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# **Incoming Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU**



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# European Union in 2013

## EU moving towards economic recovery

- Need to ensure growth, job creation and better competitiveness
- Implementation of EU political agreements

## End of EU legislative cycle

- New elections of European Parliament in May 2014

## Finalization of legal framework related to EU Budget 2014–2020

- Agreement on EU budget 2014



# Focus Europe

## Credible Europe

- Restore confidence in EU economy

## Growing Europe

- Boost employment and competitiveness

## Open Europe

- Strengthen openness and security



# Credible Europe

## Implement enhanced economic governance framework

- Implement EU Fiscal Compact, focus on balancing national budgets
- Prudent application of the Stability and Growth Pact (reinforced by six-pack)
- Strengthen budgetary surveillance mechanisms in Euro area (implementing two-pack)
- Discuss ex-ante coordination of major economic reforms in Euro area

## Deepen Economic and Monetary Union with special focus on Banking Union framework

- Proceed with discussions on deepening EMU
- Progress on negotiations on Single Resolution Mechanism

## Protect financial interests of EU and Member States

- Agree on actions to fight against tax fraud and tax evasion
- Focus on anti-money laundering files

## Credible Europe for citizens

- Encourage and facilitate citizens' wider involvement in the EU



# Growing Europe

## EU budget for growth

- MFF-related legislative proposals, EU2014 annual budget

## EU Internal Market for growth

- Digital Agenda: TEN-tele, e-identification, broadband cost reduction, network security
- Complete Single Market Act I, progress on Single Market Act II
- Research, industry and innovation framework
- Better regulation and governance, SMEs, services

## Boost employment

- Youth employment: Guarantees scheme, Alliance for Apprenticeships

## Complete EU internal energy market

- Proper implementation of third energy package, market design, integration of renewables (progress monitoring and evaluation)
- First Europe-wide list of projects of common interest
- Solid external dimension of EU energy policy (stock-taking of actions agreed in 2011)

## Move forward macro-regional strategies for growth

- Review of EU macro-regional strategies for the Baltic Sea and Danube regions



# Open Europe

## Strengthen Eastern Partnership

- Finalize and sign Association Agreements, including DCFTAs
- Advance dialogue on visa facilitation and liberalization

## Continue enlargement

- Advance EU accession negotiations (Iceland, Montenegro, Turkey)
- Progress on European perspective of other Western Balkan countries

## Promote free trade worldwide and with strategic partners

- Negotiate free trade agreements with United States and Japan
- WTO ministerial conference in Bali

## Effective control of EU external borders

- Smart borders package, legal migration and fight against smuggling

## Strengthen Common Security and Defence Policy

- Better response to new security challenges and closer cooperation between partners

## Increase impact of EU Development policy

- Promote better use of EU Member States' transition experience in development cooperation



# Preparation for the Presidency

## Political agreements

- Principles and priority areas agreed in 2011 by all parliamentary parties
- Budget approved in 2011

## Presidency Coordination

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs as horizontal coordinator
- Political coordination since 2009 by Government Commission on EU affairs (deputy minister level)
- Practical coordination since 2011 by network of ministry coordinators

## €62 million budget for 2012–2014

- Includes all Presidency-related activities of all public institutions
- Among smallest budgets of EU presidencies

## Some 1500 Presidency team members

- 188 persons in Permanent Representation
- Trainings, internships at EU institutions
- Enlargement of multilateral diplomatic representations





