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The Ministry of Culture is the governmental body of the Republic of Lithuania **in charge of formulating and implementing the state culture policies** in the fields of professional and amateur art, theatre, music, fine arts, cinema, museums, libraries, publication as well as in the area targeted

at the safeguard of copyright and neighbouring rights and the protection of cultural values.

The Ministry's mission is to establish conditions ensuring the continuity, development and promotion of national culture, society's freedom and diversity of cultural expression, protection of cultural values, as well as the development of a democratic, free and open society.

The Ministry of Culture is responsible for carrying out **state governance functions in the area of culture** within the framework of laws and other legislation:

- drafting of the laws and other legislation regulating the cultural and creative sectors;
- drafting of strategies, programmes and other planning documents to do with the development of cultural and creative sectors and coordination of their implementation;
- setting priorities for funding of the cultural and creative sectors, as well as the allocation of funds to cultural organizations;
- ensuring accounting and protection of cultural heritage;
- coordination of the system for the protection of copyright and neighbouring rights;
- coordination of the implementation of state policy in the area of public information;
- development of regional cultural strategies;
- international cooperation and EU affairs.

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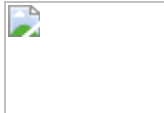
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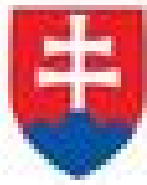
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