



## INFO TO PARTICIPANTS

LITHUANIA MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013

Participant organizations:

- ❖ Germany, Kroatische Wirtschaftsvereinigung e.V.
- ❖ Lithuania, Klaipėdos Turizmo Mokykla
- ❖ Poland, Lubelska Izba Rzemieslnicza
- ❖ Romania, Grupul Școlar de Prelucrarea Lemnului, Constantin Brâncuși
- ❖ Turkey, Tuzla Teknik ve Endustri Meslek Lisesi
- ❖ Croatia, Hrvatska Obrtnička Komora Obrtnička Komora Zagreb

### Participants:

No	Name	Country	Date
1.	Darija Čukelj	Croatia 3	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013
2.	Dražen Maksimovič		
3.	Miran Šoič		
4.	Naci Candan	Turkey 3	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013
5.	Ali Tan		
6.	Tarik Bagriyanik		
7.	Carmen Lidia Nistor	Romania 1	4 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013
8.	Agata Strudzinska	Poland 2	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013
9.	Alicja Miszczak		
10.	Mario Koturic	Germany 2	3 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013
11.	Mario Sušak		

Objectives:

- ❖ To collect data about vocational education in Lithuania
- ❖ To see VET examples of good practice in Lithuania
- ❖ To present incentive measures for enrolment in VET programmes
- ❖ To explore the possibilities offered by the Lifelong Learning Program and the spirit of it (mutual understanding, respect, tolerance, dialogue, active citizenship..)
- ❖ To underline the importance of non-formal education at lifelong learning projects
- ❖ To discover the differences and similarities of different cultures (traditions, religions),
- ❖ To support the intercultural exchange between participants
- ❖ Make joint conclusions which activities are needed for making vocational occupation attractive to students and their parents.

# WELCOME TO LITHUANIA



„St. Ann“ church



„Gediminas“ castle

Grand Duchy of Lithuania was the first established state in Vilnius region. Vilnius distinguished itself as an important cultural center when Vilnius University opened in 1579, immediately attracting students from as far away as Sweden and Hungary. The 20th century proved a turbulent time for the Baltic city, but its historical buildings survived. Vilnius Old Town is famous with the carefully restored Baroque buildings and medieval charm that earned it UNESCO World Heritage status.



Vilnius



Vilnius old town

Trakai is considered the de facto medieval Lithuanian capital because Duke Vytautas the Great preferred the dreamy landscape punctuated by scenic lakes and islands over Vilnius. Trakai Castle is in the island, a red brick, fairy-tale fortress built by Vytautas and his father in the 15<sup>th</sup> century to fend off German knights. Karaims, who belong to the oldest Turkish tribe—Kipchaks—who were brought from Crimea to Trakai in the 14<sup>th</sup> century as bodyguards for the castle. Some families still live in Trakai today. Visitors like to learn about their culture and try traditional Karaite specialties, such as *kibinai* or *chebureki* (savory meat pastries).



Trakai

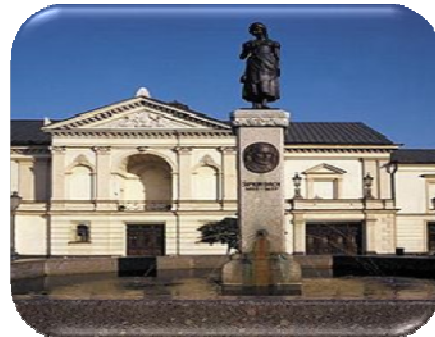


Trakai specialties „Kibinai“

### Welcome to Klaipėda



Klaipėda Old Town



Sculpture of „Ann von Tharow“  
and Drama theatre

Klaipėda is the gateway to a stunningly beautiful coastal stretch known as the Curonian Spit, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Klaipėda is the third largest city in Lithuania and the only sea-port of the country. Originally founded by Baltic tribes, the city was built by the Teutonic Order in 1252 and named Memel after a river 40 kilometers south. For most of its history, Klaipėda, was part of Prussia and later Germany before falling into Lithuanian hands after the First World War. The German heritage is still highly visible, but the sea-port status has seen the city blooming on its own.



Sailing boat „Meridianas“



Magic mouse

## Traditional Lithuanian dishes and drinks



Mashed potato dumplings „Cepelinai“



Cold red beet soup „Šaltibarščiai“



„Švyturys“ beer „Extra“



Dark chocolate



Wedding cake „Šakotis“

## Facts and Figures

**Area:** 65,300 km<sup>2</sup>

**Capital:** Vilnius (population 500.000)

**Languages:** Lithuanian (official), Russian, and Polish.

**Ethnicities:** Lithuanian 83,4%, Polish 6,7%, Russian 6,3%, other or unspecified 3,6%

**Location:** Lithuania is bordered by Belarus, Latvia, Russia, and Poland.

**Geography:** Lithuania is the largest and most populous of the three Baltic states, but only has about 55 miles of coastline. The land is fertile, low-lying, and in many places covered with thick pine forests or sparkling lakes. The country's capital, Vilnius, is known for Baroque beauty, artists, and of course, artists' hangouts—cafes and bars.