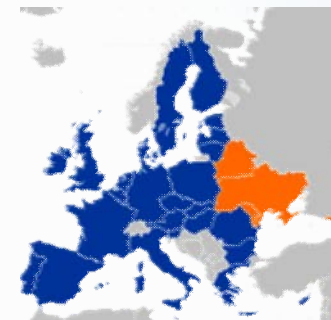
# Events in Lithuania



**Presidency opening ceremony  
and European Commission visit**  
July 5



**ICT2013**  
November 6–8



**Eastern Partnership Summit**  
November 28–29



**EUSBSR**  
EU STRATEGY  
FOR THE BALTIC  
SEA REGION

**Annual Forum on the EU Strategy  
for the Baltic Sea Region**  
November 11–12



**High Level Conference  
on Energy**  
November 4–5



**European Year of Citizens 2013**  
[www.europa.eu/citizens-2013](http://www.europa.eu/citizens-2013)

**Closing event of the European  
Year of Citizens**  
December 13



# Venues in Vilnius



**National Gallery of Art:**  
**14 informal councils**  
July–October



**LITEXPO:**  
**3 high-level meetings**  
November



**Palace of the Grand  
Dukes of Lithuania**  
Gala dinners and cultural  
programme



# Practical information

## Accreditation system

- Website: [delegation.eu2013.lt](http://delegation.eu2013.lt)
- Opens 8 weeks prior to meeting
- Closes 2 weeks prior to meeting

## Presidency services

- Liaison officers
- Delegation and briefing rooms, press centre
- Interpretation by SCIC

## Transport

- Travelling through airport VIP lounge
- Information desk at airport arrival hall C
- Transportation for official parts of meetings

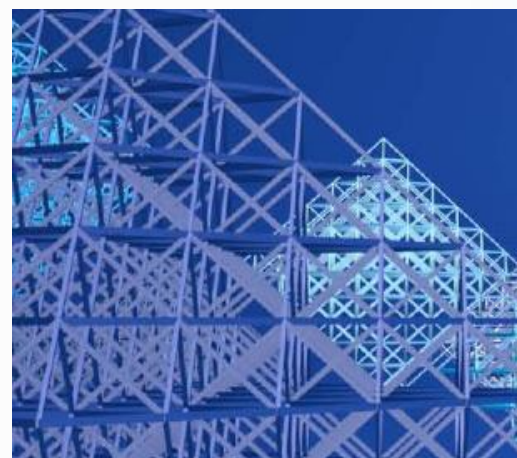


# Visual style



## Presidency logo symbolizes EU unity and responsibility of Lithuania as Council Presidency

- Idea proposed in public competition
- Finalized by professional designer



## Motif of traditional straw decoration “Garden”

- Council building (Justus Lipsius)
- National Gallery of Art
- Gift ties and scarves



# Events worldwide

## Presidency events in Lithuanian representations

- 57 diplomatic missions worldwide

## Concerts and exhibitions in major art centres and concert halls

- Presidency gala opening in BOZAR, Brussels
- Presidency closing event in Flagey, Brussels

## Presentation of Lithuanian business and economics

- Innovative events in Paris, London, Berlin, New York, Philadelphia, Moscow



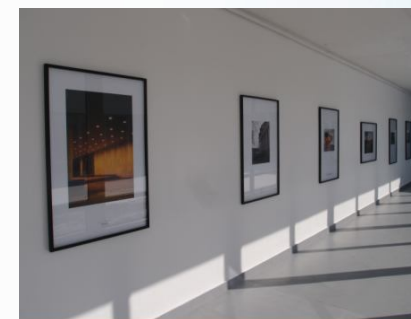
# Cultural projects



**Poetic Documents**  
More than 100 photos  
and 30 poems



**Documents of Cinema**  
7 documentaries are  
restored and digitized



**Fragment of Larger:  
Lithuanian Contemporary Art**  
20 contemporary Lithuanian  
artists in one exhibition



**Lithuania  
in a Mail Parcel**  
10 Lithuanian objects inscribed into  
UNESCO heritage list



**Lithuania in Europe.  
Europe in Lithuania**  
Lithuanian historical, cultural, political  
links with 27 EU member states



# More information

## Presidency website

- [www.eu2013.lt](http://www.eu2013.lt)

## Twitter

- [@EU2013LT](https://twitter.com/EU2013LT)
- [@EU2013LTpress](https://twitter.com/EU2013LTpress)

## Facebook

- [www.facebook.com/eu2013LT](http://www.facebook.com/eu2013LT)

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