



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

30 November – 6 December 2015

Key Lithuanian Foreign Policy messages of the week. All materials included are public.
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Lithuania supports Ukraine

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Key messages:

- Lithuania calls for the full implementation of the Minsk Agreements, supports territorial integrity of Ukraine & visa-free travel for Ukrainians to the EU
- As Lithuania prepares for the power interconnections with Poland & Sweden, welcomes first electricity from Poland traded on the market
- NATO's main task – the full implementation of the Readiness Action Plan & swift and firm response to the new security challenges
- Lithuania is among leaders in fighting climate change

Top lines, statements

President of Ukraine in Lithuania:

- Lithuania supports Ukraine (2 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Prime Minister expresses strong support to Ukraine at meeting with Ukrainian President (2 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania opens EU market to Ukraine (2 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - In Brussels, Lithuania's Foreign Minister stressed need for full implementation of Minsk agreements (1 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Defence Minister Olekas underscored the importance of bringing Ukrainian military forces closer to NATO standards (2 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Multilateral relations:

- Lithuania is among leaders in fighting climate change (30 November, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania at UN Security Council: “Illicit trade in small arms has devastating impact on world’s most endangered species” (1 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - FM Linkevičius at OSCE Ministerial Council in Belgrade: “Dialogue on Ukrainian conflict has to be based on OSCE principles and commitments” (3 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - FM Linkevičius: “Crimean issue must remain on OSCE’s political agenda” (3 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania initiates dialogue between Europe and Asia on women’s empowerment (4 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Security and Defence:

- FM Linkevičius: "Cooperation with NATO helps strengthen Ukraine's security (1 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - NATO must be ready to respond to threats, no matter where they arise from, says Lithuania's Foreign Minister (2 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - The possibility to deploy UK troops to the Baltic States for exercise discussed in London (30 November, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - US Ambassador reiterated that the U.S. will maintain long-term military presence in Lithuania (3 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Lithuanian Economy, Energy:

- First electricity from Poland traded on the market (4 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Vilnius to Host Baltics’ Largest Bitcoin and Blockchain Conference (4 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Media links

- “L. Linkevičius: Ukrainians Deserve Visa-Free Travel” *The Wall Street Journal* (2 December, 2015) [Read full article](#)
 - “Linkevičius: Do not waste time on internal fights” *The Clarion* (1 December, 2015) [Read full article](#)
 - “Minister Linkevičius: Any NATO-Russia conversation must include Ukraine issue” *Delfi.EN* (6 December, 2015) [Read full article](#)
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