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- Lithuania's partnership with Poland will benefit the whole region
 - Protection of EU's external borders – responsibility, not an option
 - Responsible for downing of MH17 must be brought to justice
 - Increasing investment means confidence in Lithuania
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Top lines, statements

Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- PM Butkevičius on opening the first Rail Baltica section (16 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

- FM Linkevičius: “Lithuania and Poland enjoy friendly ties – we must exploit the potential” (13 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania’s Foreign Vice-Minister Karoblis: “Lithuania, Japan agree to deepen cooperation in the fields of bioindustry and life sciences” (16 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Ukraine, Russia:

- “Those responsible for downing of MH17 must be brought to justice” (13 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Security and Defence:

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Lithuanian economy:

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 - 5 reasons to set up your game development studio in Vilnius (15 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - World’s largest business services company to open Lithuanian office (15 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Europe Migrant Crisis:

- President Grybauskaitė: “The EU takes effective steps to handle the migration crisis” (15 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania’s Foreign Vice-Minister Karoblis: “Protection of EU’s external borders is not an option, but responsibility” (15 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Media links

- “Lithuania is kicking Russia to the curb”, *Forbes* (16 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)
- “Latvian and Estonian PMs welcome GIPL agreement as guarantee of Baltic energy independence”, *En.Delfi* (16 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)
- “Latvia and Lithuania agree on joint gas purchases from US”, *En.Delfi*, (16 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)

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