

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ON CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

with a view to strengthening friendly relations between the two countries and their peoples;

convinced that cultural, educational and scientific exchange and cooperation will contribute to greater mutual knowledge and understanding between the two countries,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Following the principles of equality and mutual interest, the Contracting Parties shall promote and support the cooperation in the fields of culture, education and science, according to the legal acts in force in both countries.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage cultural cooperation between the two countries and enhance each country's knowledge of the history and culture of the other country.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage mutual cooperation in the fields of music, theatre and musical theatre and promote the exchange of soloists and groups of other artists and performers.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall promote mutual cooperation in the fields of fine arts and exchange of art and other cultural exhibitions.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall promote cooperation between the two countries in the fields of cultural heritage protection, archaeology, archival science, museology and library science, as well as the exchange of experts and publications.

The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct cooperation between national libraries and archives of the two countries.

The Contracting Party shall create favourable conditions for the representatives of the other Contracting Party to visit libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions in their respective countries.

Article 6

The Contracting Party shall ensure the protection of intellectual property rights of the other Contracting Party in their territory, in accordance with their national law and relevant international agreements, by which they are bound.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall promote direct cooperation between authorities in charge of the protection of intellectual property of the two countries.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties promote cooperation in the field of cinematography and invite representatives from both Contracting Parties at international film events and festivals held in the two countries.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of teachers, education experts as well as students, researchers and lecturers of higher education institutions between the two countries.

The Contracting Parties shall also encourage direct cooperation between higher education and research institutions of the two countries. The Contracting Parties shall promote the implementation of joint research and technology development projects of mutual interest.

Upon decision of the Contracting Parties, the implementation and funding procedure of the above mentioned exchange shall be laid down by developing separate agreements or programmes.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall exchange information and consider the mutual and reciprocal recognition of education certificates, qualifications of higher education, research degrees and academic titles.

Article 11

The Contracting Parties shall promote the direct co-operation and exchange of information between the public broadcasters (national radio and television companies) of the two countries.

Article 12

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the mutual cooperation and exchange between youth organisations and their representatives from both countries.

Article 13

The Contracting Parties shall promote exchange and co-operation in the fields of physical education and sports as well as encourage mutual contacts between the sports organisations of the two countries.

Article 14

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the fields mentioned in this Agreement without prejudice to any rights and obligations, arising from other international agreements, by which they are bound and observe the rules of the international organisations to which they are members.

Article 15

The Contracting Parties shall conclude cooperation programmes for the implementation of the Agreement in the separate fields mentioned therein.

The programmes shall lay down the procedure of mutual cooperation and financial provisions.

Article 16

The Contracting Parties shall form a Joint Commission comprising representatives from both countries, which shall be responsible for the implementation of the Agreement and co-ordination of the cooperation provided for therein, as well as consider the questions arising during the implementation of the Agreement.

The Joint Commission shall meet alternately in Vilnius and Zagreb. The meeting time and location shall be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Article 17

This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of receipt of the last written notification by which the Contracting Parties notify each other, through diplomatic channels, that all internal legal procedures necessary for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for a further periods of five years, unless one of the Contracting Parties informs the other Contracting Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, not later than six months prior to the date of expiration of the relevant period, about its intention to denounce the Agreement.

In case of denunciation of this Agreement any projects or programmes undertaken but not realised during the period of its validity shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement, until the said projects or programmes have been fully realised.

DONE at Vilnius on 20 February 2007 in two originals,
in the Lithuanian, Croatian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of
the Republic of Lithuania**



**For the Government of
the Republic of Croatia**

