

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania*

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**of the information visit of the Commission officials  
October 04-08, 2004  
Vilnius**

**October 4, Monday**

General introduction

09.00-09.30 Course registration

09.30-10.00 Welcome and outline of the programme  
*Officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

10.00- 10.30 Introduction of participants  
*Participants of the course*

10.30- 10.45 Coffee break

10.45- 11.00 Address by Minister of Foreign Affairs

11.00- 11.20 Address by Head of European Commission Representation in Lithuania

Session: Lithuanian Foreign Policy (presentations and discussions)

11.20- 12.00 Lithuanian priorities in EU  
*Director of EU department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

12.00- 13.30 Lunch

13.30- 14.15 EU “new neighborhood initiative”, cooperation with Russia: Lithuanian contribution  
*Director of Eastern Europe and Central Asia Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

14.15- 15.00 Lithuanian security policy  
*Director of Security policy department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

15.00- 15.15 Coffee break

15.15- 16.00 Cooperation with neighbors: Poland, Baltic States and Nordic countries  
*Director of Europe Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

16.00- 16.30 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and system of diplomatic representations  
*Director of Administrative Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

17.00- 18.00 Vilnius City Tour

19.00 Reception by Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## **October 5, Tuesday**

Session: EU policy coordination (presentations and discussions)

9.00- 9.45 Lithuanian model of EU policy coordination, role of diplomacy  
*Director of EU department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

9.45- 10.30 National coordination of EU policy: practical issues  
*Government Chancellery of Lithuania*

10.30- 10.45 Coffee break

10.45- 12.00 Discussion on how to ensure effective national coordination and cooperation with the European Commission  
*Participants of the course*  
*Officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government Chancellery of Lithuania*

12.00- 13.30 Lunch

13.45 Departure to the Parliament of Lithuania

14.00- 14.45 Parliamentary mandate in national EU policy coordination  
*Chairman of European Affairs Committee of Parliament*

14.45-15.00 Coffee break

15.00- 16.30 Discussion on role of national parliaments in the European Union  
*Participants of the course*  
*Members of Parliament of Lithuania*

16.30- 17.00 Excursion in the Parliament

19.00 Dinner

## **October 6, Wednesday**

Session: Lithuanian national administration and sectorial policies (presentations)

9.00- 9.30 Lithuanian civil service: how it works?  
*Ministry of Interior of Lithuania*

9.30- 10.15 Justice and Home Affairs: Lithuanian priorities  
*Ministry of Interior of Lithuania*

10.15- 10.30 Coffee break

10.30- 11.15 Energy and transport: Lithuanian priorities  
*Ministry of Transport of Lithuania*

- 11.15- 12.00 Agriculture: Lithuania policy  
*Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania*
- 12.00- 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Round table “Cooperation between national administration and the European Commission”  
*Participants of the course*  
*Officials from different ministries and institutions of Lithuania*
- 13.30-15.00 I Panel: how to ensure effective cooperation between national administration and the European Commission: current situation and possibilities in future
- 15.00- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.15 II Panel: lobbying in the European Commission: what are the possibilities?
- 16.15- 17.00 III Panel: recruitment to EU institutions, seconded national experts: what are the possibilities?
- 19.00 Dinner

### **October 7, Thursday**

#### Session: economic policy (presentations)

- 9.00- 9.45 Lithuanian economic policy  
*Ministry of Economy of Lithuania*
- 9.45- 10.30 Economic diplomacy  
*Director of Economics department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania*
- 10.30- 10.45 Coffee break
- 10.45- 11.30 Lithuanian economic interests in Brussels  
*Lithuanian development agency*
- 11.30- 12.00 Discussion on economic policy
- 12.00- 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30- 17.00- Excursions to Lithuanian enterprises (IT, biotechnology, lasers).
- 18.00 Performance in Lithuanian Opera and ballet theatre
- 21.00 Dinner

**October 8, Friday**

**Session: information and cultural policy (presentations)**

9.00- 9.45 Lithuania and Europe: historical review

*Lithuanian historical institute*

9.45- 10.15 Lithuanian language and culture

*Ministry of Culture of Lithuania*

10.15- 10.45 Lithuanian education system

*Ministry of Education of Lithuania*

10.45- 11.00 Coffee break

11.00- 11.30 Lithuanian information policy

*Lithuanian institute*

11.30- 12.15 Tourism sector in Lithuania

*Department of tourism of Lithuania*

12.15- 13.45 Lunch