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"A policy of freedom for the individual is the only truly progressive policy" Friedrich August von Hayek

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President's address

Last year was a very important period for the institute. We started a new initiative *I Pay Taxes (Moku mokesčius)* and developed and introduced a new tax calculator *www.mo-kumokescius.lt*. For the first time, Lithuanian taxpayers are provided with detailed tax-related information and over 50,000 people have already calculated how much they pay in taxes and what their money is used for. In fact, even more citizens learnt about their taxes from the media.

This means that thousands of people realised what the actual tax burden is. They have started to critically evaluate political rhetoric that Lithuania is a country with low taxes that must be increased. We distributed over a thousand informational posters among Lithuanian enterprises, as well as two hundred on bus stops in the biggest Lithuanian cities. This allowed us to reach our ultimate goal of informing 200,000 taxpayers.

Also, the *Lithuanian Municipal Index* became one of the most accurate assessments of local governments and received the prestigious *Templeton Freedom Award*, awarded by the *Atlas Network* (USA). Can an Institute of a small country win against Americans at their own game? What we mean are the never-ending basketball games between Lithuania and the USA.

The scope of our plans for 2015 is even greater. *I Pay Tax-es* and the *Lithuanian Municipal Index* are being shared and implemented in other countries. The analysis *Shadow Economy in Lithuania* is expanding to cover Sweden, Poland, Latvia, Estonia and Belarus. Another new initiative for citizens and communities, *Let's Agree*, is bound to be launched in order to teach us how to engage in sound and meaningful discussions and reach peaceful and constructive agreements with other community members. Also, after a year of testing in 28 schools, our textbook *Ekonomika per 31 valandą* will spread to schools and bookstores across Lithuania.



However, it does not mean that everything is fine. Lithuania is threatened by the show of military force in the East and Europe is being blackmailed by populist parties that became political powers by expressing anger and making promises. Sadly, the opponents of free thought in Lithuania found new ways of promoting their ideas.

"Keep Calm and Carry On" is a rediscovered motivational British poster from 1939. Do what you know, what is efficient and what is necessary. Our team will continue to follow these principles in 2015.

> Žilvinas Šilėnas, LFMI President

Lithuanian Free Market Institute

The Lithuanian Free Market Institute (LFMI) is a private non-profit and non-partisan organization established in 1990 to promote the ideas of individual freedom and responsibility, free market, and limited government intervention.

We are grateful to the Board of LFMI for their support and advices

Since 2002, the Board of LFMI serves as an advisory body which upholds our mission and contributes to its success by evaluating ongoing initiatives and contributing ideas for new projects.

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Elena Leontjeva, founder of LFMI

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International recognition

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History provides many examples where small countries, like Switzerland or Holland, or even cities and city states like Athens and Venice in the past, and <u>Hong Kong</u> and Singapore today, offer valuable lessons to the world. Indirect means to help the poor, such as protecting property rights, free trade, improved educational opportunities, can help raise people out of poverty. Can Lithuania become one of these examples for the world? If it has a chance it will be thanks to the work of an outstanding think tank, the Lithuanian Free Market Institute (LFMI).



A surprised Zilotan Henas (Libuarian Presiderlet Datibato revelving the 2014 Templeten Freedom Award from Jernifer Templeten Jimpson, Maryen (Johan Datibato pain him on the skoulder, Photo credit Adau Schwerk

A few words about Lithuania. During the late 14th century, the kingdom of Lithuania stretched from the Baltic to the Black Sea, just bordering Crimes. Today, it is slightly larger than West Virginia and slightly smaller than the Republic of Georgia. The income per capita is higher than that of Russia or neighboring Poland, and higher than that of any Latin American countries. But with a GDP that is less than 3 percent of that of Russia its power is more due to the example of its civil society than as a geopolitical force.

