

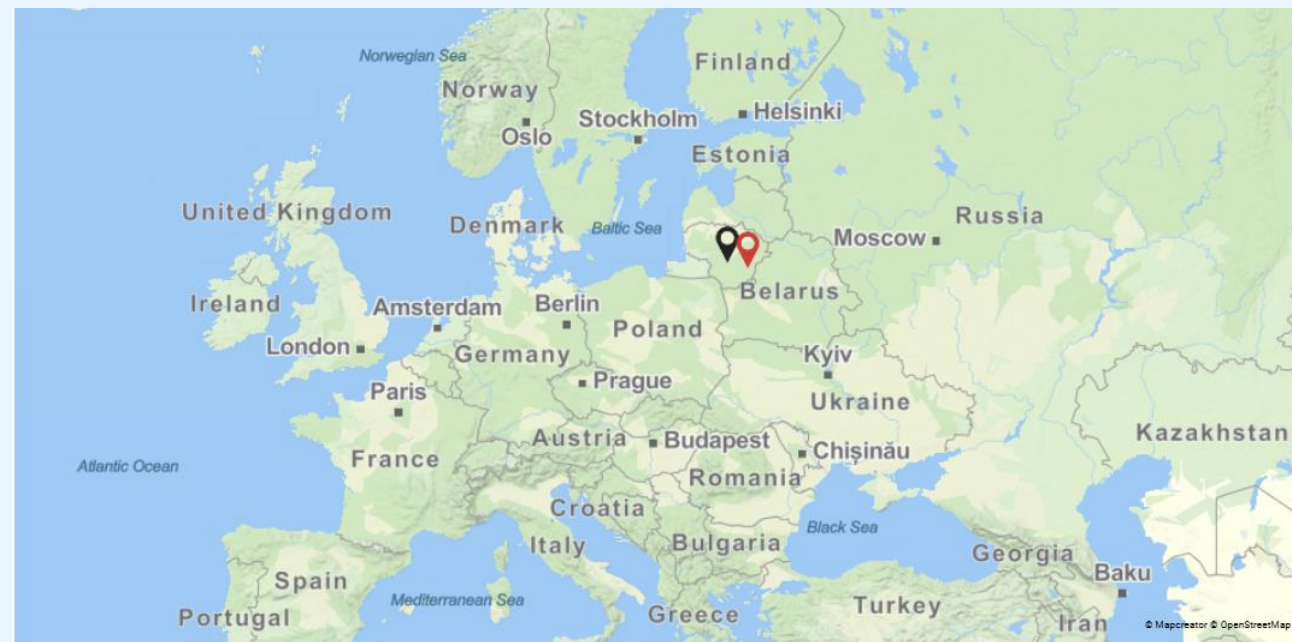
Bologna Follow Up Group (BFUG) meetings | Lithuania 2027

BFUG Board meeting | Montenegro

29 September 2026

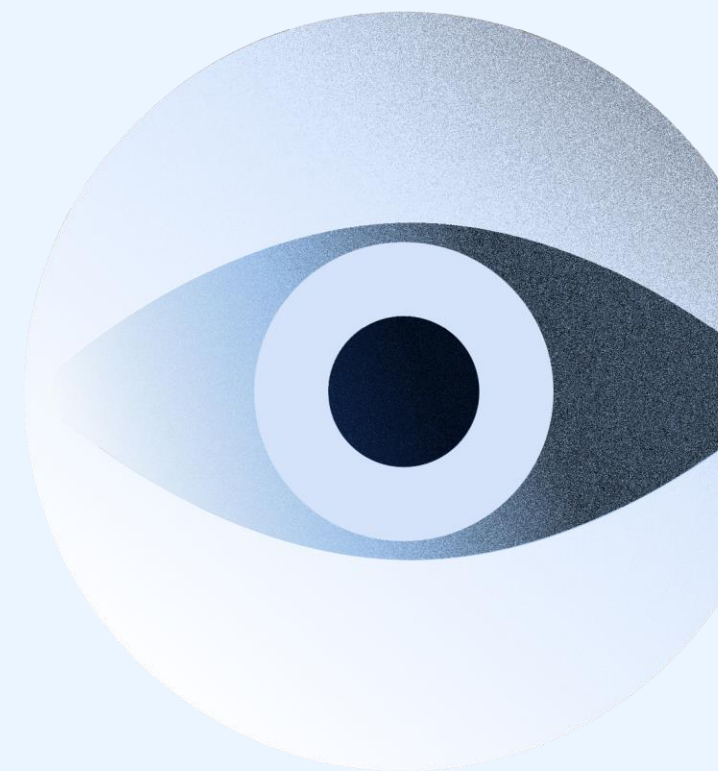
Lithuania at a glance

- Republic of Lithuania (*Lietuva*);
- Parliamentary Republic with a president - the head of state;
- Baltic region of Northern Europe, bordered by Latvia, Belarus, Poland, and Russia (Kaliningrad);
- EU Member State since 2004;
- Schengen member since 2007;
- Euro area member since 2015;
- NATO member since 2004;
- Economy: diverse and growing – strong in IT, biotech, manufacturing, and services;
- Lithuanian language is considered to be the most archaic of all living Indo-European languages.



