

THE IMPACT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

ON LITHUANIAN FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICY

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1ST REACTIONS TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE

As soon as the invasion of Ukraine began, Lithuania declared a state of emergency by decree of the Lithuanian President, Gitanas Nausėda, which was unanimously passed by parliament (and is still in force today):

- Strengthen border security (vehicle checks)
- Strengthen the security of critical infrastructures
- Strengthen defence policy

PREPARING FOR A DIRECT THREAT

Increase in the defence budget to €2.133 billion in 2024 (2.85% of GDP), declaration by the President of Lithuania with the aim of increasing the budget to around 5 to 6% of GDP/year over the period 2026-2030.

“At the State Defence meeting, we took a truly historic decision [...] on the sustainable funding of our national defence. We agreed that we would allocate 5% to 6% of GDP per year to defence over the period 2026-2030.”

Quote from the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Gitanas Nausėda
17/01/2025

Evolution of the Lithuanian budget of defense in % of GDP

