



# Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

## 26 January - 1 February 2015

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

- It is Russia's responsibility to put an end to aggression in Ukraine.
- Independent, sovereign and stable Ukraine is an integral part of security in the Euro-Atlantic area.
- As Klaipėda LNG terminal started its operations, we can import natural gas from various sources and offer them to customers in other countries for competitive prices.
- Construction of the standard gauge railway track project Rail Baltica is a priority.

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## Top lines, statements

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### Ukraine, Russia:

- "Decision made by the Foreign Affairs Council is a clear message to Russia. If Russia makes no progress in implementation of the Minsk Agreements, EU sanctions will be extended and new

- sanctions will be imposed.” (Minister L. Linkevičius, 30 January 2015). [Read full news release](#).
- The Lithuanian Embassy in Kiev will serve as a NATO contact point Embassy in Ukraine from 2015 to 2017. „Lithuania has been entrusted with a highly significant role therefore we will actively contribute to strengthening NATO-Ukraine relationship. I am convinced that independent, sovereign and stable Ukraine is an integral part of security in the Euro-Atlantic area.” (Minister L. Linkevičius, 28 January 2015). [Read full news release](#).
  - „The Russian Federation, its administration and army that supplies arms must take responsibility [for the Mariupol attack that claimed civilian lives]. [...] This is a Russian war on Ukraine." The shooting in Mariupol „can be considered a terrorist attack, as it was aimed specifically at civilian targets. [...] How many more people would have to die to make it clear that the red line has been crossed?" (Minister L. Linkevičius, 28 January 2015). [Read full article](#).
  - “The onus is on Russia to put an end to this senseless war by ending support to illegal armed groups operating in the east of Ukraine, accepting international monitoring of the Ukrainian-Russian border, withdrawing its troops and weaponry from eastern Ukraine, reaffirming its respect for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity.” (Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the UN Ambassador R. Murmokaitė, 26 January 2015). [Read full news release](#).
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## Energy security:

- At the 8th annual European Gas Conference 2015 petroleum company Klaipėdos Nafta won the Project of the Year award for the implementation of the Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal project. „This shows that the company has a professional team and can implement strategic projects at ambitious deadlines, which is important when it comes to LNG services plans in the Baltic region.“ (CEO of AB Klaipėdos Nafta M. Bartuška, 29 January 2015). [Read full article](#).
  - Natural gas supply and trading company Litgas will start supplying natural gas to Estonia from February. "When LNG terminal in Klaipėda has started its operations, we acquired new options to import natural gas from various sources and offer them to customers in other countries for competitive prices. Furthermore, Lithuania gained momentum to become a regional hub for natural gas trading." (General manager of LITGAS D. Tuckus, 28 January 2015). [Read full article](#).
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## Lithuanian economy:

- Construction of the standard gauge railway track project Rail Baltica is a priority. "All the time we sought for a new fast European gauge track to be laid through the most economically viable and effective route. [...] It is projected that 25,000 people and 15.8 million tonnes of cargo will be carried per day by Rail Baltica in 2040.“ (Minister of Transport and Communications R. Sinkevičius, 30 January 2015). [Read full article](#).
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## Other:

- „The killing of the Japanese journalist Kenji Goto [...] is an outrageous act of terror which once again proves that the Islamic State (ISIS) is the embodiment of evil. [...] Lithuania has always been and will be among those who fight against terrorism.“ (Minister L. Linkevičius, 1 February 2015). [Read full statement](#).

- “The supreme goal of humankind is peace, and the main instrument to achieve it is humanness. Therefore, leaders and followers of all religions need to work together for promoting peace all over the world.” (President D. Grybauskaitė, 28 January 2015). [Read full news release.](#)
- “As we mark one of the greatest tragedies in human history – the Holocaust – we share our common pain with the survivors of this nightmare. By witnessing this painful historical legacy we reiterate that there is no and there will never be any place for anti-Semitism, xenophobia and other forms of hatred in Lithuania.” (Minister L. Linkevičius, 28 January 2015). [Read full news release.](#)
- “Millions of lives lost in death camps remind us that cynical indifference opens the way for violence and aggression. Therefore, it is our duty and responsibility not to allow the darkest chapters of history to be repeated. We cannot remain indifferent to what has occurred and what is happening today.” (President D. Grybauskaitė, 27 January 2015). [Read full news release.](#)

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## Media links

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- Arrival and doorstep by L. Linkevičius, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, at the Extraordinary Foreign Affairs Council. 29 January 2015, Brussels, [watch video.](#)
- “Opinion: New Russian propaganda – primitive but effective” by Viktoras Denisenko. Delfi, 26 January 2015, [read full article.](#)
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- “What made Lithuania the new darling of international tourism?” by Erika Fuks. Delfi, 30 January 2015, [read full article.](#)

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- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL](#) · [Jan 30](#) Another shelling of civilians in Donetsk - result of support 2terrorists & argument against illusions on Ru good will. <http://reut.rs/1A61Jic>
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- [Rolandas Kacinskas @RKacinskas](#) · [Jan 30](#) Transatlantic partnership & democratic gains at risk given the Kremlin's strategic efforts to weaken & divide.
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