

## SPRING 2011 REFORM BAROMETER - LITHUANIA

	Level			Rank			Gap		Areas of Action
	2009	2010	Change	2009	2010	change	EU top 5	Gap <sup>1</sup>	2010
Pillar I	1 GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity- PPP)	12461	12954	4,0%	29	29	0	NL IE SE AT DE	-57%
	2 GDP per capita (€ at 2000 prices)	5941	6049	1,8%	28	28	0	DK SE IE FI AT	-80%
	3 Labour productivity per hour worked (PPP)	15,8	17,0	7,5%	28	28	0	NL BE FR DE IE	-59%
	4 Labour productivity per person employed (PPP)	29407	31942	8,6%	29	29	0	IE BE FR SE NL	-52%
	5 Private investment (excluding non residential, %GDP)	4,7	3,5	-1,2	31	31	0	BG BE AT DE IT	-10,1
	6 Industrial activity (% total value added)	24,6	25,2	0,6	10	10	0	IE SK CZ FI SI	-7,4
	7 R&D expenditure (% GDP) *	0,8	0,8	0,0	24	24	0	FI SE DK DE AT	-2,3
	8 Operating surplus (% total value added)	49,4	52,7	3,3	8	6	2	BG GR MT SK IE	-4,3
Pillar II	9 Current Account (% GDP)	2,6	2,6	0,0	11	12	-1	LU SE NL DE DK	-3,3
	10 Export market share (gain from 2000)	67,5	69,6	2,1	2	2	0	RO LT CZ HU BG	6,2
	11 Net export contribution to GDP	15,3	1,6	-13,7	3	9	-6	BG IE GR HU CY	-2,3
	12 Share in global trade	0,1	0,1	0,0	27	27	0	DE FR NL UK IT	-4,1
	13 Relative unit labour cost (gain from 2000)	5,3	0,2	-5,1	16	8	8	DE PL AT SE FR	8,0
	14 High-tech exports (% total exports) **	7,3	6,5	-0,8	19	20	-1	MT LU IE HU CY	-22,2
Pillar III	15 Employment rate (% working age population)	60,1	56,8	-3,4	29	30	-1	NL DK SE AT DE	-12,0
	16 Employment rate 15-24 (% population 15-24)	21,5	17,9	-3,7	31	31	0	NL DK AT UK DE	-35,8
	17 Employment rate 55-64 (% population 55-64)	51,6	47,9	-3,8	15	17	-2	SE DE UK CY DK	-11,8
	18 Annual hours worked (per capita)	1863	1882	1,0%	8	8	0	PL GR HU LV CZ	-4%
	19 Labour participation (% working age population)	70,9	70,7	-0,2	21	22	-1	DK SE NL PT DE	-9,3
	20 Working age population (as % total population)	69,0	69,6	0,6	9	7	2	SK PL CY CZ RO	1,0
Pillar IV	21 Unemployment rate (% labour force)	13,7	17,8	4,1	29	30	-1	AT NL LU MT CY	12,2
	22 Gross debt - general government (% GDP)	29,5	37,4	7,9	5	5	0	EE LU BG RO LT	13,3
	23 Net debt - general government (% GDP)*	-8,0	0,7	8,6	8	10	-2	FI EE SE BG CZ	98,5
	24 Government budget balance (% GDP)	-9,2	-8,4	0,8	24	27	-3	SE EE LU FI DE	-6,3
	25 Primary balance (% GDP)	-7,9	-6,5	1,5	26	27	-1	HU SE IT EE MT	-6,1
	26 Tax burden (% GDP)	30,0	29,2	0,0	8	7	1	LV SK RO BG LT	-1,3
Pillar V	27 Highest marginal tax rate, individual rate (%)*	24,0	15,0	-0,375	6	2	4	BG CZ LT RO SK	8
	28 Public investment (% total public expenditure)	10,0	10,0	0,0	11	9	2	PL CZ RO BG LV	-4,0
	29 Budgetary adjustment related to age (% GDP)	N/A	2,0	N/A	N/A	14	N/A	PL EE HU BG SE	1,9
	30 Net foreign assets (% GDP) *	55,5	67,5	12,0	16	17	-1	NL BE DE DK FI	91,8
	31 Net financial assets, households (% GDP) *	34,3	39,2	4,9	20	20	0	BE IT NL FR DE	-119,2
	32 Net financial liabilities, non financial corporations (% GDP)*	99,3	106,9	7,6	12	14	-2	SK NL DE GR PL	44,4
	33 Regulatory tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets *	12,9	14,2	1,3	10	17	-7	MT LU BE BG EE	-3,0
	34 Non performing loans to total gross loans *	4,6	19,3	14,7	25	30	-5	FI LU SE SI AT	17,6
	35 Loans to private sector (% GDP)	69,4	65,5	-3,9	6	6	0	RO SK PL CZ HU	16,9
	36 Bank liabilities (%GDP) *	79,8	95,5	15,8	4	4	0	SK RO PL LT BG	19

Source : European Commission, Eurostat

A methodological note can be found in the report or [here](#).

Five best  
Lowest third

1. Percentage points, when not indicated otherwise

\* 2008/ 2009 data

\*\* 2007/ 2008 data

## PRIORITIES FOR REFORM: ANSWERS FROM LPK (LITHUANIA)

	Policy Area	Concrete Recommendations	Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?	
			Yes	No
Priority 1	1	a. Reduce the number of bureaucratic barriers for business start ups; b. Improve the performance of supervising authorities – business supervision measures should be more of informative and consultative nature, and less of penalty nature; business check-ups of similar nature conducted by different supervising authorities must be avoided c. Simplify tax administration procedures for SMEs; d. Create efficient information and financial support schemes for business start ups.	X	
Priority 2	23	a. Increase competition in financial sector; b. Improve performance of financial engineering schemes (eg. JEREMIE schemes) – simplify administrative procedures, orientate these schemes towards real business needs.	X	
Priority 3	15	a. Public spending decisions must be implemented through cost-benefit analysis; b. Implement structural social security, education and healthcare system reforms; c. Create long-term public finance strategy orientated towards concrete long-term fiscal goals.	X	
Priority 4	3	a. Simplify administrative procedures for European RDI programs; b. Ensure long-term stability of national RDI support programs; c. Promote RDI among businesses.	X	
Priority 5	12	a. Create prudent labor demand forecasting mechanisms; b. Promote life-long learning among various labor market groups; c. Improve workers' retraining mechanisms, eg. implement retraining of workers through voucher systems.	X	

Policy areas
1. Business Environment - Regulatory barriers to entrepreneurship
2. Business Dynamics - Start-up conditions
3. R&D and Innovation
4. ICT
5. Competition policy framework
6. Sector specific regulation (telecom, energy)
7. Market integration - Openness to trade and investment
8. Active labour market policies
9. Job protection
10. Labour supply measures for specific groups (older workers, women...)
11. Wage bargaining and wage-setting policies
12. Labour market mismatch and labour mobility
13. Making work-pay: interplay of tax and benefit system
14. Pension and health care reforms
15. Quality of fiscal institutions and budgetary framework
16. Consolidation of public expenditures
17. Public sector efficiency
18. Public investment
19. Tax reforms
20. Access to bond markets
21. Access to equity markets
22. Venture capital and SME financing instruments
23. Bank lending conditions
24. Long term investment instruments