



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

18 April - 24 April 2016

Key Lithuanian Foreign Policy messages of the week. All materials included are public.
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**Germany is
Lithuania's strategic
partner and we are
bound by very strong
historical, political
and economic ties as
well as common
interests in the EU
and NATO**

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Key messages:

- Germany is not only one of our biggest economic partners but also a strategic ally whose troops help ensure the security of Lithuania.
- We all must make a great effort to ensure that historic agreement on climate change, signed by world leaders, does not remain on paper.
- Maintaining a constant focus on Eastern partner countries and strengthening ties is important for stability of the whole region and its economic development.
- Russia's hybrid warfare, aggressive and unpredictable behavior, hostile propaganda which incites hatred and is against our societies, as well as cyber attacks – they all destroy peace and security in Europe.

Top lines, statements

President's State Visit to Germany:

- Germany will help strengthen the security of Lithuania (20 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
- German business shows interest in Lithuanian life sciences and innovative businesses (20 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
- President Grybauskaitė: Europe must safeguard peace and unity (21 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)

Bilateral relations, regional cooperation:

- Linkevičius calls on EU to strengthen relations with Eastern partner countries (18 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuanian-French strategic partnership discussed in Luxembourg (18 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - In Tallinn, Lithuania's Foreign Vice-Minister discusses EU issues, status of small states in international system (18 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Foreign Ministers of Nordic, Baltic and Visegrad Group countries discuss security challenges and priority items on EU agenda (18 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania signed for the preservation of the Planet (22 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
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Security and defence:

- 8th Steering Committee of the NATO ENSEC CEO held in France (22 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Minister J. Olekas expressed Lithuania's support to Moldova's aspirations for European integration and stronger cooperation with NATO (21 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - United Kingdom is one of critical Lithuania's partners in defence area, Defence Policy Director V. Urbelis says (22 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
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Economy and Energy:

- Cutting-edge Lithuanian tech company producing laser systems used in quantum computers and military reconnaissance systems (22 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Discussion on expansion of NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence held in France (22 April, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
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