



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

2-8 March 2015

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

- Pressure on Russia should remain until full implementation of Minsk agreements.
 - Conscription is being reintroduced as a contribution to collective defence.
 - Call for immediate and unconditional release of Ms. Savchenko.
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Top lines, statements

Ukraine, Russia:

- “The people of Ukraine have heard enough talk by the international community. The time has come to walk the talk. Russia has caused and sponsored this war, and it remains in Russia’s hands to put an end to this war.” (Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaitė, 6 March 2015). [Read full news release.](#)
 - “We need to be united, but our unity must yield results and not become a unity without actions, which is disastrous for Ukraine and European security. Support in defensive weaponry will help prevent deaths of Ukrainian soldiers.” (Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius 6 March 2015). [Read full news release.](#)
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Security and Defence:

- “The tight and intense cooperation between the U.S. and the Lithuanian Special Operations Forces is the best example of our long-lived strategic partnership and the high priority it is for Lithuania.” (Vice Minister of National Defence Marijus Velička, 3 March 2015). [Read full news](#)

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Energy security:

- “The European Commission's vision regarding the Energy Union establishment meets our interests. In the Energy Union, we cannot limit ourselves to the development of physical links only, but we rather must ensure systematic integration of the Baltic States”. (Energy Minister Rokas Masiulis, 5 March 2015). [Read full news release.](#)
 - “We had not planned this before but now the LNG terminal, together with our firm position on energy security, is opening many doors to us. Lithuania is seen by the US as a country capable of implementing major energy projects and seeking to increase its own and the region's energy security. This is highly valued by both politicians and businessmen in the US”. (Energy Minister Rokas Masiulis, 3 March 2015). [Read full news release.](#)
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Lithuanian economy, Euro:

- Lithuania: Road towards OECD membership. Desk Drop, 4 March 2015. [Read full news release.](#)
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- Denmark is a reliable partner of Lithuania – we closely cooperate within international organizations, in economic and military fields, strengthening Lithuania's and regional security. (President Dalia Grybauskaitė, 3 March 2015). [Read full news release.](#)
 - “Lithuania is grateful to France for enhanced cooperation in security and defence, as well as for its active participation in NATO's air policing mission in the Baltic States,” said the Foreign Minister. Linas Linkevičius expressed his appreciation for French efforts to find diplomatic solution of the crisis in Ukraine. However, he noted that the situation remained tense, thus it is important to provide all the necessary assistance to Ukraine. 5 March 2015. [Read full news release.](#)
 - Lithuania-Belarus economic consultations took place on 5 March in Vilnius headed by Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Rolandas Kriščiūnas and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus Alexander Guryanov. Bilateral economic cooperation and regional economic integration, such as trade, investment, transport and transit were discussed during the meeting. Kriščiūnas and Guryanov expressed content with the existing economic cooperation and interest in developing it in the future. 6 March 2015. [Read full news release.](#)
 - Bilateral cooperation between Lithuania and Kazakhstan at the United Nations and within other international organizations and institutions were discussed at the meeting between Linas Linkevičius and Ambassador Ikram Adyrbekov, Senator of the Kazakh Parliament and Special Envoy of the President on the UN Security Council. 4 March 2015. [Read full news release.](#)
 - Linas Linkevičius stressed that China was a very important partner in Asia and that Lithuania aimed to develop increasingly close relations in trade, business, transport, higher education, student exchange, culture and other areas. 2 March 2015. [Read full news release.](#)
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Media links

- GlobalPost.com has named Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė as one of the women playing crucial political roles at a troubled time for Europe. Globalpost.com, 8 March 2015. [Read full article.](#)
- Doorstep by Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius at the Informal Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs (Gymnich) in Riga. 6 March 2015. [Watch video.](#)
- Polish and Estonian chiefs of defence on Thursday welcomed the Lithuanian plans of reintroducing [conscription](#), emphasizing that the move would allow reinforcing the Armed Forces amid the [Russian](#) threat. The Lithuanian Tribune, 5 March 2015. [Read full article.](#)

- Polish army chief in Vilnius: We're ready for "little green men". The Lithuanian Tribune, 5 March 2015. [Read full article.](#)
- The U.S. and NATO are ramping up their deterrence capabilities against any Russian threat to Europe's borders —and this joint exercise is aimed squarely at Russia. NATO is drawing a red line in the three Baltic states, all of them alliance members, with a message to Moscow: "Don't cause trouble here and don't try to invade!". NBC News, 4 March 2015. [Read full article.](#)

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Ukraine, Russia:

