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**PRIORITY ACTIVITIES AND MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2012–2103**

Priorities set for 2012–2013 period (short overview below) require effective usage of the potential of the projects, both financed from the EU Structural Funds and other sources, and implemented by the National Library. The infrastructure created during the period of implementation of the projects serve for the development of new information services, thus strengthening the significance of the National Library as a service provider within the society and the Lithuanian library system. Modern tools for upgrading competences of library staff create prerequisites for efficient usage of human resources and emerging of new organizational competences.

**Ensuring proper infrastructural environment for the implementation of activities prescribed by legal regulations**

One of the most important tasks for implementation of this priority still remained a long drawn out renovation of the National Library's main building. We succeeded to achieve essential changes in supervision process management quality; however, the main problem still remained insufficient funding of the reconstruction project retarding full-force implementation of the National Library objectives. The situation necessitated re-evaluation of design works and new modelling of essential technological flows and structural spaces. We hope for completion of the reconstruction by the end of 2015.

The National Library is carrying out the project for creating the Lithuanian Integrated Library

Information System (LIBIS), and is responsible for the computerization of library and information processes within Lithuanian public libraries as well as integration of Lithuanian information resources into worldwide systems. Development of the LIBIS infrastructure enabled further development and implementation of electronic services. The result of the investment project "Development of Interactive Electronic Services for Ordering and Receiving Publications at Public Libraries" financed from the European Structural Funds (2009–2012) was the e-services portal [www.ibiblioteka.lt](http://www.ibiblioteka.lt) where the library users can get here such e-services as ordering the reader's card, using an automatic reference system and personal administering of the time for receiving documents, ordering and receiving full-text documents, document copies or their digitized parts, and making payments for them, subscribing news about the National Library and other public libraries, services provided or available documents. While the renovation of the National Library's main building is going on, our users prefer online services, especially readers' registration and re-registration online. In 2012 the investment project "Implementation of Provision of Electronic Publications to the Readers and Intellectual Search for Electronic Resources in Library catalogues" was launched by the National Library, aiming to develop usage of electronic catalogues, provide consulting and other popular services via mobile devices thus creating new and increasing attractiveness of traditional services. In accordance with the programme of the National Library's membership in TEL, the records of the LIBIS Union Catalogue providing information about documents from the collections of 80 Lithuanian libraries were submitted to the portal of the European Library.

### **Acquisition of printed documents, databases and other documents**

Reduced budget allocations still restrain implementation of one of the main functions of the National Library – accumulation of the documentary collections. Due to limited resources, document acquisition expenditures were reduced to the minimum – 121.1 thousand LTL in 2013 (100.0 LTL planned for 2013). Legal deposit and donations still remain the main source of acquisition of documents for the National Library collections and the National Archival Fund of Published Documents. In 2012, the legal deposit copies constituted 61% of documents acquired (against 91% in 2011). The founding of the Centre of Formation and Development of Information Resources in the middle of 2012 in the National Library created presumptions to improve management of this sphere and optimize processes of acquisition, inventory control and processing of library's collections. The National Library has joined initiatives to improve regulatory basis for legal deposit.

The National Library participated in the project "eMoDB.LT: Electronic Scientific Databases Go to Lithuania" implemented by the Association of Lithuanian Research Libraries and licensed 41 databases, including 4 Lithuanian and 34 foreign databases, and 3 database archives containing over 20.7 thousand full-text periodicals, 14.1 thousand full-text e-books and other publications accessible to users. The users got access to the *Refworks* – online bibliographic management program that allows users to create a personal database of references and

generate bibliographies; they could easily gather, manage, store and share all types of information from licensed databases and other electronic sources. Special attention was paid to promotion and advertising of the databases.

### **Development of the Virtual Electronic Heritage System**

The main objective pursued was setting legal and organizational conditions for supporting the functions of the National Library as a national digitization centre in line with the Strategy for Digitization of the Lithuanian Cultural Heritage, Digital Content Preservation and Access. Development of the system for digitization monitoring was launched in 2012. Performing the monitoring and assessment of digitization activities in Lithuania shall be administered by the National Centre for Digitization and the Virtual Electronic Heritage System of the National Library of Lithuania as well as performing functions of competence centre providing consultations for other producers of digital content on description of digital objects and electronic resources, standardization of creation, preservation and dissemination of digital content. Completion of the project "Development of the Virtual Electronic Heritage System" implemented by the National Library has resulted in the following achievements: complete infrastructure of digitization of Lithuanian cultural heritage, integral and diverse digitized content, semantic search based software ensuring service quality. 125,000 objects were integrated into the portal [www.epaveldas.lt](http://www.epaveldas.lt) in 2012. Development of the portal caused further development of electronic services and increasing of number of diverse cultural heritage objects accessible. Downloading of higher resolution documents became possible. The project "Presenting Classical Works of Lithuanian Literature Online" financed from the EU Structural Funds started in 2012, providing digitization, optical recognition, structurization, converting and integration into the Virtual Electronic Heritage System database of 600 works of Lithuanian literature. We aim for providing access for potential users to digitized Lithuanian literature works so ensuring their accessibility via internet for all habitants of Lithuania. .

