

POLITICAL NEWS



Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA · Feb 15

#Lithuania's Independence Day in central #Kyiv, in campaign "only heart". Thankyou, #Ukraine! 4 our& your freedom!

TWEETS



Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL · Feb 13

Thank you, @JohnKerry for kind greetings on #Lithuania's independence day, 16Feb., celebrating deep ties&friendship: m.state.gov/md237503.htm



Invest Lithuania @Invest_LT · Feb 18

Let's talk #lasers! We have put up a new factsheet about #Lithuania's laser industry goo.gl/nnqbGW



Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA · Feb 19

Don't miss, @LT_MFA_Stratcom proposed to take a quiz:Mr. Alexander Lentsov Miner or Tractor Driver? #UnitedForUkraine

Events to Mark the Euromaidan Demonstrations

On 18 February, an exhibition of photographic images of the tragic event in Kyiv, Maidan in 2014 "Brother Can You Hear Me ... Maidan and the War" by Ukrainian photographer Alexander Glyadelov was opened in the MFA of Lithuania. At the opening Minister Linkevicius recalled his visit to Maidan: "I can still remember the faces of those heroes of



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Ukraine, who fought for the European Choice of Ukraine on the Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square). The Ukrainian struggle for freedom was our struggle too and we share the goal that united the two nations". "Ukraine has not many true friends like Lithuania. Lithuania and its people have my deepest respect and eternal gratitude for their support", said the photographer A.Glyadelov at the event. Lithuania's parliament hosts an event on Friday in tribute of the memory of the Ukrainian Maidan's Heavenly Hundred heroes, organized by the Ukrainian Embassy in Lithuania. Lithuania's President Dalia Grybauskaite goes to Ukraine to attend events to mark the first anniversary of Euromaidan demonstrations this weekend.

LT in the UN SC: Minsk Accords Must Be Respected By All Parties, Including RU

Following a vote on the Resolution 2202, which welcomes the Declaration of Ukraine, France, Germany and the Russian Federation on support of the "Package of measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Accords", Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaitė, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the UN, noted that as flawed as it was, [the ceasefire agreement reached in Minsk on 12 February did bring a weak glimmer of hope that end could be in sight, but all parties had to fully implement it. "For it to work, all the parties involved, including Russia, must honour their commitments in full and in their entirety, including the Minsk agreements of September 2014", said R. Murmokaitė.](#)

Linkevicius Calls on Other Countries to Help Arm Ukraine

Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevicius called on other countries to help arm the Ukrainian army which is fighting against pro-Russian separatists in the east of the country. In his words, [Lithuania is supporting the Ukrainian army as much as it can, without elaborating.](#) The Foreign Minister underlined that Russia was constantly sending weapons to separatists in eastern Ukraine and publicly denying that.

ECONOMY NEWS

Let's talk Lithuania Lasers

In almost 50 years Lithuania's laser industry not only gained access to the global market, but also developed its own expertise, award-winning products and high-class talent, but also a solid R&D base – all crucial ingredients in creating one of the most vibrant laser ecosystems.

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FACTSHEET

“Our story proves that Lithuania is the perfect hub for the commercialization of new ideas in the laser and semiconductor industry. The country's infrastructure, skills and business environment is well suited to both young entrepreneurs and established companies alike.”

— Vytautas Viesbaras,
CEO, Lithuanian Semiconductors



Finnish Investors Attracted to Baltic States by Cost Competitiveness

Following Estonia, Lithuania gets [direct investments from Finland](#), offering low wage levels, small taxes and a hungry workforce. In Lithuania's special economic zones the dividend tax is zero, there is no real estate tax, and corporate tax is zero for the first six years, after which they get a 50 percent discount for the following 10 years. Finish companies have found setting up in Lithuania brings numerous benefits. Rock wool producer *Paroc* established a service center in Vilnius three years ago. Its 42 employees are responsible for a range of services, including handling the company's payment transactions.

Hilton Set to Come to Lithuania

[Two Hilton hotels might spring up in Lithuania's capital city Vilnius over the coming years.](#) According to Evalda Šiškauskienė, president of the Lithuanian Hotels and Restaurants Association, negotiations with investors are underway over the new hotels.

Lithuania's Energy Modernization Under Way

[The Lithuanian government on 18 February established an energy efficiency fund with 80 million euros earmarked for renovation of public buildings and street lighting.](#) Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevičius said that the fund would provide guarantees on bank loans for renovation of buildings and modernization of street lighting.

Western Europe About to Get Even Closer

[The airline Air Lituania is expanding its business in Germany](#) – as of 30 April the city of Hamburg will be added to the regular flight schedule with flights operated three times a week.

SCIENCE

American Business Meets Lithuanian Universities

As the use of information technologies in the construction sector gains momentum in Lithuania, [Vilnius Gediminas Technical University \(VGTU\) has signed an agreement with Bentley Systems International to establish a Building Information Modelling \(BIM\) Academy at the university.](#) VGTU will be responsible for the activities of the Academy in the Baltic States.

UPCOMING EVENTS

26-28 Mar.	Timber. Furniture Components, Equipment and Technologies , Litexpo, Vilnius.	10-12 Apr.	22 nd International Exhibition of Beauty Industry Cinderella 2015 , Litexpo, Vilnius.
27-28 Mar.	Annual Fashion Festival <i>Fashion Infection</i> , Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius.	7-8 May	9 th International Scientific Conference Transbaltica 2015 , Vilnius.

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[Rumšiškės - Open Air Museum of Lithuania](#)

Rumšiškės is a unique and one of the largest (195 ha) open-air ethnographic museums in Europe, established in 1966. It has the biggest quantity of exhibits and presents the mode of life, works, and traditions of peasants and townspeople of all Lithuanian ethnographic areas.

