

EQUASS European conference 21-22nd February 2017, Vilnius



GENERAL INFORMATION ON VILNIUS

Today, Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is one of the most frequently visited cities of Eastern Europe. It draws attention, not only because of its unique architectural character, but also by its cultural events and attractions. Vilnius, as the capital of Lithuania, is the home of the President, the Parliament (Seimas), the Government and the Supreme Court. Diplomatic missions, educational, cultural, financial, research, and healthcare institutions are based here. It is also the largest city of the country. According to the 2012 statistics, the population of Vilnius is 523,000 people, which accounts for 17 per cent of the total population of the country. Vilnius is home to people of different ethnic backgrounds. Ethnic Lithuanians – 57.8%, Poles – 18.7%, Russians – 14%, Belarusians – 4%, Jews – 0.5%, and representatives of other ethnic backgrounds account for the remaining 5%. Vilnius occupies an area of about 400 square kilometers of which 20.2% approximately is developed, and the remainder is green space (43.9% approx.) and water (2.1% approx.). The historical centre of Vilnius, the Old Town, (Senamiestis) is one of the largest old town centers in Eastern Europe (covering almost 360 hectares). The Old Town is situated in a picturesque valley of two rivers – the Vilnia and the Neris, at the crossroads of trade roads, next to the ford, which was guarded by Vilnius castle in the olden times.

You can read more here: <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/vilniausvaizdai/START.html>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON THE VILNIUS CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE VENUE:

Europe Information Center

Address: Gedimino 16 , Vilnius 01103, Lithuania.

Europe Information Center is located on Gedimino Street in the city center. The entrances of the meeting venue will be made from Vilniaus Street.

HOTELS:

The participants (who wish so) can be accommodated in one of these two hotels at a pre-negotiated price:

ARTIS Centrum Hotel/ UAB Centrum.

Address: Totoriu g. 23 / LT-01120, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Website: www.artis.centrumhotels.com

Contact Person: Mindaugas Verkevičius

Mobile: [\(+370\) 675 09469](tel:+37067509469) **Land-line:** [\(+370 5\) 2080337](tel:+37052080337) **E-Mail:**

mindaugas.verkevicius@centrumhotels.com

The agreed rate is 65Eur/per night and per person including breakfast. The reservation is valid until the 16th of January. Make a notice in reservation „EQUASS event in Vilnius”

Hotel NOVOTEL Vilnius Center (upstairs from Europe information centre)

Address: Gedimino 16, Vilnius 01103, Lithuania.

Website: www.accorhotels-group.com | www.accorhotels.com

Contact Person : Kristina Griguolaite

Mobile: [+370 684 72 443](tel:+37068472443) **Land-line:** [+370 5 2666 216](tel:+37052666216) **E-Mail:** h5209-re@accor.com

The agreed rate is 82Eur/per night for single room and 95Eur/ per night for a double room.

This price is valid until the 15th of January.

To reserve, please kindly fill in the form to be [downloaded here](#) and send it directly to the hotel's e-mail.

ARRIVAL

Vilnius International Airport (Tarptautinis Vilniaus Oro Uostas) is 5km south of the city centre. You can find ATMs and currency exchange offices.

The most convenient way to get to meeting venue or to the city center (hotel) is to get a taxi. There is a taxi rank just outside the arrivals hall. Expect to pay up to 20Eur in general. If you are taking a taxi from a taxi rank to Europe information center and Novotel in the city center and book a taxi in advance will cost considerably around 10Eur. You can expect to pay the same amount for Artis Centrum Hotel as well. But, please remember that these are the estimated prices that can be changed due companies, timing etc.

You can pre-book taxis to ensure that a car will be waiting for you. Please use the innovative e-taxi system: <http://www.etaksi.lt/en/book-taxi-online>.

After booking, wait for SMS to confirm the taxi will be there.

Here you find also useful taxi numbers:

- Taxi “Ekipažas” + 370 5239 5539
- Taxi “Artaksa” + 370 5211 1111
- Taxi “Taxi LT” + 370 5271 5715
- Taxi “Romerta” + 370 5275 7575

LANGUAGE

Lithuanian is one of the oldest languages still spoken today. English, Russian and Polish are also spoken and understood in Vilnius.

LOCAL TIME

Lithuania is in the Eastern European Time (EET) zone at GMT+2hrs. When it is 12:00 in Vilnius it is 10:00 in London and 11:00 in Warsaw.

CURRENCY

The unit of currency in Lithuania is the Euro.