



# Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

13-19 October, 2014

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

- It is essential to ensure that provisions of the EU-Ukraine bilateral agreement are not changed and to prepare adequately for the implementation of this agreement.
  - Relations with Russia must be based on the implementation of existing international commitments, because every attempt to deepen the relationship has failed so far.
  - Lithuania and other Baltic States join the Nordic Defence Cooperation.
  - National Defence System introduces legal and practical measures for response to possible unconventional threats
  - Lithuania is determined to become a full member of the OECD.
  - Klaipėda LNG facility will ensure supply for all three Baltic countries
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## Top lines, statements

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### Ukraine, Russia:

- “Now it is essential to ensure that provisions of the EU-Ukraine bilateral agreement would not be changed and to adequately prepare for the implementation of this agreement”. <http://goo.gl/wMovnn> (Vice-Minister R. Kriščiūnas, 15 October 2014).

- “Relations with Russia must be based on the implementation of existing international commitments, because every attempt to deepen the relationship, for example, to negotiate a new agreement, has failed so far. [...] Russia has taken a number of protectionist measures that are inconsistent with WTO rules, so respective WTO instruments helping to minimize the risks of protectionism must be applied, including the WTO dispute settlement mechanism.” <http://goo.gl/edToJP> (Vice-Minister R. Kriščiūnas, 15 October 2014).
  - “Smooth economic cooperation is hardly imaginable when the region suffers from aggression from the neighboring countries. One should neither ignore, nor tolerate such actions”. <http://goo.gl/IRhgN6> (Prime Minister A. Butkevičius, 17 October 2014).
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## Security and Defence:

- Lithuania and other Baltic States join the Nordic Defence Cooperation. The specific projects for Lithuania to participate in are to be selected before the Nordic-Baltic Defence Ministers meeting which will take place on November 12. “This is a huge leap ahead in the enhancement of regional cooperation. Our joining concrete NORDEFCON projects will help saving up and generating new capabilities efficiently [...] Ukraine and Georgia are countries in need of our urgent help, therefore I have invited my counterparts to consider a wider involvement of specialists from our regions in these countries.” <http://goo.gl/DCza1L>. (Defence Policy Director of the MoD V. Urbelis, 17 October 2014).
  - In view of the current situation, the Lithuanian Armed Forces is looking to summon up certain capabilities and to form a response force that could react at short notice and have sufficient combat capacity to prevent hostile actions within the territory of Lithuania in peacetime. <http://goo.gl/9YnuQh> (MoD, 13 October 2014).
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## Energy Security:

- “At the outset of the TTIP negotiations, the EU and the United States undertook a commitment to strive for an ambitious and comprehensive agreement to address issues of mutual interest. One of Lithuania’s key interests in the negotiations is a strong chapter on energy in TTIP, lifting the U.S. restrictions on gas and crude oil exports to EU countries. This would significantly contribute towards strengthening of the EU’s energy security”. <http://goo.gl/xBwA8D> (Vice-Minister R. Kriščiūnas, 15 October 2014).
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## Lithuanian Economy:

- “Lithuania is determined to become a full member of the OECD, therefore your support would be also greatly appreciated in further negotiations on the membership”, said Algirdas Butkevičius and added that Lithuania was ready to contribute effectively to the organization’s objectives. <http://goo.gl/shXxUc> (Prime Minister A. Butkevičius, 16 October 2014)

- “When we speak about the aim of stimulating financial and economic growth in our countries, the key phrase is ‘a strong cooperation between European and Asian markets,’” said the Prime Minister and noted that in order to maintain the growth of trade it is necessary to use the existing transit corridors like the Klaipėda Seaport and other logistics chains. Prime Minister stressed the fact that the Baltic countries have a well-developed infrastructure that would satisfy the business needs of Asian countries that transport goods to the European Union (EU). <http://goo.gl/dDhLbD> (Prime Minister A. Butkevičius, 17 October 2014).

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## Media links:

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- **The Stockholm syndrome in politics.** In the Ukraine crisis, Europe is repeating mistakes that it has many times before with Russia, writes the foreign minister of Lithuania. **Linas Linkevičius**, 19 October 2014, *European Voice*. <http://goo.gl/cCwGZu>
- **We trust NATO but Lithuanians are alarmed and need guarantees, Linkevičius tells CNN.** 17 October 2014, *delfi.lt*. <http://goo.gl/WJUEUs>
- **Lithuanian ambassador: Russia is using propaganda, manipulations and pressure at UN.** Raimonda Murmokaitė, 17 October 2014, *delfi.lt*. <http://goo.gl/VEcPTz>
- **European Commission praises Lithuania's LNG terminal.** 17 October 2014, *AA Energy News Terminal*. <http://goo.gl/ox2Imn>
- **European Commission: Klaipėda LNG facility will ensure supply for all three Baltic countries.** 16 October 2014, *BNS/delfi.lt* <http://goo.gl/U6xsVO>
- **Lithuania FM: Extend pressure on Russia.** Lithuania's Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius joined Richard Quest to discuss the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. 16 October 2014, *CNN*.

