# NIFO Factsheet – Lithuania

The main online sources for interoperability related information in Lithuania are:

- The Law of Management of Government Information Resources: https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/legalAct.html?documentId=TAR.85C510BA700A
- The Government Interoperability portal: http://saveikumas.gov.lt/
- The eGovernment portal: https://www.epaslaugos.lt/portal/
- The State Information Resources Interoperability Platform (SIRIP or VIISP in Lithuanian): http://www.ivpk.lt/lt/lthm/veikla/veiklos-sritys/viisp see also the video describing SIRIP: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrfoDYcuWYE

## Main interoperability highlights

Lithuania operates the State Information Resources Interoperability Platform (SIRIP)[1] that offers an easy way for public authorities to design, deliver and manage e-services. The SIRIP is also part of the legal framework through the Law of Management of Government Information Resources[2]. This law aims to ensure adequate public information resources development, management, administration, use, maintenance, interoperability, planning, financing and safety.

The Lithuanian Public Governance Development Programme 2012-2020 - PGDP – is established through the Government decree No 171 (approved since early 2012). This Programme sets objectives and goals with a timeline, evaluation criteria and indicators. The overarching strategic goal includes the aim to increase openness of public administration processes and participation of the general public, to provide high-quality administrative and public services and to enhance the performance management of public administrations. As part of this overall goal, the objective is to continuously increase the operational efficiency of public administrations. The use of consolidated IT management standards and the establishment of the State Information and Communication Technology Interoperability Framework (task 2.3.2) are enablers of this efficiency improvement. The latter framework is expected to be revised and updated by 2020 and will use the European Interoperability Strategy (EIS) and the European Interoperability Framework (EIF) as guidelines.
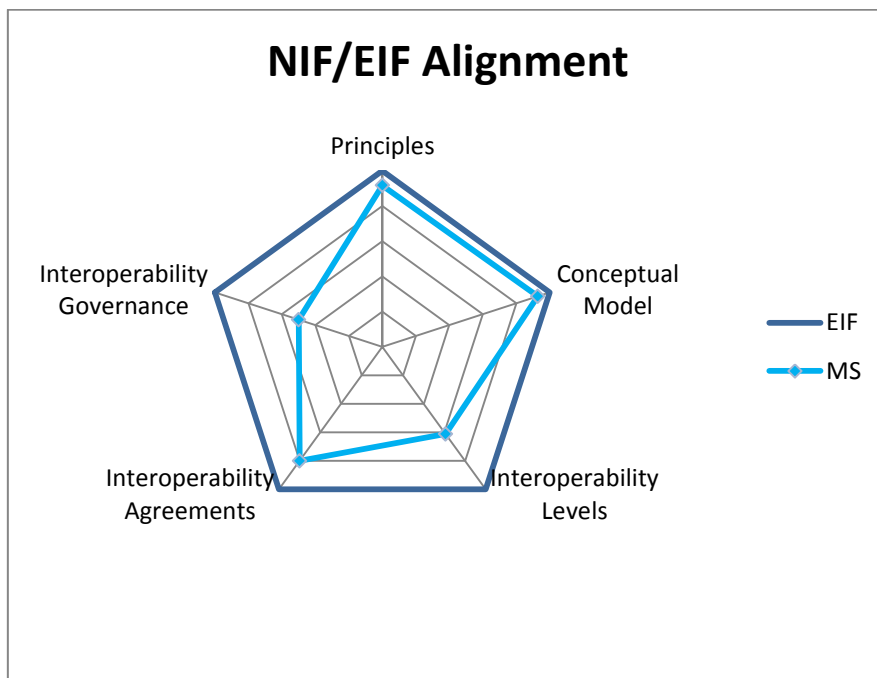
## Summary of the NIF

The current framework for interoperability in Lithuania is structured around the Public Governance Development Programme 2012-2020 (PGDP) and the Law of Management of Government Information Resources that established the legal framework for the SIRIP as well as related legislation. The principles, conceptual model, interoperability levels and interoperability agreements are covered by the legislation in place and the SIRIP platform.