In 2012 Europeana Foundation and the National Library signed the agreement on integration of digitized Lithuanian cultural heritage into the *Europeana* portal. The National Library was given rights of Data Aggregator. In total, 47,756 objects were integrated into *Europeana* portal in 2012. Since 12 September, 2012 descriptive data of digitized documents in *Europeana* portal was given the Open Access under a Creative Commons Attribution License. This was an important stimulus for implementation of open access ideas and initiatives. Descriptive data of the Lithuanian cultural heritage in *Europeana* can be available for users in implementation of new products and services and design of mobile equipment software and applications.

### **Ensuring continuity of activities and results of the project "Libraries for Innovation" in public libraries of Lithuania**

In 2012 the national project "Libraries for Innovation" implemented by the National Library

together with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was completed. The final international conference „Changes in Libraries – for Changes in Society. Assessment of the Impact of Project Results“ was held in June, 2012. 900 public libraries had a possibility to watch a live broadcasting of the conference. In addition to providing tremendous opportunities for people by forwarding the introduction of information technologies in public libraries, providing conditions for gaining computer literacy and mastering smart usage of internet resources and e-service, the Project also contributed to the development of the library staff and motivated them to promote community activities. Thorough modernization of IT infrastructure, improving of staff competences and motivation of tens of thousands of people for active usage of internet advantages led public libraries to the expansion of library activity mission. Library changes are noticed and appreciated by their visitors and the whole public. After completion of the project „Libraries for Innovation“ public libraries working in dynamic environment will ensure further development of functions of the centre of community life and add to the progress of the society.

The National Library has taken over the network and infrastructure created by the project and strives for ensuring continuity of the project activities and results in Lithuanian public libraries. For this purpose, activities in the fields of updating infrastructure, ensuring continuing librarians' training, performing of measures for public relations and motivation of people, and impact assessment are being planned and implemented. The National Library remains engaged in centralized maintenance of information structures, updating staff competences in public libraries, national-scale monitoring, research and analysis of situation, promotion of public libraries' activities. The new project „Libraries for Innovation +“ will help to achieve these goals.

## KEY FIGURES IN 2012

### Collections:

Books and bound periodicals	4,855,112
Manuscripts	77,748
Microforms	81, 540
Audiovisual materials	82,757
Cartography	12,726
Other materials (including printed music, broadsheets, etc.)	1,332,708
<b>Total holdings</b>	
<b>- in items</b>	<b>6,662,266</b>
<b>- in titles</b>	<b>1,766,606</b>
Registered users	12,595
Number of visits	122,804
Number of virtual visits to the catalogues, databases	411,154
Number of documents borrowed	1,166,035

Number of working places for users	253
Library staff	495 (364 out of them professional librarians)
Total operating budget	
-Incomes (thousand LT/EUR)	30,141.5/8,729.6
-Expenditures (thousand LT/EUR)	29,145,9/8,441.3

## **PERFORMING THE FUNCTIONS OF A PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY**

For performing the functions of a parliamentary library, the Parliamentary Information Department was established in 1991 with the prime responsibility to provide reference and information services for the governing bodies of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, members of the Seimas, their advisers and public servants. During more than the two decades of performing its functions of a parliamentary library, the National Library accomplished and refined services for Lithuanian parliamentarians and members of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania. Since 2004 the National Library has been issuing the periodical scientific research publication *Parlamento studijos* ("Parliamentary Studies") presenting material related to the issues of the expression of democratic processes, history, law, political sciences, language and dissemination of information. We carry on continuing collaboration with the Department of Parliamentary Research at the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania in providing current bibliographical information as well as press and thematic reviews for the members of the Seimas. We aspire to retain this status, for few of national libraries have a status of a parliamentary library.

Lithuania holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2013. This requires more input from the National Library to satisfying information needs of the state institutions, as more than 20 top level and about 170 expert level meetings will be held in Vilnius. Our task is also provision of current comprehensive bibliographic information about the Lithuania's holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

## **NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION**

One of the strategic goals of the National Library was strengthening the dynamics of coordination of the national and integration into the global library science processes. Reorganization of the Library Science Centre of the National Library of Lithuania started in 2012 thus creating presumptions for development of better communication with the Ministry of Culture of Lithuania and other institutions, taking more active part in updating of the system for the development of library staff competences, modern training programmes and continued learning, and coordination of cooperation with the county public libraries in the spheres of staff training, methodical activities and other important issues. The Library Science Centre also aims

to establishing itself as a coordinator of international professional relations in the structure of the National Library.

In 2012 the National Library's international alliances included involvement in the activities of international professional organizations, partnership with national libraries and participation in international projects and document exchange programmes. The key activities were related to The European Library (TEL) and *Europeana* as well as to the association of the libraries of the Baltic Sea region states *Bibliotheca Baltica*. Agreement of the National Library and the Foundation Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) on participation in the creation of The European Library and *Europeana* was prolonged. In 2012–2014 the National Library together with other European culture and heritage institutions takes part in implementation of the project *Europeana Awareness* which aims at promoting use of *Europeana*'s information and cultural resources by a broad public. *Bibliotheca Baltica* Board meetings take place at the National Library annually, devoted to analysis of perspectives of strategic partnership with Baltic region institutions coordinating state development, contribution to strengthening of efficiency of strategic, politic and cultural cooperation in the region, participation in the projects implementing the Digital Agenda for Europe 2020. Director General of the National Library Prof. Dr. Renaldas Gudauskas was elected as a president of the *Bibliotheca Baltica* in 2012.

The National Library's involvement in national and international networks provides for the realization of significant projects which determine positive changes in Lithuanian libraries.