

## Litauen: MITA - Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology

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The Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (Mokslo ir technologijų agentūra - MITA) is the main governmental institution, responsible for implementation of innovation policy in Lithuania. Briefly, it is a national innovation agency.

MITA provides free of charge services for clients from business, science and public sectors, interested in possibilities to develop strong cooperation relations with international partners and get financial support for research and innovation projects.

The main activity is the coordination of national (high-tech, industrial biotechnology) and international programmes (FP7, EUREKA, EUROSTARS, CIP) of research, technological development and innovation and other financial schemes (innovation vouchers, protection of industrial property rights). MITA provides national financial support for projects participants.

MITA also promotes business and science cooperation, commercialization of research and protection of intellectual property rights.

MITA was established in 2010 with the aim to foster business and science cooperation and to create a friendly environment for business needs and innovation. These goals are foreseen in national Innovation Strategy for the year 2010-2020, approved by Lithuanian Government. Two ministries: the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Education and Science are the main founders of MITA. The activities of MITA are jointly supported and funded by them.

Before the reorganization, MITA was well known as an Agency for International Science and Technological Development Programmes (2002-2010), coordinating FP7. The start was under the activities of Lithuanian national EUREKA information center (1999).

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