

POLITICAL NEWS



27 October Lithuania will welcome LNG carrier 'Independence' at the port of Klaipėda.

TWEETS & QUOTES

 **Dalia Grybauskaitė** @Grybauskaite_LT · Oct 21
#Swedish PM Löfven in #LT: regional security is common interest of #Baltic and #Nordic States

 **LT PermRep EU** @EU2013LTpress · Oct 20
@LinkeviciusL #FAC #Ukraine #Putin #Milan: no breakthrough, no improvement -no reason 2change policy or lift #sanctions ec.europa.eu/avservices/vid ...

 **Lithuania MFA** @LithuaniaMFA · Oct 23
New #LNG initiatives give The Baltic Sea region a unique oppourt. 2be even more environmentally-friendly #KlaipedaLNG goo.gl/JYLdNE

Energy Security

[Lithuania will be able to survive without Russian gas](#) after its liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal starts up soon, redrawing the energy map for the Baltic states, President Dalia Grybauskaitė said on Tuesday. The floating LNG import terminal in the port of Klaipėda is to be launched on 27 October, ending the supply monopoly of Russia's Gazprom and isolation from global gas markets. Commercial deliveries are due to start after the terminal's testing in the beginning of 2015.

Top3 Countries to Visit

[Lithuania named number-three destination in Lonely Planet's list of must-see countries for 2015](#): "Next year Lithuania will be the newest member of the eurozone, the final step in its journey from reluctant Soviet republic to fully fledged European nation. And why visit? The Curonian Spit is one long line of gorgeous beaches, backed by Europe's largest moving sand dunes. Then there's Vilnius' baroque old town, which earned Lithuania one of its entries on the World Heritage list".

Energy Security in Practice

[NATO Energy security centre of Excellence](#) in Vilnius organized NATO-ICI table top exercise on the protection of critical energy infrastructure 20-23 October. It was aimed at supporting national authorities in building resilience through improved disaster preparedness, planning, prevention and response, and strengthening their capability to manage potential civil emergencies. Energy security exercises are critical to maintaining and strengthening relationships between business sectors, government agencies and nations.

Right to be Elected: EU Citizens

The Seimas approved draft amendments to the Law on Political Parties, [allowing EU citizens to stand as candidates](#) in municipal elections and in elections to the European Parliament, under the same conditions as nationals of Lithuania. Amendments should come into effect 1 January 2015.

ECONOMY NEWS

European Commission

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

Horror Movie *or* True Story?

Choose your version

The EU is negotiating a new trade deal with the US.

The talks have triggered heated debate across Europe.

CONCERNS **CLAIMS** **FACTS**

1 Transparency	The EU is negotiating in secret with the US.	We're closely involving EU governments and the European Parliament and publishing lots of documents.	Find out how
2 Influence	Big companies are pulling all the strings	We're listening to everyone with a stake – not just big business.	Find out how
3 Standards	TTIP will weaken – or even scrap – strict EU rules that protect people and the planet.	We'll uphold all EU standards – including food, health, safety, work, privacy and the environment.	Find out how
4 Public services	TTIP will force EU governments to privatise public services.	Public services, e.g publicly-funded health care, are protected in TTIP and in other EU trade agreements.	Find out how

ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ttip

Healthcare Industry Invests in Kaunas

US based healthcare industry leader [Intermedix's](#) 23 October opened [new Shared Service Center](#) in Kaunas, first center of such kind in Europe. The center, currently employs more than 200 people, intends to increase to 500 employees within two years. Center's highly qualified specialists provide state of the art software development services to healthcare industry clients in the USA and across the globe. "Here we can create positions of the highest standard for innovative and creative specialists from various fields. The commitments we have received from the more than 200 people who have become part our company has encouraged us to plan further development and investment", said Ken Cooke, Chief Operating Officer of Intermedix Corporation.

SCIENCE

Lithuanian Scientists Abroad

Lithuania's Education and Science Ministry has nominated four Lithuanians living abroad for their international-level achievements and cooperation with Lithuania. The science awards will go to linguist Laimute Balode living in Latvia, historian Katarzyna Korzeniewska-Wolek from Poland, engineer Algirdas Marchertas and biologist Ramunas Stepanauskas, both from the US. The prizes are aimed at encouraging [Lithuanian researchers working abroad](#) to serve as Lithuania's scientific ambassadors and acquaint the Lithuanian society with prominent scientists of Lithuanian origin.

UPCOMING EVENTS & VISITS

6-8 Nov.	Baltic Food and Beverage Fair , BaltHotel Fair at Litexpo, Vilnius.	19-23 Nov.	Software Development conference "Build Stuff 2014", Vilnius.
12-14 Nov.	"Innovative Energy Solutions for Military Applications" (IESMA 2014), Vilnius.	Until 19 Dec.	Fluxus+ Fluxus Ehibition , Vilnius.

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High Quality IT Services

"We have a team of software engineers in Lithuania. I must admit they're [among the best software engineers](#) we collaborate with", said Oliver Nicolas, Engineering Manager of Uber, a rapidly expanding US company. It offers passenger transport services and is worth more than 18 billion US dollars. Uber liked the level of both education and experience the software engineers employed in Lithuania have.

