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COUNTRY: Lithuania

INSTITUTION(S):

- 1. Department of Foreign Languages, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania (DFL)
- 2. Institute of Foreign Languages, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania (IFL)
- 3. English Language Testing Section, Training and Doctrine Command of Lithuanian Armed Forces (TRADOC)

1. TRAINING MANDATE:

a. Languages, levels taught:

Languages taught are English, German and French. Students of English make up the predominant majority due to Lithuania's obligations to the NATO Alliance. French and German are taught depending on the choice of officers and cadets. Teaching of Russian is planned to start in September 2012.

Basic Level, STANAG 6001 Levels 2 and 3 are taught.

b. Number of courses in a given year

IFL conducts Level 1, Level 2 (both 4.5 months long) and Level 3 (6 months long) courses twice per year. Levels 1, 2, 3 refresher courses (5 weeks long) are conducted from two to sixteen times per year. The total number of the refresher courses per year depends on the needs expressed by the Ministry of National Defence.

c. Number of teachers, number of students

The number of teachers at IFL is 42. Annually they train about 600 students. The number of teachers at DFL is 14 teachers of English, 1 teacher of German and 1 parttime teacher of French.

d. Curricula developed in-house?

All students are trained according to the developed-in-house curricula approved by the Academy Programs Committee and afterwards confirmed by the Senate of the Academy. The core material used for General English is the latest New Headway series; for Military English – Campaign 1, 2, 3; Command and Control; textbooks published by Defence Language Institute USA supplemented by the Internet and teacher-developed materials.

2. TESTING MANDATE:

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- a. In-house with 5 full-time specialists in English Language Testing Department (TRADOC).
- b. Responsibilities: Developing and administering NATO STANAG 6001 test and administering of ALCPT.

3. STANDARDS USED (IN ADDITION TO STANAG 6001):

1. National Basic Level and Levels 2 & 3 Achievement Tests. They are developed inhouse by the Methodology subsection specialists in the Institute of Foreign Languages,



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2. ALCPT. Used for screening personnel to the courses and NATO STANAG 6001 test (requirement is ALCPT 75 to sit the STANAG test as National NATO STANAG 6001 test is a bi-level test (Levels 2&3), except for International students who take a Multilevel NATO STANAG 6001 test (Levels1 – 3).

4. COURSES OPEN TO OTHER NATIONS:

- a. Level 2 International English Language Course for officers from post-Soviet countries of Middle Asia, the Caucasus region and Eastern Europe as well as from the Balkan countries.
- b. Level 3 English Language Course for officers from post-Soviet Eastern Europe.

5. RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO REQUESTING NATIONS:

All international courses are run on the basis of bilateral cooperation agreements with the said countries. The students are trained and receive all training material as well as gain access to all possible training facilities free of charge. They also receive free board and lodging and daily allowance. The Academy also covers their travel expenses.

6. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

Department of Foreign Languages, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania (DFL): A research "Psycho-educological Basis of the English Language Teaching and Learning Dimension" is conducted by Assoc. Prof. Dileta Jatautaite. Duration: 2011-2014.

7. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:		
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