

Lithuania (cont.)

The size of the public sector, as well as the gap between citizens' expectations and the value created by the public sector for taxpayers' money is constantly growing. Recent challenges and crises have opened the sores of the civil service: there is a lack of professional managers and civil servants capable of preparing quality solutions, the civil service has run down, and its prestige has diminished. Therefore, one of the Government programme top priorities for the public sector is to implement a comprehensive public administration reform with a view to enhancing professionalism, flexibility, innovation, and technology implementation, as well as strengthening accountability, decision making, and complex challenge-response capacity in the public sector.

The forthcoming action plan for the implementation of the Government's program, which is expected to be approved by mid-March, provides for ambitious activities to improve the public administration system.