



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

14 September - 20 September 2015

Key Lithuanian Foreign Policy messages of the week. All materials included are public.
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Lithuanian
basketball history
speaks for itself.

Lithuania 2nd in
Europe and 3rd in
the World Ranking
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Key messages:

- Lithuania acts in solidarity with EU countries solving refugees' crisis
 - Lithuania's accession to OECD – key priority
 - Values must be brought back to the European agenda
 - Lithuania among the hottest places for startups outside US
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Top lines, statements

Refugee's Crisis:

- It is important to provide relief for war refugees and to tackle the root causes of the refugees' crisis, Vice-Minister Karoblis in Brussels (14 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)

Ukraine, Russia:

- 'Russia obstructs freedom of navigation in the Baltic sea', Lithuanian MFA (17 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - 'We must bring values back on European agenda', Minister Linkevičius in Vilnius Democracy Forum (16 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
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Security and Defence:

- Nordic and Baltic states unite efforts to increase assistance to Georgia and Ukraine (17 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Lithuanian soldiers further train troops of the National Guard of Ukraine (15 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Lithuanian military personnel will be on standby for the UK-led European Union Battlegroup for the second time (17 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- Foreign Minister Linkevičius stresses Lithuania's support for Georgia's European and Euro-Atlantic integration (14 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Intensive cooperation between Lithuania and Denmark within NATO and EU discussed with the new Danish Ambassador (17 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - 'Cooperation with Finland and other Nordic and Baltic countries is one of the main priorities for Lithuania', Vice-Minister Germanas in Helsinki (16 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - 'Many opportunities to strengthen bilateral ties', Minister Linkevičius at meeting with Andorann counterpart (14 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
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Lithuanian economy, energy:

- Membership in OECD will bring substantial political and economic benefits to Lithuania', President Dalia Grybauskaitė at the meeting with a high-level OECD delegation (17 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - 'European Fund for Strategic Investments is an opportunity to attract more investments to the most important spheres of the Lithuanian economy', President Dalia Grybauskaitė at the meeting with Vice President of the European Commission Jyrki Katainen (18 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Leading Chinese mobile solutions company Fun Guide to open Lithuanian office source (15 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Vilnius Service Center Expansion to Create 300 Skilled Positions (15 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - New Proposals for Teaching IT in Lithuania's Primary Schools (16 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Media links

- German Ambassador thanks Lithuania for accepting refugees. *En.delfi.lt*, 18 September, 2015 [Read full article](#)
 - PM: OECD membership is in the interest of all Lithuanian people. *The Baltic Course*, 17 September, 2015. [Read full Article](#)
 - EC vice-president: Lithuania may expect financing for its energy projects from Juncker Plan. *En.delfi.lt*, 18 September, 2015. [Read full article](#)
 - Lithuania – among the hottest places for startups outside US. *Tech.co*, 14 September, 2015 [Read full article](#)
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Refugee's crisis:

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 20](#) Linas Linkevicius retweeted Films For Action... if things are kept simple rather than made complicated... [#RefugeeCrisis](#)
- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 15](#) LT MFA STRATCOM retweeted Eityvydas Bajarunas Standing together in solidarity, addressing common challenge. [#Migrationcrisis](#)

Ukraine, Russia:

- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 16](#) We stand together calling [#FreeSentsov](#) [#FreeSavchenko](#)
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 19](#) Worth to read and share: The west must resist playing Putin's game in [#Syria](#). <http://bit.ly/1LGpZkD> [@guardian](#)
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 14](#) Не стало Ю.Афанасьева – патриота России, искреннего друга Литвы, борца за свободу и честь русского народа. Глубокие соболезнования близким.
- [Vytautas Leškevičius @Leskevicius Sep 18](#) [#LT](#) issues note to Russia over repeated interruption by RU navy of civil navigation in Lithuania's EEZ in Baltic Sea
- [LTembassyUA Sep 17](#) Ambassadors of Nordic-Baltic countries meet in Kyiv to discuss joint projects, initiatives and help to [#Ukraine](#).... <http://fb.me/6R6VDBWq4> < > [@LT_OSCE Sep 17](#) joint [#ODIHR-HCNM](#) report alerts about drastical deterioration of human rights situation in [#RussianannexedCrimea](#) <http://www.osce.org/odihr/182526>
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 16](#) .[@USEmbRu](#) thanks for RT! We think this is worth to read&share also: Российская пропаганда <http://bit.ly/1WbxMi3>
- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 17](#) [#Kremlin](#) troops captured UKR oil/gas rigs in 2014(?) [@en_informnapalm](#) [#unitedforukraine](#) <https://informnapalm.org/12642-104dshp>
- [LTembassyUA Sep 15](#) Российская [#пропаганда](#) в Европе так же опасна, как монополия "Газпрома" - Линкявичюс. <http://bit.ly/1WbxMi3>

[LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 18](#) LT MFA STRATCOM retweeted Freedom House No [#Freedom](#) to lie!

- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 16](#) [#Kremlin](#) tricks get back to business as usual with the [#West](#). Those tricks won't help [#unitedforukraine](#) [#FactsSpeak](#)
- [Rolandas Kacinskas @RKacinskas Sep 16](#) Declaration of The [#Vilnius](#) [#Democracy](#) Forum

which has just concluded its work | [#Ukraine](#) [#Russia](#) [#humanrights](#)

Security and defence:

- **Lithuania MFA** [@LithuaniaMFA Sep 11](#) What can we do to protect ourselves from weaponised info - [#propaganda](#) ? <https://euobserver.com/opinion/130188>
- **Lithuania MFA** [@LithuaniaMFA Sep 10](#) .[@LinkeviciusL](#):Baltic states - place where new [#NATO](#) tasks are assessed: [#energy](#) [#stratcom](#) [#cyber](#) sec. Hybridthreats
- **LT MFA STRATCOM** [@LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 10](#) 1 week since [#NFIU](#):RU claims [#NATO](#) sec. measures are “militaristic” in face of “alleged threat from RU”. [#FactsSpeak](#)
- **Lithuanian MoD** [Sep 9](#) [#LTU](#)–[#US](#) mil engineers' exercise held in LTU 4 the 1st time. Tasks incl.: dealing w/ EOD, ABC etc. [#AlliedStrong](#) < > [@Lithuanian_MoD_Sep10](#) [#LT](#)& [#US](#) soldiers train interoperability btw infantry & engineers in the battle theatre. [#AlliedStrong](#)
- **Lithuania in NATO** [@LitdelNATO Sep 10](#) Workshop on [#Hybrid](#) threats happening right now in [#Vilnius](#) about how to make [@NATO](#) stronger <http://goo.gl/LJu01k>
- **Lithuania in NATO** [@LitdelNATO Sep 8](#) [#Russian](#) Navy fireworks during [@jensstoltenberg](#) visit to [#Lithuania](#) to inaugurate [#NFIUs](#) in six Eastern [@NATO](#) Allies
- **Rolandas Krisciunas** [@RolandasKr Sep 10](#) Security issues discussed w/ [@RepMikeRogersAL](#) - strong voice for Central Eastern Europe in US Congress. [@LithuaniaMFA](#)

Lithuanian economy, Euro:

- **Linus Linkevicius** [@LinkeviciusL Sep 17](#) OECD in [#Lithuania](#), before LT get's to [@OECD](#) .Implement accession roadmap- key for LT. [@marikiviniemi](#) [@A_Gurria](#)
- **Dalia Grybauskaitė** [@Grybauskaite LT Sep 17](#) Official kick-off of the negotiations of [#Lithuania](#)'s membership in [#OECD](#): discussed reforms with OECD delegation
- **Giedrius Puodziunas** [@Puodziunas_G Sep 17](#) [#OECD](#) invitation 4 last round of talks proves [#Lithuania](#) 2 be reliable, economically developed & stable country <http://bit.ly/1KrCIAM>
- **Lithuania in NATO** [@LitdelNATO Sep 15](#) Eliminating energy islands. Electricity cable [#NordBalt](#) lying safe & sound under Baltic waters <http://goo.gl/WGzNcX>
- **Invest Lithuania** [@Invest_LT Sep 17](#) Strong growth fuels further investment plans for programming services provider [@VismaLietuva](#) <http://bit.ly/1KunqRU>
- **Invest Lithuania** [@Invest_LT Sep 16](#) [#Lithuania](#) – among the hottest places for [#startups](#) outside US according to Tech .co <http://bit.ly/1KophuF> [#techhub](#)
- **Algirdas Butkevičius** [@AButkevicius Sep 14](#) City of London chairman [@MarkBoleat](#) pays visit to [#Lithuania](#). We are keen to attract [#British](#) companies.
- **Rolandas Krisciunas** [@RolandasKr Sep 16](#) Rolandas Krisciunas retweeted BNS Lithuania Good news for another strategic energy project in the Baltic sea region [@LithuaniaMFA](#) [@LTembassyUS](#) [@Energy](#)
- **Loreta Graužinienė** [@grauziniene Sep 18](#) Very pleasant discussion with [@jyrkikatainen](#) about the economy and most importantly - [#investEU](#) and [#EFSI](#).
- **Egidijus Meilūnas** [@MeilunasE Sep 19](#) [#EC](#) vice-president: [#Lithuania](#) may expect financing for its [#energy](#) projects from [#Juncker](#) Plan - EN.DELFI <http://bit.ly/1Onmu8Q>

Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- **Dalia Grybauskaitė** [@Grybauskaite LT Sep 14](#) [#Georgia](#) can contribute to region's security&stability by implementing reforms. Discussed it with Tinatin Khidasheli

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 14 #Georgia](#) -country we refer 'we together' when talking on Euroatlantic integr. Mtng MoD [@tinakhidasheli @MoDGeorgia](#)
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 17 .@LinkeviciusL](#) w Thea Tsulukiani discussed import. [#Georgia's #EU](#) path reforms in the justice field, expressed supp.
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 17](#) FM [@LinkeviciusL: #Georgia's](#) Justice reform crucial for visa-free regime with the [#EU](#).
- [Lithuanian MoD Sep 14 „#Lithuania](#) remains strongly committed in supporting [#Georgia's #NATO](#) aspirations” - LTU Defence Minister J.Olekas

[Loreta Grauzinienė @grauziniene Sep 18](#) Meeting with Min of [@Justice_geo. @LRSeimas](#) is ready to assist [#Georgia](#) in transferring experience in the [#EU](#) integr.

- [Rolandas Krisciunas @RolandasKr Sep 18](#) Day to remember: 1) Letters of credence presented to [@POTUS](#) today. 2) My son's first jacket. [@LTembassyUS](#)
- [Egidijus Meilūnas @MeilunasE Sep 17](#) 90th anniversary of [#Jewish #YIVO](#) institute marked in [#Vilnius](#) - EN.DELFI <http://bit.ly/1Pg0QAH>
- [Algirdas Butkevičius @AButkevicius Sep 18](#) Historic event: two [#Baltic](#) states [#Lithuania](#) and [#Latvia](#) hold common Government sitting.
- [Algirdas Butkevičius @AButkevicius Sep 17 #Lithuania](#) was proud to support [#India's](#) initiative to establish the International [#Yoga](#) Day.
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 19](#) Remember tragic death of [#EULEX](#) officer Audrius Šenavicius. Need to continue efforts to bring perpetrators to justice. [@EULEXKosovo](#)
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 18](#) Two [#Baltic](#) nations w/common historic roots &close allies, foster brotherhood ties: [#LT](#) & [#LV](#) Governments meet today in old city Rokiškis
- [Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY Sep 17](#) Read full [#Lithuania's](#) statement at [#UNSC](#) debate on UNAMA, [#Afghanistan](#) <http://bit.ly/1FVfubr>
- [Giedrius Puodziunas @Puodziunas G Sep 14](#) Pity there's no drawn game in basketball. [#Georgian](#) team was fantastic 2nite & we celebrate 2gether. [#Eurobasket2015](#)
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 16](#) Bravo! Fantastic game, we are proud of you! Scusate cari amici [@FarnesinaPress #EuroBasket2015](#)

Other:

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 17](#) 17 Sept 1939 Sov Union invaded [#Poland](#), under a false pretense of 'protection' & in line with Stalin-Hitler pact. [#neveragain #WWII](#)
- [Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY Sep 18](#) 24 yrs ago flags of 3 Baltic states [#Lithuania](#), [#Latvia](#) & [#Estonia](#) were raised [@UN](#): <https://youtu.be/gRRZileWji4> via [@YouT ube](#)
- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite LT Sep 14 #Lithuania](#) hosts [#WHO](#) for the 1st time in the Baltics [#RC65](#)
- [Invest Lithuania @Invest LT Sep 18 .@airBaltic](#) introduces five new direct flight routes from [#Vilnius](#) <http://bit.ly/1KunvoP>

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