**Population:** 3.200,179

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 79%, Russian Orthodox 4,1%, Protestant 1,9%, other or unspecified 5,5%, none 9,5%.

**Time zone:** Lithuania is seven hours ahead of U.S. EST. When it is 6am in New York, it is 1pm in Vilnius.



**Klaipėda Tourism school on the first of September**

### **What do You have to prepare for the meeting?**

Germany, Romania, Croatia, Poland, Turkey – Prepare in written form about educational system in own countries, involvement of the chambers and other institutions in promotion of vocational education with some facts and recommendations.

Please bring this for the meeting in Klaipėda in „*WORD*” document. We all need to discuss and make final conclusions for the catalogue.

1. Accommodation on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Vilnius at the hotel „Novotel”

([www.novotel.com](http://www.novotel.com)).

Dates depend on your arrivals.

Prices: for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> , single room - 80 euros per room, per night. Twin room - 90 euros.

Prices for the 8<sup>th</sup> - 90 euros per night. Breakfast is included for all days. Sauna, gym free of charge.

2. Accommodation on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Klaipėda, at Klaipėda Tourism school guest rooms ([www.ktm.lt](http://www.ktm.lt)). Price 40 Litas (12 euros) per person, per night.

Food will be provided 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch, at Klaipėda Tourism School (For food total 15 euros per person). Our school will issue the bill for accommodation and food at KTM school.

We will have lunches and dinners in restaurants in Vilnius, Trakai, Klaipeda in different restaurants.

It will be about 15-20 euros per dinner/lunch. You will pay separately yourselves, depending what meals you choose.



Weather



[http://www.orai.tv/orai\\_klaipedoje](http://www.orai.tv/orai_klaipedoje)

Klaipėda's climate is oceanic, but very close to being a continental.. Winters are cold to mild, and summers are warm. In May, the warmest season, high temperatures average 15°C, and low temperatures average 10°C. Be prepared for wind and rain, just in case.

Lithuania - Central-european time (GMT+1, summer +2).

In Lithuania it is possible to drink tap water.

### Exchange Rates and Pricing

1 EUR – 3,4528 Litas

1 USD – 2,53 Litas

### Notes



10 Lt (≈3 €)



20 Lt (≈5,79 €)



50 Lt (≈14,45 €)



100 Lt (≈ 28 €)



200 Lt (≈ 57 €)



500 Lt (≈ 144 €)

### Coins



The pricing for some basic things are as the following.

Please note that the prices can change according to where you buy or where you are!



3-5 Litas  
0,87 – 1,45 €



5-6 Litas  
1,45- 1,74€



4-6 Litas  
1,16- 1,74,€



5-7 Litais 1,47- 2,02 €



8-9 Litas  
2,32- 2,60 €

*We will pick you up at the airport and bring you to the hotel „Novotel“ ([www.novotel.com](http://www.novotel.com)).*

*Daiva Baltmiškienė will meet you at the airport (Mob.: +370 614 31488). We will organize transport Vilnius-Klaipėda (on the 6<sup>th</sup> May) and Klaipėda-Vilnius (on the 8<sup>th</sup> May). Price- 41 euros (for both ways).*

As we agreed, accomodation and meals during meeting are covered individually by participants.

You can pay individually for hotels and meals.

Daiva Baltmiškienė will help you to change money on the first day. There ATMs /cash machines everywhere in Vilnius, Klaipėda. Major credit cards are accepted in all shops, hotels, restaurants.



## EUROPEEK, 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, LITHUANIA – programme

5 <sup>th</sup> May Sunday Arrival	6 <sup>th</sup> May Monday		7 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday		8 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday		9 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday Departure	
Turkey - 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00</b>	Breakfast Check – out	<b>8.00</b>	Breakfast at KTM	<b>09.00</b>	8.00-9.00 Breakfast  Transfer to Vilnius		
	<b>09.00</b>	Group meeting at the lobby 09.00-11.00 Sighthseeing in Vilnius (guided tour)	<b>09.00-10.00</b>	Visit to Klaipėda Tourism School Vocational education in Lithuania				
Poland - 5 <sup>th</sup>			<b>10.30</b>	Workshop „European Cake“ day				
Germany – 3 <sup>rd</sup>			<b>11.30</b>	Coffee break				
Croatia – 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11.00</b>	Transfer to Klaipėda via Trakai	<b>12.00</b>	Visit to Klaipėda Dressmaking and Service Business School				
			<b>13.00</b>	Sightseeing Beer Tour in the „Švyturys“ Brewery				
Romania - 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11.40</b>	Visiting Trakai castle (guided tour)	<b>13.50</b>	Lunch at KTM				
	<b>13.30</b>	Lunch in Trakai Transfer to Klaipėda	<b>14.45</b>	Concert at KTM - Evaluation of the project, Klaipėda meeting - Certificate ceremony				
	<b>18.00</b>	Accomodation at KTM		Free time				
<b>19.30</b> Dinner	<b>19.30</b>	Dinner	<b>19.30</b>	Dinner at „XIX amžius“				