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[1] SIRIP: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrfoDYcuWYE
[2] https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/legalAct.html?documentId=TAR.85C510BA700A

## Alignment NIF/EIF

The Lithuanian NIF is well aligned with the EIF for the principles and conceptual model dimensions and fairly aligned for the interoperability levels and interoperability agreements dimensions. No alignment has been observed for the interoperability governance dimension.

### NIF/EIF Alignment



Ten of the twelve principles mentioned in the EIF are fully aligned with the EIF, administrative simplification and preservation of information are partially aligned.

The SIRIP serves as the Lithuanian conceptual model and as such is very well aligned with the EIF. Only the compliance to security and privacy regulation is not fully aligned.

Also for the interoperability levels, SIRIP is the main source of alignment, however not all levels of interoperability are described (as change management, for example).

As regards the interoperability agreements and governance, it is clear that public administrations are obliged to use the SIRIP components and that SIRIP sets out the service requirements.

More detailed information on NIF / EIF alignment is provided on the NIFO Community on JoinUp on the Compare NIFs page.

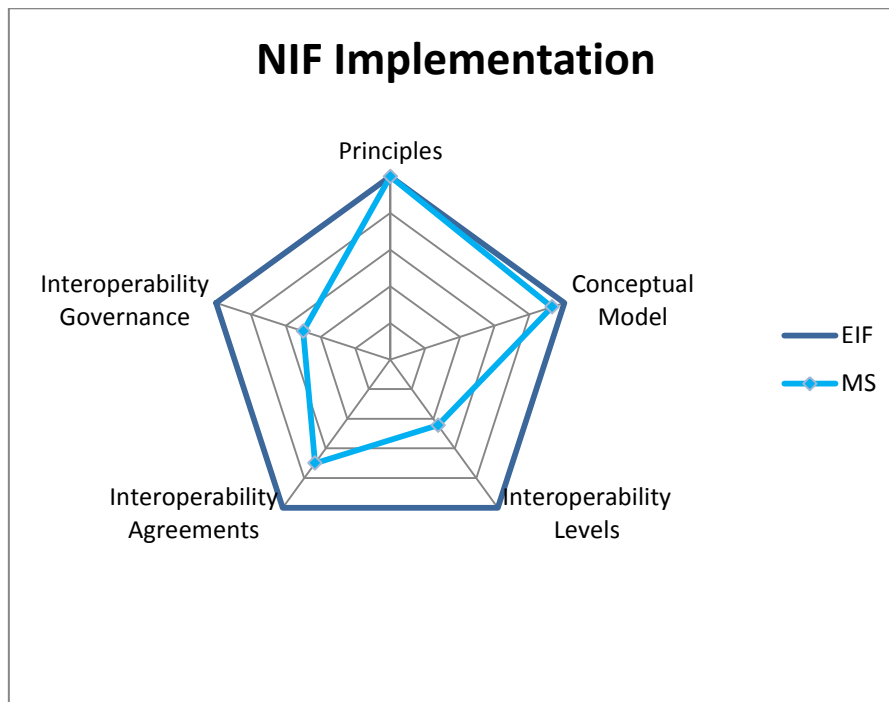**Example of alignment – EIF Principle 7: Transparency**

In Lithuania, this principle is described by law (Art. 10 Principles)

-   Institutions, when developing and processing state information resources are guided by the following basic principles:
    o   10) Perfection: which means that persons securing convenient access to electronic services provide views and suggestions for their improvement and get answers.

