



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

12-18 January 2015

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

- Russia has made no progress respecting the Minsk obligations – therefore, no reason to ease the sanctions. But the dialogue with Russian society should be developed.
- Security challenges require concerted efforts.
- The EU and its member states need to be proactive in information field.
- The euro is our opportunity, responsibility and freedom to grow.

Top lines, statements

Ukraine, Russia:

- „Ukraine needs all kinds of assistance: humanitarian, financial and expert. There is a need for a consistent policy for the relationship with Russia. Russia has made no progress respecting the Minsk obligations, so there is no reason to ease the sanctions.“ (Minister L. Linkevičius, 16 January 2015). [Read full news release.](#)

- “Russian aggression against Ukraine has fundamentally changed European security situation. This raises concerns, especially to the neighbours who wish to see a democratic, peaceful and prosperous Russia. European values and an opportunity to live in a democratic society are, beyond any doubt, also very important for the people of Russia. Therefore, the dialogue with Russian society is especially important and should be developed.” (Minister L. Linkevičius, 15 January 2015). [Read full news release](#).
 - Lithuanian president was named the Person of the Year by the Higher Academic Council of Ukraine. "We know what it means to fight for freedom. That's why we are helping the people of Ukraine as they have decided to do so themselves. It's the appreciation of the whole of Lithuania as we are supporting Ukraine not only with words but also with real work which involves not only financial assistance but also our knowledge and the reform experience." (President D. Grybauskaitė, 15 January 2015). [Read full article](#).
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Security and Defence:

- „Security challenges are becoming more global, acquiring new forms and shapes, therefore it is important to address them by pooling the insights and efforts of foreign policy makers and strategists.“ (President D. Grybauskaitė, 15 January 2015). [Read full press release](#).
 - “It is important to promptly and smoothly implement the decisions taken in Wales. This has a great significance to transatlantic security and the Baltic Sea region. It is necessary to constantly ensure that the Alliance is ready to address the security challenges it might face.” (Minister L. Linkevičius, 15 January 2015). [Read full news release](#).
 - "Today Europe faces new threats which demand coordinated and united response of all EU member states. Therefore, we must together search for solutions to ensure peace and economic welfare for our people." (President D. Grybauskaitė, 14 January 2015). [Read full press release](#).
 - "We want our activities in the information field to be more active and pro-active, not a defence and explanations of the nonsense and lies that are being disseminated." (Minister L. Linkevičius, 14 January 2015). [Read full article](#).
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Energy security:

- „The creation of the energy union would [...] contribute to increasing the EU competitiveness. It is essential to fully exploit the advantages of the effectively functioning internal energy market, develop energy interconnections, and step up energy security of the EU. The implementation of all these measures will provide the EU with more levers in negotiations with external suppliers of energy resources.“ (President D. Grybauskaitė, 14 January 2015). [Read full press release](#).
 - On January 14, in Riga, the ministers responsible for energy policy in the three Baltic states signed the Declaration on Energy Security of Supply of the Baltic States. "Signing of the Energy Security of Supply declaration marks the beginning of the important and irreversible shift in our region towards liberal, transparent, competitive and fully functioning regional gas and electricity markets." (Minister of Energy R. Masiulis, 14 January 2015). [Read full article](#).
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Lithuanian economy, Euro:

- „By joining the euro area, Lithuania has taken one more step towards deeper European

integration, strengthening the confidence of international markets in our country which will contribute to the stable growth of Lithuania's economy." (President D. Grybauskaitė, 15 January 2015). [Read full press release.](#)

- "The euro is our opportunity, responsibility and freedom to grow. Today, the Lithuanian Vytis is sending a message that Lithuania stands ready to protect and defend European values as we have always done since the beginning of our statehood." (President D. Grybauskaitė, 14 January 2015). [Read full press release.](#)
- "In the next four years, Lithuania's growth will surpass eurozone average several times. Other Baltic states will show similar tendencies. Hence even though our region accounts only for 0.8 percent of the total eurozone GDP, it will spearhead the growth." (Ernst&Young Managing Partner in the Baltic states J. Akelis, 15 January 2015). [Read full article.](#)

On Twitter

Ukraine, Russia:

