

POLITICAL NEWS



Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevičius at the Marcellus, Pennsylvania, shale deposit, which is one of the largest in the US.

Visiting the USA

Prime Minister Butkevičius visited shale gas field in the state of Pennsylvania and met with the experts from the Pittsburgh University on 8 October: „[Lithuania wants to attract shale exploration](#) and extraction companies to invest in Lithuania“. Prime Minister with Stanford Research Institute and NASA discussed [Lithuanian-American cooperation in science](#), while The Lithuanian Science, Innovation and Technology Agency (MITA) and NASA signed a bilateral cooperation agreement for an international internship programme. Medical Centre of the University of Pittsburgh in collaboration with Lithuanian partners will [open a new private clinic in Vilnius](#), „very welcome initiative“, said the Prime Minister. Foreign Minister Linkevičius, who is part of Prime Minister’s delegation, on 8 October met with US security experts and called for joint efforts to find ways to [offset Russian propaganda](#). In his interviews to the US media the Minister [warned of dangers of returning to the business as usual with Russia](#), as it allows Russia to avoid its international commitments.

Empowering Women

8-10 October MFA organized a high policy event “Empowering Women in Development” in Vilnius. The conference focused on the issues of women’s role in politics, economics, and global development, and hosted app. 150 participants from the EU, its neighborhood, Middle East and other regions. Opening speeches delivered by President Dalia Grybauskaitė, and advisor to the President of Ukraine, Professor Olga Bogomolets.

Humanitarian Aid

Ministry of Foreign Affairs decided to [voluntarily contribute](#) 26,000 EUR of international humanitarian assistance to help [children in Iraq](#) and 10,000 EUR to help prevent the spread of [Ebola](#) haemorrhagic fever.

New Consulate in LA

Prime Minister Butkevičius visited California on 9 October where he announced plans to open Lithuanian General Consulate in Los Angeles, the sister city with the second largest Lithuanian city Kaunas. The news was welcomed by L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, whose ancestors are from Lithuania. Appr 100.000 Californians say they are full or partial Lithuanian descent, including actress Rūta Lee and philanthropist and entrepreneur Eli Broad. Prime Minister also met with Congressman and Baltic Caucus Chair Adam Schiff, Los Angeles business community, as well as with representatives of world Lithuanian community.

TWEETS & QUOTES

 Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA · Oct 7
'Reset w #Russia shouldn't mean 'delete' 2records of violations& continuation w old software' @LinkeviciusL at SAIS

 Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL · Oct 8
331 deaths in 1 m of ceasefire... #RU must stop fuel separatism&ensure border contr&int monitoring

Via@UNrightswire sm.ohchr.org/1vTss4H

 Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL · Oct 6
'Once u start business in LT, u never stop', 'most productive&effective work force' - #US companies on doing #business in LT @Invest_LT

ECONOMY NEWS

LASERS

80% OF TOTAL LITHUANIAN LASER PRODUCTION EXPORTED TO NEARLY 100 COUNTRIES (KEY MARKETS: USA, GERMANY, JAPAN).

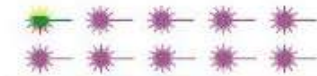
LITHUANIA, WITH 10 % OF THE GLOBAL MARKET, IS ONE OF THE MAIN EXPORTER OF FEMTOSECOND* LASERS SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD

*femtosecond = 0.000 000 000 000 000 1 s.



CLIENTS AND PARTNERS OF LITHUANIAN LASER MANUFACTURERS INCLUDE:

NASA
The Nuclear Research Centre in Israel
Rutherford Laboratories in England
Berkeley University in the USA
The Livermore National Laboratory, etc.



OF THE GLOBAL PRODUCTION OF ULTRA-FAST PARAMETRIC AMPLIFIERS:

EVERY 10TH SCIENTIFIC LASER USED IN THE WORLD IS PRODUCED IN LITHUANIA

CONTINUOUS INDUSTRY GROWTH REACHING 20% PER YEAR

Cluster of more than 20 companies and two major research institutions – Vilnius University and Center for Physical Sciences and Technology.



In the year 2010 EKSPLA tunable wavelength laser has received "Photonics Oscar" – Prism Award for Photonics Innovation in Scientific laser category.

WE SUGGEST

Invest Lithuania

launches Regional Competencies Map of Lithuania – an interactive map containing 10 concise publications in English that introduce the range of business opportunities available in each district of the country.

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World's Largest Laser

Lithuania's laser technology company *Ekspla* and US' National Energetics will develop [ultra-intense laser system](#) – the biggest in the world – for the European Union's Extreme Light Infrastructure Beamlines facility (ELI-Beamlines) and will install it in the European research facility in the Czech Republic in a project worth 40 million US dollars.

Energy Challenges for Europe

Europe has learnt that [energy can be used as a severe tool of pressure for political purposes](#). It is obvious that both Lithuania and other EU member states must strengthen cooperation in the field of energy with such countries as the U.S.A., Canada, Norway and Australia. The EU should support projects that open European energy market to new external energy suppliers from the Mediterranean and Caspian seas," said Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Rolandas Kriščiūnas at the annual energy conference "Independent Energy – Strong Economy" in Vilnius 8 October. Lithuania welcomes the proposal for the EU Energy Union, said the Vice Minister.

CULTURE

Ukraine's national academic drama theater of Maria Zankovetska is coming to Lithuania next week with a play by Taras Shevchenko's poem Kateryna at Lithuanian National Drama Theater. The tour of the Ukrainian national theater is intended to celebrate Shevchenko's 200-year anniversary.

UPCOMING EVENTS & VISITS

11-12 Oct.	Silicon Valley comes to the Baltics 2014 , Vilnius.	11-12 Oct.	One of Europe's largest and most-anticipated mobile industry events , Live Mobile Congress, will be held for the 3rd year in a row.
13-14 Oct.	FM Vice Minister Krivas visits Berlin, participates in "Handelsblatt" conference.	23-25 Oct.	"The indispensable. People. Companies. Products." - the biggest Business and Leadership Forum in Central Europe, Vilnius.

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