Lithuania and the Bologna Process

- Lithuania joined the Bologna Process in 1999;
- Strong commitment to the European Higher Education Area
- Active involvement in:
 - Quality Assurance initiatives
 - Internationalisation initiatives, networks, alliances
 - Social Dimension initiatives
 - BFUG TPG's and TF on the Future of Bologna working structures



Types of HE institutions:

- universities (*called universitetas (university), akademija (academy), or seminarija (seminary)*) representing university sector of higher education (granting studies and award Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral degrees);
- colleges of higher education (*called kolegija (higher education college) or aukštoji mokykla (higher education institution)*) representing non-university higher education sector (professional Bachelor's degrees, short-cycle studies)
- 17 universities and 13 higher education institutions (incl. public and private)
- Lithuania holds the 3rd-highest share in the EU for tertiary educational attainment among 25–34 year-olds (60.8%, EU average – 44.8 %, 2025, eurostat)

Strategic Priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency 2027



Strengthening EU security and defence, ensuring comprehensive support for Ukraine, fostering sustainable growth of the EU defence industry, and securing adequate defence funding



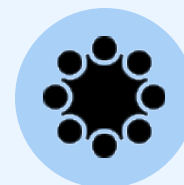
Enlargement of the EU, support for the development and **promotion of European values** in the neighbourhood, and preservation of a rules-based international order



Enhancing EU competitiveness by promoting innovation and reinforcing its technological edge; advancing sustainability and economic resilience; ensuring the multiannual budget that meets the needs;



Enhancing internal security, preparedness, and democratic resilience, including effective management of migration and external borders, as well as fostering shared European historical memory and fighting against falsification of history;



Strengthening social security by addressing demographic challenges and increasing societal resilience in the context of long-term changes.

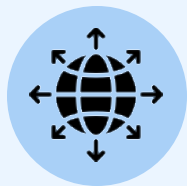
Higher Education priorities under the Lithuanian Presidency (*foreseen*)



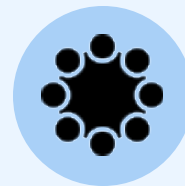
Strengthening **European Universities alliances** as drivers of European competitiveness;



Supporting the implementation of **micro-credentials** in higher education



Advancing attractive and sustainable **careers** in higher education;



Promoting inclusive access to higher education and strengthening the social dimension;

KEY EVENTS OF THE LITHUANIAN PRESIDENCY

| HIGHER EDUCATION

JANUARY
2027

FEBRUARY
2027

MARCH
2027

APRIL
2027

MAY
2027

JUNE
2027

18-19 (TBC) BFUG I
Bologna Follow Up Group
Meeting | Vilnius

24-26 (TBC) Conference
on Teaching Careers
“Attractive Teaching Careers for
a Secure Future” | Kaunas

8-9 (TBC) DG HE
Meeting of Directors-General
for Higher Education | Vilnius

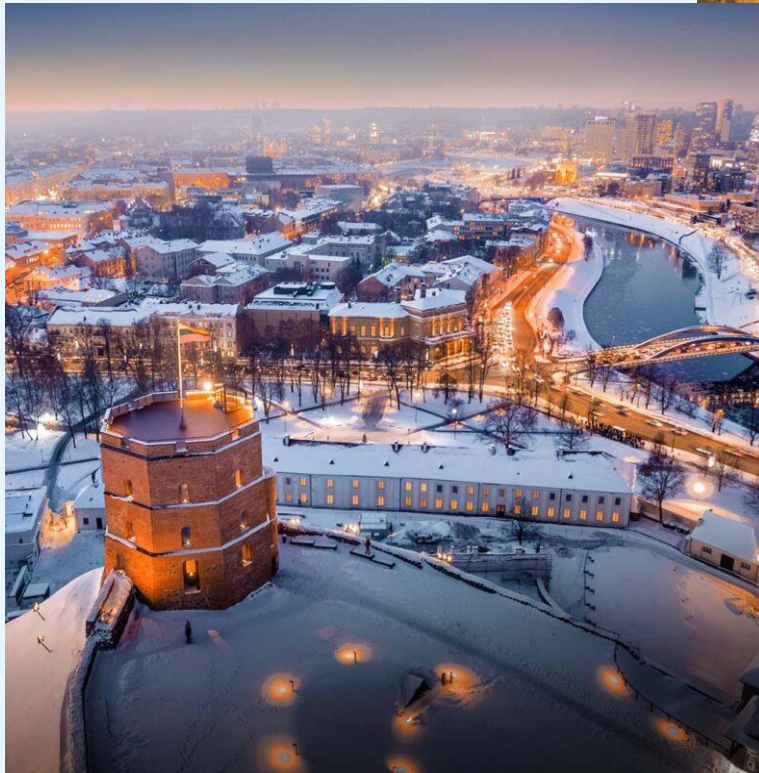
12-13 (TBC) BFUG
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Meeting | Kaunas

10-11 (TBC)
Conference on
Microcredentials
“Micro-credentials that
Work: Building Europe’s
Ecosystem from Policy to
Practice” | Vilnius

18-19 (TBC)
Erasmus+ 40th
Anniversary
Conference

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meeting*

Bologna Follow Up Group
Meeting I
| Vilnius
| 18-19 February 2027



Provisional venue – Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva

Bologna Follow Up
Group Meeting II
| Kaunas
| 12-13 April 2027



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO LITHUANIA!

BFUG Board meeting | Montenegro

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