

Directorate-General for the Presidency
Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

Factsheet: The Seimas of the Lithuanian Republic



1. At a glance












Lithuania is a republic and a parliamentary democracy. The legislative power rests with the *Seimas*, a unicameral parliament composed of 141 national representatives elected for a 4 years term: 71 are directly elected and 70 are elected on a proportional basis. Parties need to reach the threshold of 5% of the vote to have seats.

The *Seimas* has an Assembly of Elders, composed by the Members of the *Seimas* Board and the Speakers of the Parliamentary Groups.



The *Seimas* meets annually in **two regular sessions**, spring session (from the 10th of March to the 30th of June) and autumn session (from the 10th of September to 23rd of December). Extraordinary sessions shall be convened by the Chairman of the *Seimas* upon the proposal of at least 1/3 of all members of the *Seimas* or, in some cases, listed in the Constitution, by the President of the Republic.

The *Seimas* has wide powers to make decisions on the European Union (EU) matters. All the permanent committees take part in the consideration of EU affairs. Two committees, the Committee on European Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Affairs, have exceptional powers in this regard.

2. Composition

Results of the last general election in October 2016				
	Party	EP affiliation	%	Seats
	Lietuvos valstiečių ir žaliųjų sąjunga	Greens/European Free Alliance	41%	58
	Tėvynės sąjunga - Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai (TS), Homeland Union - Lithuanian Christian Democrats		21%	31
	Lietuvos Socialdemokratų Partija (LSDP) Lithuanian Social Democratic Party		13%	19
	Liberalų sąjūdis (LS) Liberal Movement		9%	14
	Tvarka ir Teisingumas (TT) Order and Justice		5%	8
	Lietuvos lenkų rinkimų akcija, LLRA LLRA Lithuanian Poles' Electoral Action		5%	8
	Other parties/Independents/ Non-affiliated members			2
	Turnout : 50,64		100%	141
The next general elections should take place in October 2020.				

3. Officeholders

Speaker of the Seimas of the Lithuanian Republic  Mr Viktoras Pranckietis (LVŽS/Greens/European Free Alliance) since 14 November 2016	Chairperson of the Standing Committee on European Affairs  Mr Gediminas Kirkilas (LSDP/S&D) since November 2016
Secretary General of the Seimas : Ms Daiva Raudonienė since 23 December 2014	

4. Relations with Members of the European Parliament

Participation rights for Lithuanian MEPs in plenary sittings	Yes
Participation rights for Lithuanian MEPs in committee meetings	Yes
Availability of videoconferencing system in the Seimas	Yes

5. Information links

- Official website: <http://www3.lrs.lt>
- [Rules of Procedure](#)
- [List of committees](#)
- [Recent documents submitted by the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania to the EU Information Exchange \(IPEX\)](#)
- [The EP Information Office in Vilnius](#)

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