

## POLITICAL NEWS



[Students of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University \(VGTU\) in Lithuania have built a miniature replica of the Eiffel Tower](#) to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eiffel Tower. The Lithuanian version of France's most recognized sight is 8.58 metres high and 3.42 metres wide, made entirely from paper rolls.

[Photo](#) by DELFI/K. Čachovskis.

**Military  
Conscription Back,  
Amid Russian  
Aggression in  
Ukraine**

[Lithuania decides to reintroduce military conscription, amid Russian aggression in the Eastern Ukraine.](#) The decision was made by the State Defence Council, which is comprised of the Lithuanian President, Prime Minister, Parliament Speaker, Minister of Defence and Chief of Defence. Compulsory military service was suspended in 2008, when Lithuania chose fully professional army. However, President Dalia Grybauskaitė stresses that geopolitical circumstances have changed, and army must be manned with more efficiency.

**Russia Further  
Bolstering Its  
Propaganda Efforts**

[Lithuania's State Security Department warns about Russia upping its propaganda game.](#) "Increasingly obvious Russian efforts to instigate an information war have been observed along with its aims to spread its propaganda in the mass media, online media and social networks of Lithuania", the Department said in a statement.

**National  
Broadcaster to  
Expand Its  
Russian-Language  
Programming**

[In response to informational pressure of the Kremlin-supported media, the Lithuanian national broadcaster LRT plans new programs for Russian-speakers in Lithuania and hopes to launch a program focused on explaining sources of propaganda and its methods of working.](#) The issue was discussed during a joint meeting of representatives from the LRT Council, the Council for Culture and the Ministry of Culture.

**LT & US Energy  
Ministers  
Discussed Energy  
Security Imports of  
American LNG**

On 24 February, the Lithuanian Minister of Energy, Rokas Masiulis, met with his American counterpart, Dr. Ernest Moniz, the Secretary of Energy. The meeting focused on energy security and discussing potential exports of US liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Lithuania. [The Lithuanian government, with assistance of the Embassy in Washington, DC, has been working extensively on securing LNG imports from the US. Several LNG projects have gotten the green light from US authorities during last year.](#) A number of US companies, mainly located in Texas and Louisiana, are in the process of expanding and developing large LNG terminals.

**Linkevičius: Let's  
not Ignore the  
Attempts to  
Redraw the Map of  
Europe**

During the UN Security Council open debate on Maintaining International Peace and Security, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Linas Linkevičius stressed the significance of the end of the World War II and victory against Nazism. However, he underlined that Nazism in Lithuania was succeeded by Stalin's totalitarian regime, occupation and exiles. According to the Minister, for Lithuania, which is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the re-established independence, the principles of the UN Charter are fundamental. [The attempts of Russia, the permanent member of the Security Council, to redraw the map of Europe by force are in breach of those principles and pose threat to international peace and security.](#)

## TWEETS



**Linas Linkevičius** @LinkeviciusL · Feb 25

Reinstating of conscription in Lithuania is our contribution to collective defence.  
[#NATO](#) [#security](#)



**Dalia Grybauskaitė** @Grybauskaite\_LT · Feb 22

1st anniversary of [#Maidan](#): ideals of [#Maidan](#) cannot be destroyed by any weapon



**Simonas Satunas** @SimonasSatunas · Feb 27

Lithuanian [#MEPs](#), experts, [#NGO](#) discuss [#TTIP](#) in @LRSeimas. 84% Lithuanian [#GDP](#) gains from [#exports](#)  
[@EU\\_TTIP\\_team](#)

## ECONOMY NEWS

### Robotics in Lithuania Your Business Location



## WE SUGGEST

### Kaziukas Fair

On the first weekend of March there is a great opportunity to have a look at Lithuanian traditions, folk and food. Since 17<sup>th</sup> century the springtime market called *Kaziukas fair* is held in Vilnius. It is a large annual folk arts, crafts, souvenirs and handmade goods fair which takes place in the streets of the Old Town. The most popular and traditional product in Kaziukas Fair is *verba* – a colorful bouquet of dried flowers and herbs.



**Support For Euro Continues to Grow in Lithuania**

[Some 68 percent of Lithuanians were in favour of the euro in mid-February, up by 8 percent from December](#), the latest poll commissioned by the central Bank of Lithuania has shown.

**Lithuania Europe's No. 1 in Fibre-Optic Internet Penetration**

[For the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Lithuania retained its leading position in Europe in terms of fibre-optic \(FTTH\) Internet network penetration.](#) According to the global ranking, Lithuania comes in number 8, the annual report of the FTTH Council Europe shows.

**State-Of-The-Art Lens Facility Was Opened**

[A state of the art facility that will produce up to 4,000 lenses for eyewear every day was recently opened in Trakai](#), a resort town near Lithuania's capital Vilnius.

**LT & UA Industrialists Set Up Ukraine's Business Representation in EU**

On 20 February, [the Confederation of Lithuanian Industrialists together with the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs signed an agreement, establishing a permanent representation of Ukrainian business in Brussels.](#) The mission of the newly opened business representation is to represent the interests of Ukraine's industry and businesses in the EU institutions.

## CULTURE

**US Library of Congress Hosts Lithuania's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Celebration**

On 25 February, the prestigious [Library of Congress in Washington DC](#) turned out to be the perfect backdrop to start the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the reinstatement of [Lithuania's independence on 11 March 1990.](#) The guest were able to visit the private reading room of the Congressmen and Senators in the Library of Congress where they could see a display with more than 40 books about various aspects of Lithuania regaining independence in 1990.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

6-8 Mar.	<a href="#">Kaziukas Fair</a> in Vilnius.	10-12 Apr.	22 <sup>nd</sup> <a href="#">International Exhibition of Beauty Industry Cinderella 2015</a> , Litexpo, Vilnius.
19 Mar. - 2 Apr.	20 <sup>th</sup> Vilnius International Film Festival <a href="#">Kino Pavasaris</a> .	11 Apr.	<a href="#">TEDxVilnius</a> , at Lithuanian National Drama Theatre.

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