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Challenges and solutions in 2 months

Challenge raised by members	What IF did	Where it stands	
Annual recovery plan updates for smaller financial institutions	Proposed less frequent updates to the Bank of Lithuania	PARTLY	Bank of Lithuania presented a draft amendment that allows a lower update frequency case by case.
Thin capitalisation rule 4:1: hard to prove an independent party would lend	Proposed to abolish the rule (21 Sep)	PARTLY	Abolition postponed until EU decisions; proof requirements to be reviewed by end-2026.
Reinvested profit relief too narrow and too short (bill XVP-1669)	Position: wider scope, no end date, clearer deduction rules. Also raised with the Prime Minister	IN PROGRESS	Position to be submitted to the ministries and the Seimas committee.
Wider tax administrator powers without safeguards (bills XVP-1981–1984)	Detailed comments to the Ministry of Finance (16 Oct) and Seimas committees (20 Oct)	IN PROGRESS	Hearing in the Seimas Budget and Finance Committee on 4 Nov.
Unclear VAT treatment of additional healthcare services	Initiated a meeting with the Tax Inspectorate (14 Oct); the Inspectorate acknowledged the problem.	IN PROGRESS	Letter (23 Oct) to the Ministry of Finance and Tax Inspectorate: uniform treatment, partner input, pause in inspections.
Taxation of in-kind benefits (Tripartite Council)	Proposed no tax below 3% of payroll (5% with a collective agreement)	IN PROGRESS	Ministry of Finance opposed and will provide data within two weeks. Talks to continue if needed.
Spouse's consent needed to sell jointly owned securities	Supported simplification	ACHIEVED	Law adopted: consent no longer required from 1 Jan 2027.
Hauliers buy fuel abroad: partial excise refund (bill XVP-1584)	Joint LVK, LPK, IF letter (19 Oct) urging the Government to support the bill	IN PROGRESS	Draft Government opinion opposes. IF estimate: €50–123m extra budget revenue.

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Fuel price-change limits (the “10-hour rule”)	Opposed the limits in the Seimas (letter 6 Oct, bill XVP-1378)	PARTLY	Committee dropped the rule and backed real-time price publication from 1 Jan. Plenary vote to follow.
Repeated short-term sick leave and weak control	Asked for it on the Tripartite Council agenda; urged stronger control, simpler procedures	IN PROGRESS	Discussed 15 Sep and 20 Oct. Employers to send written proposals; Sodra to assess controls.
Foreign graduates must prove 0.5 × minimum monthly wage to stay	Proposed lowering the subsistence requirement (8 Sep)	IN PROGRESS	Ministry of Social Security and Labour: “will initiate changes”, no deadline given.
Vans up to 4.25 t on a B category licence	Proposals to the Ministry of Transport (1 Oct) and a Seimas member (20 Oct)	IN PROGRESS	Ministry position unchanged: rules from 26 Nov 2027, not earlier. Seimas route open.
Assisted reproduction missing from the Family policy package	Proposed adding support to the package (25 Sep)	NOT ACCEPTED	Ministry of Health: not now; will consider later if funds allow.
Administrative decisions still need a civil servant’s signature	Drafted a legal basis for automated decisions; shared with the Ministry of Agriculture (23 Oct)	IN PROGRESS	Deputy Minister called burden reduction a key task; the ministry’s working group will assess the draft next.
Kaunas FEZ expansion and supply of investment-ready land	Supported at Seimas and with communication	IN PROGRESS	Kaunas FEZ warns of a shortage of prepared sites.

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Laser export licences take 4–5 months and come with extra conditions	Proposed one-time information requests, an overall deadline and joint training (Ministry of Economy and Innovation, 29 Sep)	PARTLY	Government decision adopted. Further decision awaits.
Investment account regime: unclear tax consequences for individuals	Supported the simplification; asked to clarify tax consequences and protect individuals (Ministry of Finance, 13 Oct)	PARTLY	Awaiting reply from the Ministry of Finance.
Electronic communications resilience: duplicated requirements	Joint letter with LVK and Infobalt (13 Oct): list telecom operators as critical entities; recognise measures taken under NIS2 and other acts	IN PROGRESS	Awaiting reply from the Government Chancellery.
Cardiovascular disease: premature deaths shorten working lives	Asked the Ministry of Social Security and Labour (25 Sep) to support the Ministry of Health's national cardiovascular health plan	PARTLY	Accepted by phone; assigned to the Ministry's working environment group. No written reply expected.
Tax predictability: risk of changing the agreed 2025–2027 tobacco, nicotine and alcohol excise plans	Joint letters to the Prime Minister and Ministry of Finance: keep the agreed plans (tobacco with LVK, 30 Oct; alcohol with LPK and LVK, 4 Nov)	IN PROGRESS	Sent 30 Oct and 4 Nov; awaiting replies.
Member lacks staff parking; the adjacent city-owned site holds towed cars	Brokered talks with Vilnius City Municipality (since Oct 2025) on leasing the site in exchange for a replacement one	PARTLY	City offers a 5-year lease without tender if a replacement site is provided; none found yet. Proposal due 1 Dec, Council 16 Dec.

9 decisions presented to the Government

Forum with the Government, 26 October · who answers by 1 December

1 Migration strategy for talent

30% of income above 2× average wage untaxed for 5 years; time-limited permits for lower-skilled.

Ministry: Interior

2 6-year primary education pilot

In volunteer municipalities; programmes unchanged; village schools stay open.

Ministry: Education, Science and Sport

3 Reinvested profit relief

Wider sectors, no end date. IF estimate: €61m cost, not €300m.

Ministry: Finance, Economy and Innovation

4 Data centres: one path

Prime Minister-led project management; Invest Lithuania for 50+ MW; second subsea cable.

Ministry: Economy, Energy, Transport

5 Fines: warning first

Recommendations and time to fix; proportionality audit of fine methodologies.

Ministry: Economy, Justice

6 Road quality and concessions

Durable asphalt, 10-year warranty, 20–25-year concessions.

Ministry: Transport

7 Direct air connectivity

At least €10m in the 2027 budget; a joint airline company with a partner.

Ministry: Transport

8 AI against the shadow economy

Link sales, payroll, declarations and registers to flag mismatches; time to correct.

Ministry: Finance

9 Public sector KPIs

Public dashboard; pilot with 10 institutions and 20 services in 2027.

Ministry: Interior

26 Oct
Forum with the Government

28 Oct
Letter to the Prime Minister from the Board Chair

30 Oct
Chancellery sends it to the ministries

By 1 Dec
Ministries reply to IF and the Chancellery

January
Joint review of progress in a few months