

Problems in Western Balkans

# On-boarding INFO-PACK

**Educational Study Visit** Vilnius, Lithuania

March 16-25, 2025



#### WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? WHY?



The study visit to Lithuania provides a unique opportunity for collaboration and knowledge exchange between VET providers from the consortium and local Lithuanian VET institutions and companies. Participants will have the chance to share expertise, explore best practices, and gain valuable insights into the functioning of VET educational programs across EU countries. The visit aims to foster partnerships and facilitate planning for future joint activities to enhance vocational education and training.

#### Meet the hosts

VILNIUS TECH is one of the biggest research universities in Lithuania with a focus on technologies and engineering and a strong emphasis on university-business cooperation.



### MAIN INFORMATION

DRUPWB
Digital Response to Unemployment

**Dates**: March 16–25, 2025

**Duration**: 10 days (including 2 travel days)

Main Venue: VILNIUS TECH "LinkMenų fabrikas", Vilnius, Lithuania (Linkmenų g. 28, Vilnius, 08217 Vilniaus m. sav.)

Nearest bus stops: Linkmenų st. (Bus 5, 49) and Licėjus (Bus 5G, 7, 26, 53, 69)

How to find the venue: <a href="https://youtu.be/JWpaR3UMT0k">https://youtu.be/JWpaR3UMT0k</a>







### COMMUNICATION & AGENDA



Join the WhatsApp group (this will be the main communication channel between the participants and organizers during their time in Vilnius):

https://chat.whatsapp.com/KuK581w2VtBJOik0N7bDoR



AGENDA: <a href="http://bit.ly/4jydYpQ">http://bit.ly/4jydYpQ</a>

#### SOME GENERAL PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION



#### SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL TIPS

- ✓ Use your water bottles (our tap water is perfectly drinkable and is among the cleanest in Europe!) and your cup for a coffee to go.
- ✓ Rent a bicycle or use public transportation
- ✓ If renting a car, choose an electronic or hybrid car
- ✓ Don't buy coffee to go, rather stay and enjoy cosy Vilnius cafes
- ✓ When buying souvenirs, choose the ones that are locally made
- ✓ Use towels, sheets more than once
- ✓ Don't forget to turn off the lights and electrical appliances in the hotel room
- ✓ Use your smartphone instead of flyers and brochures

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#### **EXPECTED WEATHER**

During March in Vilnius, temperatures typically range from -1°C to 7°C or even up to 10°C. The weather can be rainy, windy, or unexpectedly snowy, so proper clothing is essential. For a more accurate forecast, it is advisable to check closer to the dates of the study visit.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

In Lithuania European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) holders are able to receive state-provided necessary healthcare during temporary stays. The insurance covers or reduces the cost of any state-provided medical treatment that becomes necessary. EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance, but it is possible to take out a private insurance policy in addition to EHIC. Remember to check whether your EHIC is still valid before traveling!

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Download app "Trafi" – it is used for public transport here in Vilnius.

- ✓ In the app you can select from where to where you want to travel
- ✓ You can buy tickets in the app to use for public transport (bus and trolly)

✓ If you have student identification card (ISIC) you can use the discounts for tickets. Select 80% when buying longer

than 1-day tickets.

Apple store

Google play



#### TAXI & MORE



#### YOU CAN ALWAYS USE TAXI APPS IN VILNIUS

These are the options:

- ✓ Uber
- ✓ Bolt
- ✓ Etransport

#### CITYBEE, SPARK & BOLT DRIVE

A quick and easy car rental to get around from one place to another, requires an app. (Note that the service requires your diver's license and credit card information that must be verified in advance).

#### **SCOOTERS AND BIKES**

A fast, cheap, and enjoyable way to travel inside the city is by renting bikes or scooters. These services are provided by companies such as Bolt and require registering in said apps before purchase.









### STAYING IN VILNIUS



#### Good <u>hotels</u> near the city center and VILNIUS TECH "LinkMenų fabrikas":

✓ ibis Vilnius Centre

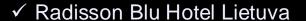
3-star hotel

Address: Rinktinės g. 18, Vilnius, 09322 Vilniaus m. sav.

✓ Holiday Inn Vilnius

4-star hotel

Address: Šeimyniškių g. 1, Vilnius, 09312 Vilniaus m. sav.



4-star hotel

Address: Konstitucijos pr. 20, Vilnius, 09308 Vilniaus m. sav.







### STAYING IN VILNIUS



#### Other <u>options</u> near the city center:

✓ Check Airbnb

You can explore some locations in the city center or the Old Town of Vilnius.



✓ Co-living space Solo Society City House Vilnius Coliving
 (A bit further from the main venues, but still close to the Old Town of Vilnius.)

https://solosociety.lt

Address: Šv. Stepono g. 33, Vilnius, 03210 Vilniaus m. sav.



#### SOME GENERAL INFORMATION



#### What to bring:

Your laptops for work (don't forget chargers!)

And everything you need for a nice trip to Vilnius (clothes, hygiene, medicine and so on).

