

Funds for Unforeseen Events

The budget programme "Funds for Unforeseen Events" (hereafter – FUE) is intended for unplanned expenditures resulting from for the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes and natural disasters, the compensation of losses caused thereby, if there is a failure to comply with contractual obligations and a fine or interest payment is charged from the partner, and other unforeseen events and measures significant at the national level. Local government is granted funds for the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes and natural disasters, the compensation of losses and damage caused to municipal property or infrastructure owned by the municipality, as well as unforeseen events defined in legal $acts^1$.

Funds from the FUE programme are requested by ministries or other government funded central state institutions. The funds required for subordinate institutions, entrepreneurs or other legal persons are requested by line ministries. The Ministry of Regional Protection and Regional Development (hereafter – MEPRD) makes requests on behalf of municipalities.

Requests are reviewed by the Cabinet of Ministers. In exceptional circumstances when funds have to be granted immediately and the request cannot be reviewed at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers, the decision is made by the Minister of Finance.

The law "On the state budget for 2016", FUE has been allocated 32 716 962 euro, which is 6.8% of total budget expenditure.

Resource Allocation from FUE in 2016

In 2016 a total of **44 912 981 euro** was granted from FUE to satisfy **99 requests**.

Institution	Number of requests	Total sum
Cabinet of Ministers	2	267 373
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	25	3 449 570
Ministry of Economics	6	3 011 012
Ministry of Finance	1	29 804
Ministry of Interior	15	8 718 535
Ministry of Education and Science	3	1 038 819
Ministry of Agriculture	6	127 262
Ministry of Transport	6	16 606 917
Ministry of Welfare	4	288 021
Ministry of Justice	5	7 584 983
MEPRD	9	544 334
Ministry of Culture	5	571 226
Ministry of Health	5	2 388 010
Prosecutor's Office	6	254 115
Radio and television	1	35 000
Total:	99	44 912 981

¹ Procedures by which Funds from the Budget Programme "Funds for Unforeseen Events" shall be Requested and Used. 22/12/2009, Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers, Nr. 1644, available at: <u>http://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=202948,accessed</u> on: 20/10/2016.



Summary of resource allocation from "Funds for Unforeseen Events" in 2016

In the fourth quarter of 2016, **8 requests** above 100 000 euro were satisfied.

- 1. Funds granted to the Ministry of Transport to compensate "Pasažieru vilciens" for the use of railway infrastructure in 2016 (10 000 000 euro).
- 2. Funds granted to the Ministry of Justice to fund the remuneration of employees with a specified rank (6 901 461 euro).
- 3. Funds granted to the Ministry of Transport to compensate "Pasažieru vilciens" for the use of railway infrastructure in 2016 (6 200 000 euro).
- 4. Funds granted to the Ministry of the Interior to fund the remuneration of employees with a specified rank (3 892 002 euro)
- 5. Funds granted to the Ministry of Health to partially pay other European Union Member States, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation for health care services provided as part of the European Union's social security system.
- 6. Funds granted to the Ministry of Education and Science to cover cash prizes for exceptional achievements in sports (1 009 262 euro).
- 7. Funds granted to the Ministry of Justice to transfer money to "Romas katoļu baznīcas Rēzeknes-Aglonas diecēze", to renovate the pilgrim house in Aglona (247 821 euro).
- 8. Funds granted to the Ministry of Culture to transfer money to "Rīgas Doma pārvalde", to ensure the restoration of the organ prospectus at Riga Cathedral.