



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

14 – 21 February 2016

Key Lithuanian Foreign Policy messages of the week. All materials included are public.
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Story of the Week

President Grybauskaitė: The EU must implement its decisions

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Key messages:

- European Union must protect its external borders, instead of raising internal walls
- Russia's aggression against Ukraine & repressions against Crimean Tatars must stop. Minsk Agreements must be implemented
- Lithuania stands in solidarity with Turkey and reaffirms its commitment to fight terrorism

Top lines, statements

Security and Defence:

- Lithuanian MFA strongly condemns a terror attack on 17 February in Ankara (*17 February, 2016*) [Read full news release](#)
- New shift of U.S. troops with artillery weaponry arrived for joint training with Lithuanian soldiers in Rukla (*17 February, 2016*) [Read full news release](#)
- Lithuania and Poland to strengthen partnership in the field of security policy (*19 February, 2016*) [Read full news release](#)
- Lithuanian and Swedish Ministers of Defence back Ukraine's defence reform (*17 February, 2016*) [Read full news release](#)

Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- President Grybauskaitė: The EU must implement its decisions (*17 February, 2016*) [Read full news release](#)

- President Grybauskaitė: EU citizens will not be discriminated against (17 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Linkevičius and Timmermans meet to discuss topical issues related to energy, relations with Russia (15 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Belarus is invited to cooperate in field of nuclear safety, Linkevičius calls on EU to more actively help Moldova implement reforms (15 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuanian MFA's statement (18 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania opens its Honorary Consulates in India and Finland (17 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania-Palestine political consultations held in Vilnius (20 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
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Science & Economy:

- Lithuania and Indonesian city of Cirebon to share experience of Smart City development and use of high technology (18 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Vilnius leading Europe for quality of life says European Commission survey (15 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
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