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MARCH 3-4, 2014 | Vilnius, Lithuania

## Practical Info



## Transport in Vilnius

Vilnius International Airport (VNO) is located 5.9 km South of Vilnius. Please note that **transport to the hotel and to the venue of the meeting will not be provided**. The airport is served by public transport (buses, taxis), allowing you to get to the hotel and back.

Transport between **the Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva (the event venue)** and Vilnius International Airport

- We suggest taking a taxi. Fares for the trip to hotel should be about 25-35 Litas (8-10€), but it is recommended to confirm this with the taxi driver in advance. Our suggestion is to order taxi by phone:  
+37052333337  
+37052000820  
+370 5 2400 004
- There is also an express bus No.3G (every 5 minutes) or a regular bus No.88 (every 30 min.). The bus stop is on the main street which is about 5 min walk from the airport exit. The price for a journey is 3, 5 Litas (1€), you can buy a ticket on board. The bus will take you directly to the venue – the bus stop is EUROPE SQUARE (in Lithuanian: *Europos aikštė*). The hotel is located opposite the bus stop on the other side of the street.

**The bus schedules** are available here:

Bus No. 3G:  
<http://stops.lt/vilnius/#expressbus/3g/b-a/2613/en>

Bus No. 88:  
<http://stops.lt/vilnius/#bus/88/a-b/2613/en>



## Hotels suggestions

You can choose to reserve your accommodation at the event venue that is the **Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva** (<http://www.radissonblu.com/lietuvahotel-vilnius>). There are also other hotels, located in the centre of Vilnius, and nearby the venue.



The nearest hotels are **Best Western Vilnius** (<http://vilniushotel.eu/EN/Vilnius/Hotel>) or **Holiday Inn** (<http://www.holidayinnvilnius.lt>).

Please note that there is no special reservation for the accommodation made. Accordingly we recommend booking your hotel as soon as possible.



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## General information about Lithuania and Vilnius

The Republic of Lithuania is located in the Eastern coast of the Baltic Sea. The country shares borders with Latvia to the North, Belarus to the East, Poland and Kaliningrad Region of the Russian Federation to the South. Its natural border is the Baltic Sea coast.

**Languages:** Lithuanian is official language. Other spoken languages – English, Russian, Polish

**Year of accession to EU:** 2004

**Capital city:** Vilnius

**Total area:** 65 000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 3.3 million

**Currency:** Litas (Lt). **It is necessary to have Lithuanian currency Litas.** Money can be exchanged **in the airport.** All major banks in Lithuania have ATMs. Major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

**Local Time:** GMT + 2



### Climate & Weather

The climate of the Lithuania can be described as typical European continental influenced climate with warm, dry summers and fairly severe winters. The weather is often breezy and humid due to the proximity of the Baltic Sea. Winter-like weather prevails in Vilnius in March.

### Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and on all public transport. However, many pubs and restaurants have a designated outdoor smoking area.

### Opening hours

Shops normally open around 9:00 and close around 18:00.

Banks are open from Monday to Friday between 8:00 and 17:00.

Restaurants are open from Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 22:00.

### Emergency Numbers

Call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for police, fire department and ambulance.

Dial Code for Lithuania: +370.



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### Places to see in Vilnius

Recommended hotels, located in the centre of the city, are within 15-20 minute walk from a number of cultural locations in Vilnius.



#### Vilnius Old Town

In 1994 the Vilnius Old Town was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in recognition of its universal value and originality: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/541>. It is one of the largest surviving old medieval towns in Northern Europe.

#### Vilnius Cathedral

It was built in the middle of the 13th century when the Lithuanian King Mindaugas converted to Christianity and built a Christian temple on the spot where the Cathedral of Vilnius now stands. The Cathedral Square is the main square of Vilnius Old Town, and here you'll find the Cathedral's Bell Tower (57 meters high), a bronze-monument to Gediminas (one of the first leaders of Lithuania), and the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania (the Royal Palace).



#### Church of St. Anne

A great Gothic masterpiece, St. Anne's Church was designed by the Bohemian architect Benedikt Rejt. Unlike many other churches in the region, St. Ann's has experienced minimal damage or reconstruction over the years.



*We look forward to seeing you in Vilnius!*

