authorised private vets perform the sampling and are paid by the regional veterinary services (state budget); sampling equipment is provided by the private laboratory testing the samples which includes the price in the invoice which is paid by the local state veterinary services (state budget))

(max. 32000 chars):

The collection of samples will be done by veterinary inspectors from territorial State Food and Veterinary Service and authorized (contracted) private vets, which are paid by the SFVS. Costs of sampling equipment is included in the payment.

b) Implementing entities - **testing**: who performs the testing of the official samples? Who pays? (e.g. regional public laboratories perform the testing of official samples and costs related to this testing are entirely paid by the state budget)

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(max. 32000 chars) :

National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment institute is reference laboratory to perform the testing of official samples and costs related to this testing are entirely paid by the state budget).

c) Implementing entities - **compensation**: who performs the compensation? Who pays?  
(e.g. compensation is paid by the central level of the state veterinary services,  
or compensation is paid by an insurance fund fed by compulsory farmers contribution)

(max. 32000 chars) :

Compensation is paid by the National Paying Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture.

d) Implementing entities - **vaccination** : who provides the vaccine and who performs the vaccination? Who pays the vaccine? Who pays the vaccinator?  
(e.g. farmers buy their vaccine to the private vets, send the paid invoices to the local state veterinary services which reimburse the farmers of the full amount and the vaccinator is paid by the regional state veterinary services)

(max. 32000 chars) :

N/A



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e) Implementing entities - **other essential measures**: who implement this measure? Who provide the equipment/service? Who pays?

*(max. 32000 chars) :*

State Food and Veterinary Service is the sole competent authority in Lithuania responsible for the official control of implementation of Avian influenza surveillance programme. Collection of samples and testing is paid from the national budget.

2 Co-financing rate (see provisions of applicable Work Programme)

*The maximum co-financing rate is in general fixed at 50%. However based on provisions of Article 5.2 and 5.3 of the Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, we request that the co-financing rate for the reimbursement of the eligible costs would be increased:*

Up to 75% for the measures detailed below

Up to 100% for the measures detailed below

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### 3. Source of funding of eligible measures

All eligible measures for which cofinancing is requested and reimbursement will be claimed are financed by public funds.

*yes*

*no*

*Please describe the other sources of funding: (max 32000 characters)*

Sampling and testing is funded from the national budget.

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