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**Police** – 112

Fire brigade — 112

First aid — 112

# Must visit: #pOrtal

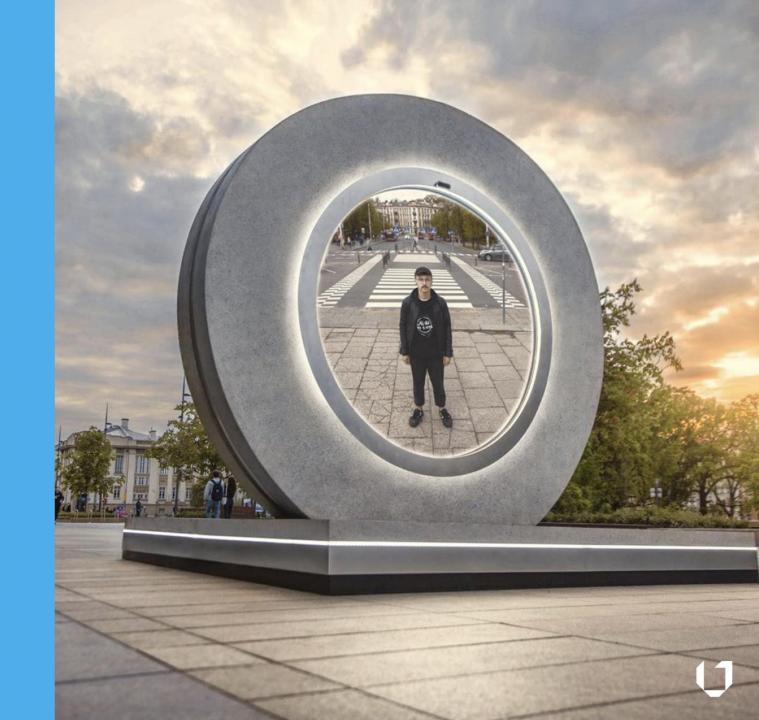
The international project "Portal" was born in the Lithuanian capital and is a modern community catalyst, which is expected to spread the message of unity, promote international friendship between cities and states, and bring communities together for civic initiatives.

Where? Vilnius Train station Open 24/7



### #pOrtal

A concrete piece weighing 11 tons, connecting the Lithuanian capital with Lublin in Poland, Dublin in Ireland and Philadelphia in USA.





The author of the non-profit project, Benediktas Gylys, President of the Benediktas Gylis Support Foundation (BGF), together with the VILNIUS TECH "LinkMenų fabrikas" team, engineers, designers and other developers, created a new way to teleport to another city in real time and get to know it better.



#### Must visit:

**MO MUSEUM** 



MO Museum is a place for an immersive cultural experience and excellent leisure. We aim to be open and accessible to everyone!

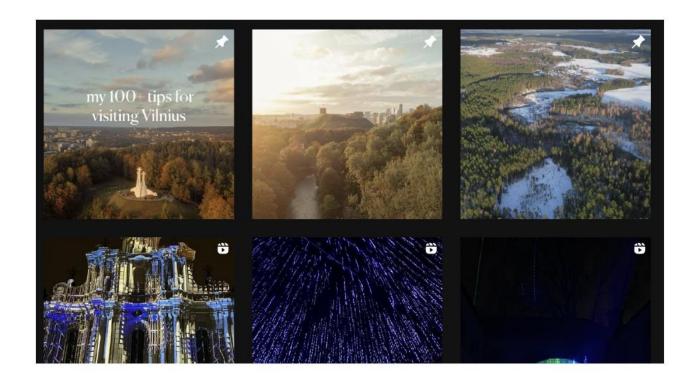
### Must visit:

Gediminas castle, the hill of three crosses





https://www.instagram.com/laumeieva/



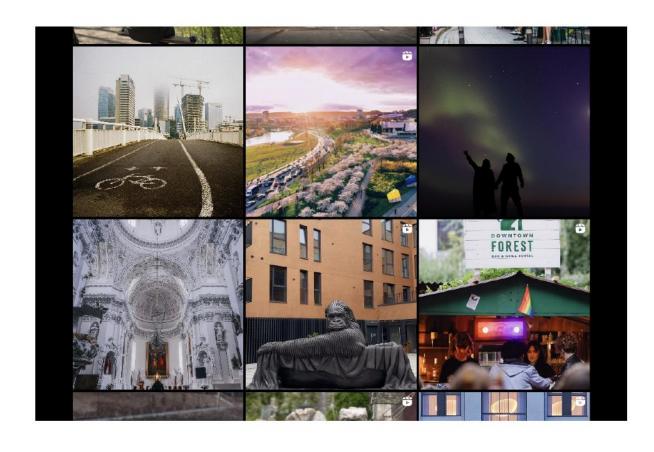
Laumeieva is an Lithuanian instagram creator that shares fun places in Vilnius to see and discover.

https://www.instagram.com/curly.and.lithuania/



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https://www.instagram.com/govilnius/



Go Vilnius is the Official Tourism Development Agency of the City of Vilnius,

https://www.instagram.com/fabianas.lt/



Ecuadorian
Living in Vilnius
sharing fun foods
and places

### Must try food:

- Cepelinai (potatoes with meat)
- Šaltibarščiai (cold beet soup for summer you might find it in winter time too!)
- Kugelis (potato pie)
- Žemaičių blynai (potato pancakes with meat)
- Tinginys (a nice sweet "pie/cake")









## See you soon in Vilnius!

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