



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

6-12 October, 2014

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

- Lithuania Seeks U.S. Support Against Russian Aggression
 - Lithuanian Foreign Vice-Minister urges U.S.A. to remain Lithuania's active ally in dealing with energy and economic security
 - The EU's enlargement policy contributes to peace, security and prosperity in Europe
 - The field of energy security and cooperation in the region requires heightened attention; it is a key to consolidate our capacities with regional partners in eliminating "energy islands", consolidating energy security environment in the Baltic – Nordic region.
 - Klaipėda LNG will be the first LNG terminal in the Baltic and Nordic region, able to supply 75 percent of the combined natural gas demand in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.
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Top lines, statements

Ukraine, Russia:

- "There have been calls for resetting relations with Russia. The reset process should not begin with a deletion of records of violations and with an old "operating system". Lessons of the Georgian war of 2008, when the dialogue was resumed too quickly and before Russia fulfilled its obligations, must be learned". (Minister L.Linkevičius, 8 October, 2014), <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/linkevicius-meets-with-us-security-experts-calls-for-joint-effort-to-find-ways-to-offset-propaganda>
- "[...] the biggest affect in strength when we are doing that is the coordination, in regard to the sanctions, for instance, which are now introduced by EU and United States. This is really efficient. It's not efficient if we are split." (Minister L.Linkevičius, 6 October, 2014), <http://www.npr.org/2014/10/06/354124224/lithuania-seeks-u-s-support->

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Security and Defence:

- The EU's enlargement policy continues to be one of the most efficient instruments that contributes to promoting security and stability in Europe. (Lithuanian MFA, 10 October, 2014), <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/the-eus-enlargement-policy-contributes-to-peace-security-and-prosperity-in-europe-lithuanias-foreign-minister-says>
 - When Russia strengthened its information-related activities, it became evident that our reactions are belated, and unfortunately, we are losing this fight, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Linas Linkevičius said at the meetings with the U.S. security experts in Washington, D.C. [...] Minister called for joint efforts to find ways to offset the propaganda, on which Russia had recently focused much attention and finances. (Lithuanian MFA, 8 October 2014), <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/linkevicius-meets-with-us-security-experts-calls-for-joint-effort-to-find-ways-to-offset-propaganda>
 - "As a minister of foreign affairs, as somebody who takes part in these, you know, discussions, meetings and - I know that NATO military authorities are seriously working and I really have no reasons to doubt these guarantees provided by the alliance. But our people are nervous; this is also true." (Minister L.Linkevičius, 6 October 2014), <http://www.npr.org/2014/10/06/354124224/lithuania-seeks-u-s-support-against-russian-aggression%20%3Chttp://www.npr.org/2014/10/06/354124224/lithuania-seeks-u-s-support-against-russian-aggression%3E>
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Energy Security:

- The Lithuanian Foreign Vice-Minister [Rolandas Kriščiūnas] informed the U.S. Government officials about the official opening of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Klaipėda later this month, stressed the significance of the U.S. political support for the implementation of projects important for Lithuania's energy security, and reiterated Lithuania's goal of receiving an approval of the United States to export North American shale gas to Europe. (Lithuanian MFA, 6 October, 2014), <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/lithuanian-foreign-vice-minister-urges-usa-to-remain-lithuanias-active-ally-in-dealing-with-energy-and-economic-security->
 - "Liberation [...] really not yet happening, but this is a big step towards that direction. There was never, ever, a gas market in this region and even after..." (Minister L.Linkevičius, 6 October 2014), <http://www.npr.org/2014/10/06/354124224/lithuania-seeks-u-s-support-against-russian-aggression%20%3Chttp://www.npr.org/2014/10/06/354124224/lithuania-seeks-u-s-support-against-russian-aggression%3E>
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Lithuanian Economy:

- "Homework done by Lithuania show that the country is ready to join the Organisation

for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and expects a positive decision in 2015." (Vice-Minister R. Kriščiūnas, 6 October, 2014), <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/lithuanian-foreign-vice-minister-urges-usa-to-remain-lithuanias-active-ally-in-dealing-with-energy-and-economic-security>

Middle East:

- "Lithuania strongly supports a two-state solution where the State of Israel and State of Palestine live side by side in peace and security. Any unilateral actions are detrimental to peace process and threaten the viability of the two-state solution. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania is concerned about the Israeli Government's decision to approve a plan for a new settlement activity in the East Jerusalem area of Givat Hamatos." (Lithuanian MFA, 7 October, 2014), <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/the-ministry-of-foreign-affairs-of-lithuania-expresses-its-concern-over-the-israeli-governments-plans-to-expand-settlements>
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Useful links:

- Vykintas Pugačiauskas, "Opinion: a victory for Putin in Ukraine and against the West". (October 10, 2014), <http://en.delfi.lt/opinion/opinion-a-victory-for-putin-in-ukraine-and-against-the-west.d?id=66080098>
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On Twitter

Ukraine, Russia:

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · [12h 12 hours ago](#) Putin's calls 4 mil to withdraw we heard at least twice. Hope 'exercises' in Donetsk&Lugansk will end too? http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268743/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UhWILKLF...
 - [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · [Oct 8](#) 331 deaths in 1 m of ceasefire... [#RU](#) must stop fuel separatism&ensure border contr& int monitoring Via@UNrightswire <http://sm.ohchr.org/1vTss4H>
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Security and Defence:

- [_Irakli Garibashvili @PrimeMinisterGE](#) · [Oct 6](#) Met w/ [#Lithuania](#)'s MoD [#JuozasOlekas](#) [#Georgia](#)&Lithuania will provide joint military exercises http://government.gov.ge/index.php?lang_id=ENG&sec_id=387&info_id=44947...
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Energy Security:

- [Darius @DariusSemaska](#) · [Oct 6](#) Klaipėda LNG terminal is a GAME CHANGER providing

energy supply alternative to Lithuania and neighbors, eliminating energy islands in EU

Lithuanian Economy, Euro:

- **Invest Lithuania** [@Invest_LT](#) · [Oct 7](#) Our new newsletter on Lithuanian business environment is out! <http://goo.gl/mrLX8S>
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Other:

- **Lithuania MFA** [@LithuaniaMFA](#) · [Oct 8](#) A series of recent **#terrorist** attacks against the **#UN** peacekeepers in **#Mali** is unacceptable and intolerable.
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