

COMMITMENTS TO LITHUANIA

Program Guidelines of the “Nemunas Dawn” Party for the 2024 Lithuania’s Seimas Elections

For over 30 years, we have been building an independent Lithuania together. We want to live with dignity and believe in justice. We want the government to trust us as much as we trust Lithuania. Ultimately, we want to dream and envision our future here in Lithuania. But this alone is not enough. Nor is it enough to live from one crisis to the next. And these crises are only increasing: demographic issues no longer surprise anyone, we face crises of inequality and justice, and crises in governance and (in)security have become daily companions in our lives. Over the past four years, we have not only become a nation of crumbling bridges but have also destroyed the last bridges of mutual understanding. Entire groups of people, and even whole regions have been written off by those in power, while those who opposed this have been drowned in a culture of “cancellation.” The phrase “Don't like it? Elect someone else in four years” has become the measure of communication between the authorities and the people. We have begun to fear open dialogue, much like in the past, before „Aušra“—the dawn awakened by Jonas Basanavičius—began to stir Lithuania.

It's time to rebuild bridges! Seeing how liberals and conservatives, who have forsaken true conservatism, renounce even what has nurtured Lithuania for centuries—its traditions, values, and people—while the opposition in the Seimas sells itself and Lithuania for a slightly larger slice of bread, we have united in the “Dawn Movement.” This is how „Nemunas Dawn“ was born. We respect Lithuanian culture, aim to foster traditional family values, and conserve Lithuania’s forests. Like you, we want to see an educated, economically strong, socially responsible, and secure state of law, where the government trusts all its citizens and treats everyone with equal justice, and where politicians can take personal responsibility. We aim to create conditions that allow individuals, communities, and regions to grow, so that all can live with dignity, security, and a voice, and so that we can all share equally in the prosperity created by the state. For us, being with Lithuania is not about “occasional patriotic displays.” When we see injustice, we will not remain silent, our mouths taped shut.

Our 26 Key Commitments for the Seimas Term 2024–2028:

Social Policy

- We will develop financial incentives for families purchasing their first home;
- We will apply income tax relief for families with three or more children;
- We will align the non-taxable income amount (NPD) with the minimum monthly wage (MMA);
- We will simplify the process for individuals to exit the second-pillar pension funds and ensure that the principle of contractual freedom fully applies to new enrolments in the second pillar.

Education, Science, and Healthcare

- We will declare a four-year moratorium on new reforms and restructuring in the fields of education, science, and healthcare;
- We will halt the restructuring of school and healthcare facility networks, conduct an audit of the changes, and correct any mistakes made; we will review the legal foundations of school

and healthcare facility networks and decide on a strategy for developing and managing these networks that benefits each municipality in Lithuania.

Sustainable Economy

- We will establish the Lithuanian State Bank “Vytis”;
- We will declare a two-year moratorium on tax changes. Our tax policy will be implemented in a way that does not increase social inequality and supports the growth of the middle class;
- We will ensure that state-owned enterprises not only generate profit for the state but also fulfil a social mission. We will conduct audits of these enterprises and implement changes based on the results;
- We will create financial incentives to promote the development of small and medium-sized businesses in the regions.

Transportation

- Following Poland's example, we will establish a national road fund to provide a stable source of funding for road infrastructure improvements.

Energy sector

- We will delist Ignitis shares, enabling the state to repurchase them; we will review the activities of other energy-related companies and initiate structural reforms aimed at controlling electricity and gas prices.

Environmental Protection

- We will halt clear-cutting in forests and develop a strategy for the preservation of Lithuania's forests; we will continue promoting green energy initiatives.

Sustainable Agriculture

- We will halt Green Deal measures that increase social inequality and harm agriculture, rural, and regional development.

Culture and Historical Memory

- We will introduce a Senior Culture Pass, similar to the student culture pass, to improve access to cultural events for people of all age groups;
- We will depoliticize the reforms of the Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania that were implemented by the conservative party.

Empowering Society

- Considering demographic changes, we will lower the threshold for the number of signatures required to initiate a referendum;
- We will respect public opinion and refrain from initiating legislation if the vast majority of citizens oppose it.

Government Accountability and State Governance

- We will end the centralization of public service provision in major cities;

- We will propose amendments to the civil asset forfeiture law to ensure personal accountability for politicians.

Justice

- We will make public the list of individuals who collaborated with the KGB;
- We will establish a lay judge system in courts;
- We will ensure that appointments to the Constitutional Court meet international standards and are depoliticized.

Foreign Policy Serving Lithuania

- In foreign policy, we will return to decision-making based on the constitutional principle (Article 135 of the Constitution) that foreign policy must primarily serve our national security and the welfare of our citizens.

Resilience to Threats in Lithuania

- We will work to end the denigration of specific groups in Lithuania, promote civic education, and strengthen civil protection measures;
- We will ensure that national defence is not financed at the expense of vulnerable and socially disadvantaged people by raising consumption taxes.

Let all of Lithuania win!