See chapter IV 10, https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/forms/legalAct.html?documentId=TAR.85C510BA700A

## Implementation of NIF

Examples of implementation of the NIF have been identified for the principles, conceptual model and interoperability agreements dimensions, and to a lesser extent, for the interoperability level.
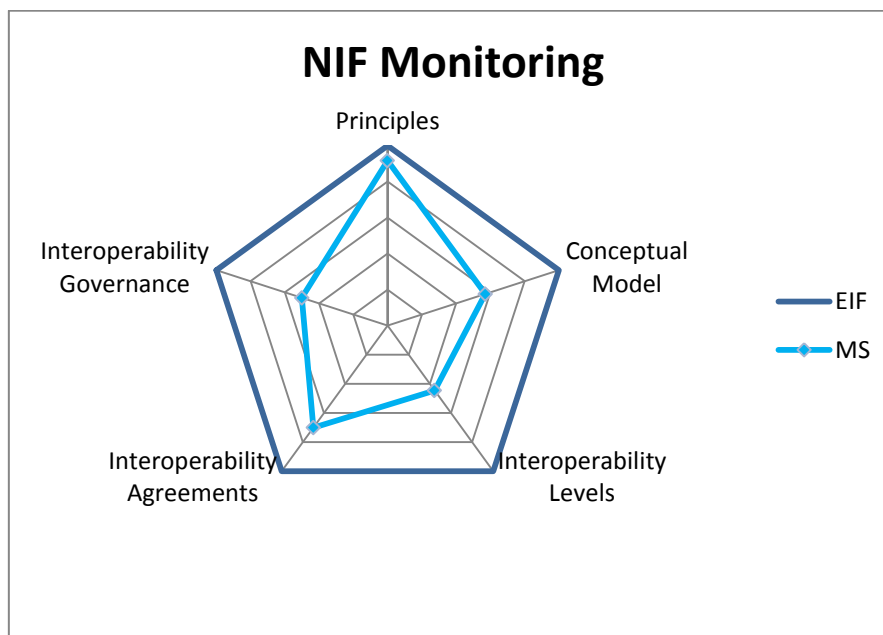


For all of the twelve principles, a large scale implementation is identified. For the technology neutrality and adaptability principle, an example of implementation is provided, as well as for inclusion and accessibility.

As per the conceptual model, standardised schemes for different components and the requirements for implementing access and control mechanisms are available via the eGovernment portal. Implementation is so executed for almost all the recommendation of the conceptual model.

Also concerning the interoperability levels, agreements and governance the specifications of SIRIP are standardised and its attachments are available on SIRIP eGovernment portal according to SIRIP specifications and requirements.

## Monitoring of NIF

In Lithuania, the principles are monitored.

## NIF Monitoring



Information Society Development Committee[3] under the Ministry of Transport and Communications (www.ivpk.lt) is responsible for SIRIP meeting and its regulations. National Audit Office of the Republic of Lithuania authority (www.vkontrole.lt) regularly checks on if SIRIP meets its regulations. Principles are almost fully monitored and a quite good rating of monitoring is provided also for the other criteria.

More information on all the implementation and monitoring examples is provided on the NIFO Community on JoinUp on the Compare NIFs page.

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[3] https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/forms/legalAct.html?documentId=TAR.3BC011766B26

**Example of implementation/monitoring – EIF principle 5: Multilingualism**

This NIF element is applied on eGovernment portal and monitored by Information Society Development Committee.

- The eGovernment (www.epaslaugos.lt) portal is developed in 2 languages - Lithuanian and English, all technical parameters, source code and text are in English.

See examples of comments on eGovernment portal translation, www.epaslaugos.lt and identification WSDL in English, https://www.epaslaugos.lt/portal/authenticationServices/auth.wsdl

- The Information Society Development Committee under the Ministry of Transport and Communications (www.ivpk.lt) time by time checks the translation of eGovernment portal information into English.

See www.ivpk.lt

## Other initiatives on interoperability

The web-portal Sąveikumo portalas[4] gathers information concerning interoperability. This website provides among others an explanation of interoperability in the context of Lithuania, explains what the current projects are and also indicates links to initiatives in other countries, including the ISA/ISA² programme.

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