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## On Twitter

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**Lithuanian delegation to NATO has joined Twitter. Please follow [@LitdelNATO!](https://twitter.com/LitdelNATO)**

**Join our Thunderclap cause on Energy security and welcome “the Independence” at Klaipėda LNG terminal <http://goo.gl/eFRDRW>**

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### Ukraine, Russia:

- **Linas Linkevičius @LinkevičiusL** · Oct 15 Important steps taken by #Ukraine 's Rada yesterday: laws on anti-corruption & prosecution. Shouldn't be overlooked.
- **Marijus Gudynas @GudynasM** · Oct 14 "Littering of Oceans dangerous but littering of minds dangerous much more. @RussiaTodayNews shall be called #RussiaYesterday" @LinkevičiusL
- **Vytas Leškevičius** retweeted **BNE@BNE** Group Oct 14 EU sanctions on #Russia really biting, as \$75bn capital flight in 1st half of year <http://ind.pn/1rs6KAD> @Independent

- **Žygimantas Pavilionis** @ZygisPavilionis · Oct 15 Finally, congrats! MT @PowerVertical: Check out @RFERL new Russian-language TV project - Настоящее Время [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv9h\\_i2pWdw ...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv9h_i2pWdw...) @WBStevens
- **LT PermRep EU** @EU2013LTpress · Oct 17 #Lithuania's MEP #Austrevicius initiated letter to #Putin, calling for release of #Ukrainian military pilot N.Savchenko <http://bit.ly/1sQtRdz>

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## Security and Defence:

- **Eitvydas Bajarunas** @EitvydasB · Oct 16 #Lithuanian State Security Dept. on which Lithuanians are most likely to be targeted by Russian intelligence agencies [http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/defence/vsd-advises-which-lithuanians-are-most-likely-to-be-targeted-by-russian-intelligence-agencies.d?id=66133276 ...](http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/defence/vsd-advises-which-lithuanians-are-most-likely-to-be-targeted-by-russian-intelligence-agencies.d?id=66133276...)
- **Linus Linkevicius** retweeted **Lithuania Tribune**@lithuaniatribun Oct 17 We trust #NATO but #Lithuanians are alarmed and need guarantees ForMin @LinkeviciusL tells #CNN @NATOSource [http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/defence/we-trust-nato-but-lithuanians-are-alarmed-and-need-guarantees-linkevicius-tells-cnn.d?id=66141832#dreload1413544195457 ...](http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/defence/we-trust-nato-but-lithuanians-are-alarmed-and-need-guarantees-linkevicius-tells-cnn.d?id=66141832#dreload1413544195457...)
- **Lithuania in NATO**@LitdelNATO Oct 16 #Lithuania increases its defence expenditure and buys additional #Javelin anti-tank systems for 20 million USD from the #US
- **Lithuania MFA Verified account** @LithuaniaMFA Oct 16 #NATO Energy Security Center of Excellence in LT welcomes #Georgia, a new member. Cooperation is key to achieve true #Energy Security
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- **Raimonda Murmokaite**@PRLTUN Oct 16 A year from #Lithuania's election to #UNSC, I can still feel the incredible emotion of the moment as we prepare to vote for 5 new members.
- **Lithuania MFA** @LithuaniaMFA · Oct 15 LT allocates €376.500 to support Afghan national security forces in 2015. LT special forces will stay in AFG - keeping our commitment to regional security

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## Energy Security:

- **Rolandas Kacinskas** @RKacinskas · 15h 15 hours ago #Lithuania's first #LNG terminal ends #Russia(n) grip on #Baltics | [http://www.channelnewsasia.com/mobile/world/lithuania-s-first-lng/1423604.html ...](http://www.channelnewsasia.com/mobile/world/lithuania-s-first-lng/1423604.html...)
- **Linus Linkevicius** @LinkeviciusL Oct 17 Advancing #energy security: #Lithuania completes important part of #NordBalt project connecting #LT-#Sweden electricity network.
- **Lithuania MFA** @LithuaniaMFA Oct 17 It is a key to consolidate #energysecurity in the #Baltic – #Nordic region. #KlaipedaLNG will be the Game Changer. <http://goo.gl/gkVhZF>
- **LT PermRep EU** @EU2013LTpress · Oct 16 European Commission: #Lithuania's Klaipėda based #LNG facility will ensure supply for all three #Baltic countries <http://bit.ly/1xXGOCP>

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## Other:

- **PermRep EU** @EU2013LTpress · Oct 17 #Georgian Deputy PM in #Vilnius: #Georgia is already on the path towards #EU membership <http://bit.ly/1oe5lDi>

- **Eitvydas Bajarunas** [@EitvydasB](#) [Oct 14](#) Today [@LRSeimas](#) ratified agreement btwn [#Lithuania](#) & [#Sweden](#) on exclusive economic zone & continental shelf border in Baltic Sea. [#Neighbors](#)
- **Raimonda Murmokaite** [@PRLTUN](#) · [Oct 15](#) Ministry of Foreign Affairs of [#Lithuania](#) allocates through UNICEF 26,000 EUR as humanitarian assistance to children in [#Iraq](#)
- **Linas Linkevicius** [@LinkeviciusL](#) [Oct 16](#) 36y ago Karol Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II. The voice of freedom&inspiration 2millions. “Be not afraid! The future starts today” [#JPII](#)

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