



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

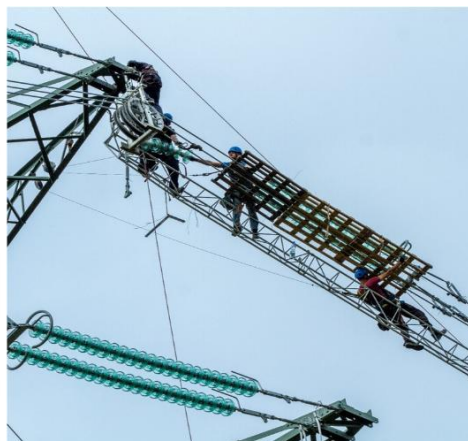
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Key Lithuanian Foreign Policy messages of the week. All materials included are public.
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Key messages:

- The strengthening of EU's external borders remains essential for reducing illegal immigration and preserving the Schengen area
- Lithuania welcomes positive progress reports by EU Commission on Ukraine, Georgia and Kosovo readiness for visa-free regime with the EU

Top lines, statements

Europe's Migrant Crisis:

- President Grybauskaitė at the European Council: "Effective protection of the EU's external borders is key to managing the chaotic process of migration. A new European Border and Coast Guard will help Lithuania and other EU countries to strengthen border controls and ensure the

security of their people and the Schengen area. This is an important step forward in overcoming the refugee crisis" (17 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

- FM Linkevičius at EU's General Affairs Council: "Protecting EU external borders is essential for reducing illegal immigration" (15 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

Energy Security:

- Lithuania – EU's energy security leader (17 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Minister of Energy Masiulis: Today we can say with pride that we are a strong country (14 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Development of Baltic gas market the priority of 2016 (16 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

United Nations:

- Foreign Vice-Minister Krivas at UNSC: "The financing of terrorism is an integral part of the general terrorist threat; that is why combating recruitment of terrorists, flows of foreign terrorist fighters, and illicit trafficking of arms and holding perpetrators to account are of utmost importance, too" (18 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Foreign Vice-Minister Andrius Krivas at UNSC: "The international community must take immediate and resolute measures to end the Syrian crisis" (18 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- The President met with British Prime Minister David Cameron (17 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Lithuania continues focusing its assistance to Ukraine on defence reform and military training (14 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

Economy:

- Lithuania hopes the WTO will continue to be the major venue of setting rules of trade (18 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- New relocation guide helping companies and individuals make the move to Lithuania (15 December, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

Media

- The Baltic States' Vital Step Toward Energy Independence *World Affairs* (17 December, 2015) [Read full article](#)
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