

## **Priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers**

### **Support for Ukraine Defending Itself against Russia's war of aggression:**

- Strengthening of the democratic institutions of Ukraine and support for reconstruction efforts, including through the implementation of the Action Plan “Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction”.
- Ensuring accountability for international crimes: further steps towards a comprehensive compensation mechanism linked to the Register of Damage and use of the Council of Europe expertise for the establishment of a Special International Tribunal for the crime of aggression, as well as consider a discussion on consolidated efforts to harmonize sharing of information regarding cases of Russia and Belarus sanctions circumvention.
- Protection of rights, safety, and well-being of the children of Ukraine, safe return of Ukrainian children unlawfully deported by Russia.

### **Council of Europe at 75 – Consistent Implementation of Reykjavik Summit Decisions and Outlook Beyond:**

#### **Protection of Our Values against Aggression and Authoritarianism**

- Protection of human rights in conflict areas.
- Support for civil society, independent media, and human rights defenders from Belarus and other countries oppressed by authoritarian regimes, working in their home countries or in exile.
- Reform and strengthening of the Organization to meet the challenges of the future.
- Aligning Secretariat employment with Council of Europe membership.

#### **Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law at Home and Worldwide**

- Implementation of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights.
- Reinforcement of social rights.
- Promoting anti-corruption and good governance.
- Gender equality and women's rights, children, and youth.
- Addressing the impact of the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity on human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
- Cultural diversity and heritage.

#### **Digital Dimension of Freedom**

- Freedom of expression and safety of journalists, including online.
- Artificial intelligence and human rights.
- Fight against disinformation, hate speech and distortion of history, access to information.
- Non-traditional media, progress of digital technology, media literacy.