

# **EIPA will help Lithuanian Ministry of Interior to implement public service and public administration reform**

Deputy Minister of the Interior Sigita Ščajevienė and Adviser to the Minister Raimundas Kalesnykas participated in the 40th-anniversary events of the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA). In a meeting with EIPA Director General Marco Ongaro and experts, Deputy Minister S. Ščajevienė presented the Lithuanian public administration and civil service reform concept and discussed the possibility of using EIPA experts in the implementation of the reform.

Marco Ongaro congratulated the Lithuanian decision to implement a public sector reform in order to make it more effective, flexible, professional and stressed the need to integrate the EU's principles of good governance into the reform package.

## **Renewal of the cooperation agreement**

It was agreed to renew the cooperation agreement signed between EIPA and Lithuania in 2006. EIPA will contribute to strengthening the strategic and analytical competencies of Lithuanian civil servants by providing free access to the EIPA e-learning system and advising on the preparation of guidelines for the transformation of the civil service and public administration system. Additionally, it was decided that in 2022 the annual EIPA conference will be organized in Lithuania.

## **EIPA40years event 'Making European Policies Work – Next Generation EIPA'**

Representatives of the Ministry of the Interior together with members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission and the OECD, public administration and civil service policy experts and researchers from the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Denmark, the Czech Republic, and other EU countries also participated in the EIPA 40th European Conference: Making European Policies Work – Next Generation EIPA. Participants discussed the improvement of the public sector, the implementation of EU good governance practices at the regional and local level, the optimization of training and learning strategies for civil servants, the search for synergies between EU policymaking and the functioning of public administrations in the Member States.