



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

12 - 19 October 2015

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Key messages:

- Mutual respect & understanding –the basis of Lithuania - Israel relations
 - Lithuania continues to support Ukraine aiming to restore its territorial integrity
 - U.S. military presence in Lithuania – key for security of the whole region
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Top lines, statements

President visits Israel and Palestine:

- President Grybauskaitė at the meeting with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin discussed most relevant issues relating to regional security and bilateral cooperation (19 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- President Grybauskaitė at the meeting with Israeli PM Netanyahu: “We have to make use of the existing favorable situation where there is mutual interest in cooperation” (20 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- President Grybauskaitė at the opening of the World Lithuanian Economic Forum in Tel Aviv: “There is no better time than now to take the advantages offered by the Lithuania-Israel

relationship and find unique ways to collaborate in business, science, education, IT, and innovations” (20 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

- “Lithuanian Jews and their descendants – known as Litvaks across the world – have played a very special role in the creation of two states, Lithuania and Israel”, – President Grybauskaitė at the opening of the first ever Israeli Litvak Forum (20 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - President Grybauskaitė at the meeting with the President Abbas of Palestine discussed security situation in the Middle East, bilateral cooperation (20 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- Lithuanian Foreign Vice-Minister and Ukraine’s Deputy Foreign Minister discuss development of bilateral relations in Kyiv (21 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania opens Honorary Consulate in Ukraine’s city Ivano-Frankivsk (22 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Prime Minister’s political agenda in Paris: development of bilateral relations with France and refugee crisis (22 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - The Prime Minister signed declaration for Paris agreement on climate change (23 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Nordic and Baltic countries discuss cooperation plans in Copenhagen (22 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuanian Ambassador meets with President of Singapore, discusses ways to strengthen business relations (22 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Security and Defence:

- Influential U.S. think tank Atlantic Council will also look into ways of improving security measures in Baltic States (21 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Belgium, Lithuania and Luxembourg agreed to work together to ensure security (23 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - U.S. rotations in Lithuania shift, the incoming rotation is bringing heavy equipment (22 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Lithuanian economy:

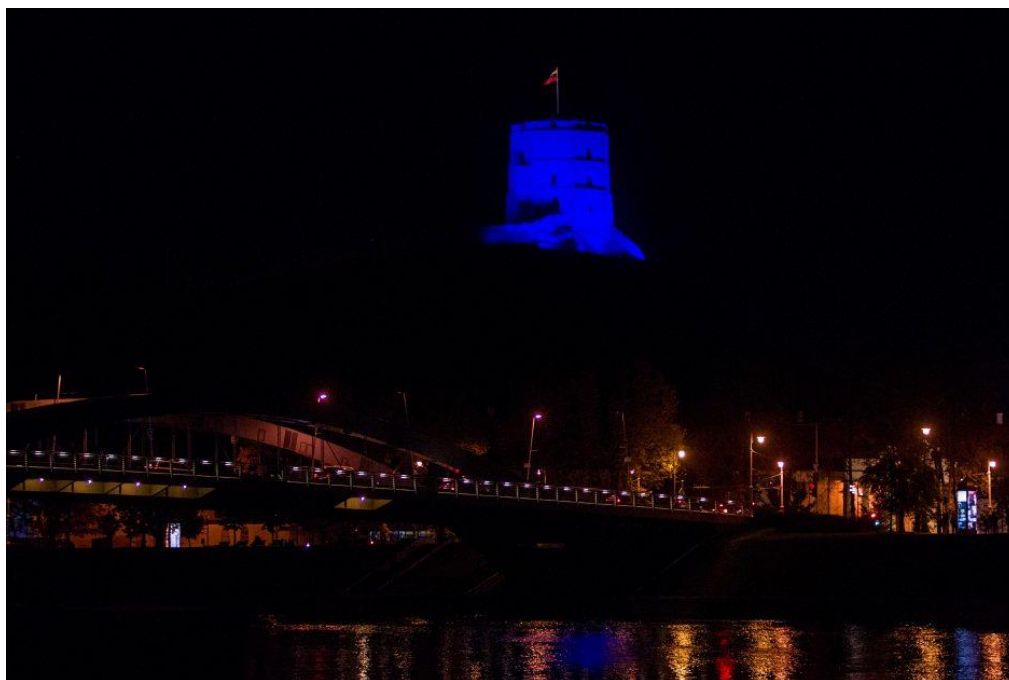
- Lithuanian space startup receives funding to launch a market-ready nanosatellite in 2016 (19 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Media links

- “Poland and Lithuania Need Each Other” *New Eastern Europe* (21 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)
- Lithuania responsibly implements OECD membership action plan *The Baltic Course* (23 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)

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