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Mar 8 Info on 500 dead civilians found after Debaltsevo attack- needs careful examination, qualifies 4 serious war crime. <http://bit.ly/1EEGa1R>
- [Raimonda Murmokaite @PRLTUN](#) · Mar 6 More of the same at [#UNSC](#) from RUS delegation: blaming others for the war RUS, its proxies caused in [#Ukraine](#). Again, US bogeyman evoked
- [Žygimantas Pavilionis @ZygisPavilionis](#) · Mar 5 [#Ukrdays2015](#): message from DC [#BelieveInFreedom](#) [https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vCiVRym-Os&feature=youtu.be ...](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vCiVRym-Os&feature=youtu.be...)
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- [Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY](#) · Mar 4 OSCE observed some movements, not able to verify withdrawals of heavy weapons in Donbass. [@LithuaniaUNNY](#) asked [#UNSC](#) to discuss [#Ukraine](#)
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Mar 4 Does Russia really want to be associated only w aggression&illegal capture of foreign citizens? [#freeSavchenko](#) [#freeKohver](#) [#CrimealsUkraine](#)
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Mar 3 Least we can do - to stand by those, who cherish freedom, who fearlessly fight for freedom&democracy. Boris [#Nemtsov](#)
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Mar 2 Heading to [#Moscow](#) to pay tribute to Boris [#Nemtsov](#), to his courage & conviction. Freedom values will never die
- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT MFA Stratcom](#) · Mar 2 Борись и не теряй Надежду! Join [#FreeSavchenko](#) campaign: [https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/22943-freesavchenko ...](https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/22943-freesavchenko...) [#UnitedForUkraine](#)
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- [Egidijus Meilūnas @MeilunasE](#) · Mar 2 Embassy of [#Lithuania](#) in [#Tokyo](#) calls for release of [#Ukraine](#) pilot [#Savchenko](#) [#FreeSavchenko](#)

Security and defence:

- [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO](#) · Mar 5 Sec. policy experts, [@NATO](#) Allies & friends agree - restoration of conscription in [#Lithuanian](#) army is timely & wise <http://goo.gl/qBLSUF>
- [Seimas LT @LRSeimas](#) · Mar 5 [@LRSeimas](#) at [#parleu2015lv](#): [#EU](#) memb.perspect.for [#Georgia](#) [#Moldova](#) [#Ukraine](#) - ultimate outcome of [#Riga](#) EaPSummit
- [Vytautas Leskevičius @Leskevicius](#) · Mar 4 Good 2see Vilnius street at the beating heart of [#NATO](#) defenses- Allied military headquarters [#SHAPE](#) in Monse, Belgium
- [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO](#) · Mar 3 [@Leskevicius](#) after meeting [#SACEUR](#) [@PMBreedlove](#): the greatest feeling to have met a friend who really understands you
- [Lithuanian MoD @Lithuanian MoD](#) · Mar 8 Female make 11% of LTU military. We are proud of their choice and the oath to defend the motherland if the need be.

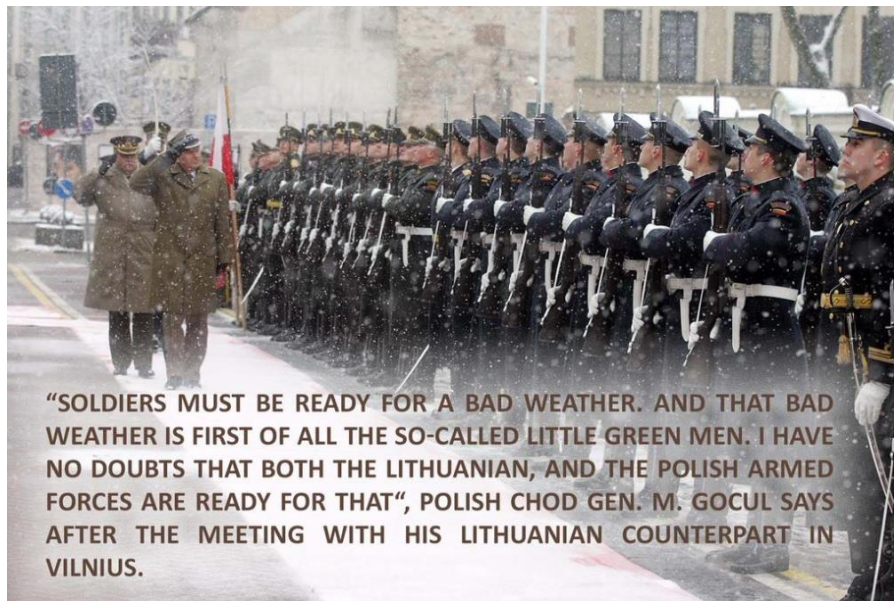
Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · [Mar 7](#) Just landed in DC for a mtng w Sec.[#Kerry](#)-strategic issues on agenda:implem of Wales dec,UA,response 2 aggr RU pol, energ sec,OECD
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Other:

- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite LT](#) · [Mar 7](#) Empowering women is the best opportunity to address global political&economic inequalities [#IWD2015](#)
 - [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · [Mar 8](#) Happy 2celebrate Ind Day in 100yrs old [#Lithuanian](#) Baltimore Hall,imprs by museum,oldest LT library in [#USA](#), [#proud2bLithuanian](#) [@LTUworld](#)
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