

POLITICAL NEWS



On 10 October in Washington, D. C., Lithuanian Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevičius accompanied by Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius met with U.S. Vice President Joe Biden. Photo by Ludo Segers.

TWEETS & QUOTES



Darius @DariusSemaska · Oct 13

• Klaipėda LNG will be the first LNG terminal in the Baltic and Nordic region, able to supply 75 percent of the combined Baltic gas demand



Linas Linkevičius @LinkeviciusL · Oct 11

Most worrying that human rights defenders in RU now need to defend themselves- threats 2close #Memorial.

Via@RFERL [rferl.mobi/a/russia-closi ...](http://rferl.mobi/a/russia-closi...)



Yeni Diplomasi @YeniDiplomasi · Oct 13

Probably one of the best @Flickr collections in #digitaldiplomacy: flickr.com/photos/mfa_lit... by @LithuaniaMFA #digitaldiplomacytips

Klaipėda LNG ensures regional gas supply

„Once the Klaipėda LNG terminal enters into operation, however, the supply for the protected customers would be ensured in the three Baltic States in all scenarios <...> while in the absence of the Klaipėda LNG terminal the situation would be more dramatic in Estonia“<...> says the October 16 report of the findings of the Baltics and Finland Focus Group accompanying the [European Commission’s communication on the short-term resilience of the European gas system](#).

Deny Lies, Speak the Truth

Lithuanian National Radio and Television and Delfi.ru 14 October [started to air a new Russian-language TV news program "Current Time"](#), ("Nastoyashchee Vremya") - a joint production of RFE/RL and the Voice of America in partnership with broadcasters and Internet portals in Georgia, 3 Baltic States, Moldova, and Ukraine. It aims to provide audiences with a balanced alternative to the disinformation produced by Russian state-controlled media outlets.

Response Force

[Response forces will be set up in Lithuania's Armed Forces](#) as of Nov. 1. The response force will comprise two battalion combat teams, and elements of air force, special forces and logistic support and will be ready for deployment within 2 hours. It will be able to prevent hostile actions within the territory of Lithuania in peacetime by responding to modern threats - or threats of unconventional warfare.

Illegally detained vessel by RU

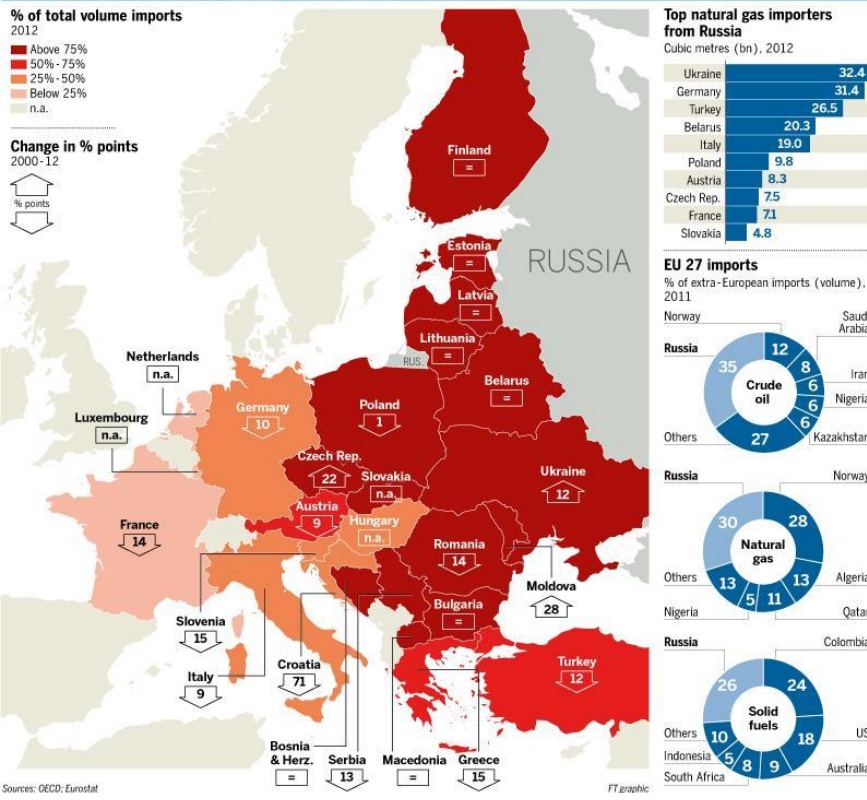
The European Commission on Monday called to convene an [extraordinary meeting of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission](#) (NEAFC) to investigate all circumstances of the Lithuanian fishing vessel’s *Jūros Vilkas* [detention in the Russian port of Murmansk](#).

New Honorary Consulate in Wisconsin

[Foreign Minister Linas Linkevičius opened an Honorary Consulate](#) of Lithuania in the historic Capitol building in Madison, the capital of the State of Wisconsin on 13 October. Honorary Consul Leslie Liautaud is Wisconsin’s famous businesswoman, philanthropist and public figure. The Governor of Wisconsin Scott Walker attended the opening ceremony.

ECONOMY NEWS

Natural gas import dependency on Russia



WE SUGGEST

Welcome Georgia, a new member of [NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence](#) in Vilnius

<http://www.enseccoe.org/en/home.html>



Euro benefits

More than a quarter of Lithuanians expect the euro to bring direct benefits to them, such as creating more jobs in the country, increasing wages, bringing down costs of borrowing and currency exchange. The poll was commissioned by life insurance and pension company Aviva Lithuania.

WU: LT one of best investments

Head of Western Union Hikmet Ersek 15 October visited Lithuania, and called Vilnius office “[one of our best investments](#)”. “The Vilnius office motivates me because every time I come here I learn something new <...> In the beginning there were 250 employees in the Vilnius office. Today we have 1,400 very clever, hard working employees here.” The Vilnius regional operation centre of WU has been operating since May 2011.

Lithuanians presented Apple products

Lithuanian brothers Saulius Dailide and Aidas Dailide, founders of the “Pixelmator Team” made presentation along with Apple’s general director Tim Cook during Apple’s special global event on 16 October. Using their own graphics processing package, Lithuanian entrepreneurs presented new capabilities of the state-of-the-art “iPad Air”.

CULTURE

Oskaras Koršunovas Theatre (OKT) has [won two awards at the international theatre festival](#) Baltic House that takes place in Saint Petersburg.

“[Vilnius Jazz Festival 2014](#)”: least commercial, superstar-less, groovy and funky drives its fans mad with the wacky jazz “perversions”.

Lithuanian Jazz Days in Prague on 12-13 October introduced Lithuanian progressive Jazz scene to the Czech audience. They began with a discussion “Art under Totalitarian Regimes: a Lithuanian Jazz Story,” and were a part of the 18th annual Forum 2000 conference “Democracy and Its Discontents.” We invite you [to view photo album](#) (October 14 post).

UPCOMING EVENTS & VISITS

21-23 Oct.	The International Conference “Space Economy in the Multipolar World (SEMWO)”	12-13 Nov.	Innovative Energy Solutions for Military Application
23-25 Oct.	“Forum One” - the biggest Business and Leadership Forum in Central Europe, Vilnius	19-23 Nov.	Software Development conference “Build Stuff 2014”

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