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From September 2023 to July 2024 the evaluation experts carried out field research for Lithuania, which was a part of the study "Challenges for Cohesion: looking ahead to 2035", contracted by the European Commission, DG Regio. Please find below detailed information on the evaluation carried out.

Title of the study	"Challenges for Cohesion: looking ahead to 2035", field research for Lithuania.
Aim of the study and main results	The aim of the study "Challenges for cohesion: looking ahead to 2035" was to analyse the past and potential future (2035) impact of three challenges on EU national and regional cohesion: globalisation and technological change; demographic change; transition to a climate-neutral and resilient economy impacting on the regional disparities and development potentials in the EU. The field research included an assessment of the new challenges and the relevance of the existing EU investment programmes/measures (namely, the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRP), the 2021-2027 Partnership Agreement of Cohesion policy and the main regional programmes, 2021-2027 Rural Development Programmes) to address them. The study aimed to help shape the EU Cohesion Policy post 2027. The work of the country expert consisted of the following tasks: Desk research of the main regional and national planning documents (covering the 2021-2027 programming period) to identify strategies, policy measures and interventions (including estimations of the financial allocations per each challenge) relevant to the three challenges at national level and, where possible, at regional level. Interviews with national representatives, public officials and stakeholders involved in the design of the respective national strategies and policies, as well as with regional authorities and stakeholders involved in the design and implementation of regional strategies and policies. Country report on the results of the analysis carried out. Focus group with the aim to validate the preliminary research results of the project. Ieva Kriščiūnaitė-Kačiuškienė was responsible for the part of the field research related to the challenge of globalisation and technological transformation, and the challenge of transition to a climate-neutral (including decarbonisation of industry) and resilient economy. The final recipient of the study was DG Regio, European Commission. The report is not available to the public.
Timeline	September 2023 – July 2024
Name of service provider, experts	UAB „ESTEP Vilnius”,
Evaluation of the services provided	Services were provided on time and were of a high quality.
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