- [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Jan 18 Today thousands rally in [#Kyiv](#) for victims of deadly bus attack near [#Volnovakha](#). All this makes us feel Ukrainians. Je suis Volnovakha!
- [Eitvydas Bajarunas @EitvydasB](#) · Jan 18 Tomorrow [@LinkeviciusL](#) with his colleagues [#EU](#) Foreign Ministers will speak about [#Russia](#)'s war against [#Ukraine](#). Important to keep sanctions
- [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Jan 17 War in UA 'll stay on top of UNSC agenda until RU stops support aggression. No progress on t ground or at negotiations [hyperlink](#)
- [Raimonda Murmokaite @PRLTUN](#) · Jan 16 [#Ukraine](#): [#EU](#) MEPs condemn terrorist acts, say sanctions against Russia must stay [hyperlink](#)
- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite_LT](#) · Jan 15 Від імені народу Литви висловлюємо щирі співчуття сім'ям загиблих та всьому народові України. Литва підтримує Україну
- [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Jan 15 [#VilniusForum](#) gathers an impressive crowd: Y.Shevtsova, M.Kasyanov, A. Piontkovsky, A.Zubov, A.Troitsky. Dialogue w RU society is important.
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA](#) · Jan 14 Today we mourn with the people of [#Ukraine](#) and remember those killed by terrorist hands. [#UnitedForUkraine](#)
- [Rolandas Kacinskas @RKacinskas](#) · Jan 14 After attack on passenger bus killing 13 ppl, [#Ukraine](#) asks the world community to recognize so called LNR & DNR as terrorist orgs.
- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite_LT](#) · Jan 13 Honored to be named Person of the Year in [#Ukraine](#). Thank you! Дякуємо, Україно!
- [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · Jan 13 Condemn killing of civilians in Buhas, [#Ukraine](#). [#Terrorism](#) is an unfortunate but foreseeable outcome of separatism...

Security and defence:

- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite_LT](#) · Jan 15 [#Snowmeeting](#) in [#LT](#): bringing international experts to discuss most pressing security challenges
- [Lithuanian MoD @Lithuanian_MoD](#) · Jan 15 Annual analysis of resent trends & issues in LTU National Security at the int, regional & national levels. <http://bit.ly/150ZAAz>
- [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO](#) · Jan 13 [#US](#) Army Lightning troop is welcomed to

- [#Lithuania](#) for joint training under operation [#AtlanticResolve](#). [@NATO](#) [@USNATO](#)
 - [Aurimas Taurantas](#) [@ATaurantas](#) · [Jan 12](#) New [#US](#) military rotation arrives in [#Lithuania](#) to attend combined training events and improve interoperability [hyperlink](#)
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- [Lithuania MFA](#) [@LithuaniaMFA](#) · [Jan 15](#) [@LinkeviciusL](#) decorated @carlDbild with Star of LT Diplomacy, 4 long-lasting dedication 2European ideals& partnership
 - [Žygimantas Pavilionis](#) [@ZygisPavilionis](#) · [Jan 17](#) Off 2Los Angeles 2prepare the ground 4new LT Consulate General in LA [@DaivaNavarrette](#) [@US Protocol](#) [@skusev](#) [@LTUworld](#)
 - [Egidijus Meilūnas](#) [@MeilunasE](#) · [Jan 15](#) [#Lithuanian](#) president to attend Holocaust remembrance events in [#Poland](#) - EN.DELFI [hyperlink](#)
 - [Linas Linkevicius](#) [@LinkeviciusL](#) · [Jan 13](#) Congrats to Adam Michnik, [@gazeta wyborcza](#) editor-in-chief, receiving Freedom prize in LT Parliament! [@AMichnik](#) [@PLinLithuania](#) [@PolandMFA](#)
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Other:

- [Dalia Grybauskaitė](#) [@Grybauskaite_LT](#) · [Jan 14](#) Met with President of [#EuCo](#) [#Tusk](#): unity of [#Europe](#) is the answer to today's challenges
 - [Jonas Paslauskas](#) [@PaslauskasJonas](#) · [Jan 13](#) 2day in Tbilisi Flag of Unity gathered our friends heart 2 heart in memoriam of those who died 4 our Freedom in 1991
 - [Dalia Grybauskaitė](#) [@Grybauskaite_LT](#) · [Jan 12](#) Aim for [#freedom](#) is stronger than any type of oppression. [#Lithuania](#) has experienced it 24 years ago [#January13](#)
 - [Linas Linkevicius](#) [@LinkeviciusL](#) · [Jan 12](#) 24 years ago courageous, unarmed people of [#Lithuania](#) defeated soviet tanks and defended freedom of their country.
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