My first encounter with Lithuanians was at the time when they were struggling to become the first "Soviet Republic" to achieve its independence. They declared independence on March 11, 1991, but the Soviets did not immediately recognized it. In April 1990, Saul Anuzis, a leader of Lithuanian descent in the Republican Party of Michigan, arranged for a visit of Lithuanian freedom champions. Russian troops and



No1 We are happy that our work was recognized globally when LMFI was awarded the *Templeton Freedom Award* and received a monetary prize of \$100,000 for its *Lithuanian Municipal Performance Index*. This annual award recognizes the most exceptional contribution to the promotion of prosperity, creation of welfare, and protection of people's freedom.



No 10 According to the *Global Go to Think Tank Index* of 2015 published by the University of Pennsylvania (USA), LFMI is ranked among Top 10 think tanks in Central and Eastern Europe. The index rates a total of 6,826 think thanks and we are 121st in the global ranking.

The Education Centre

Since 2012 our Education Centre is responsible for numerous educational initiatives for pupils and students. The centre publishes textbooks about the economy, provides courses for teachers, as well as invites pupils to online courses and organizes learning sessions for students.

"I am confident that the most ambitious educational project of the last years, the textbook *Ekonomika per 31 valandą*, will be a huge success! Over a thousand pupils and 28 teachers from all around Lithuania helped us develop it."





Marija Vyšniauskaitė, Head of Education Centre leva Navickaitė, Coordinator "Our teaching course *Realistinė* ekonomikos analizė has received unprecedented attention and we could not accept everyone who wanted to enroll! We promise to find a bigger classroom in order to continue this exclusive course in 2015."









A new generation textbook, *Ekonomika per 31* valandą for effective lessons of economics

The most ambitious educational project of LFMI, a textbook about the economy for Lithuanian schools is finally finished. It received positive reviews from such wellknown educator as Dr Austėja Landsbergienė and other reviewers. Therefore, the book has been officially included into the list of recommended literature for schools. An improved version of the book and a teacher's book will be available for the majority of schools in Lithuania by autumn of 2015. We will present *Ekonomika per 31 valandą* in the biggest annual educational event in Lithuania – the exhibition *MOKYKLA (SCHOOL)*.

"Why on earth did we not have these textbooks when I was still in school?!" says educational specialist Austėja Landsbergienė about our textbook *Ekonomika per 31 valandą*.

We share our ideas of how to make economics lessons interesting

In 2014 LFMI President Žilvinas Šilėnas and the Head of Education Centre Marija Vyšniauskaitė organized a creative workshop for teachers of economics from Alytus, Panevėžys and Telšiai regions. Representatives of LMFI and fifty teachers had a discussion about economy, the motivation to study economics, as well as created valuable lessons and made an attempt to solve real problems.

LFMI experts – lecturers and teachers of economics

In 2014 a senior policy analyst of LFMI, Vytautas Žukauskas started teaching a course on Normative Economics at ISM University of Management and Economics. Another senior policy analyst Kataena Leontjeva has already been teaching a Catholic Social Teaching course at Kolping University of Applied Sciences in Kaunas for three years.

Ekonomika aktyviai – courses for those who would like to find out why printing more money does not bring a better life

We have been trying to teach pupils critical thinking, as well as persuading them to take a keen interest in the economy for six years. In our course, pupils learn the basics of economics by reading current texts online, researching contemporary issues of the country and the world, doing interactive tasks, and even writing on *Facebook* or taking *selfies*. A huge number of 500 pupils have registered for the course in 2014.

The final event of the course, a quiz competition, gathered over 40 pupils from all around Lithuania. The best junior economists were invited to LFMI's camp to play sports games, sing around the camp fire and discuss economy-related issues together with guest lecturers. The head of *Alna Group*, Tomas Milaknis shared his ideas about building a successful and responsible business, LFMI President Žilvinas Šilėnas discussed the *South Park* series from an economic perspective, and film director Marija Razgutė invited pupils to watch a movie and discuss the peculiarities of bureaucratic procedures. The course can be accessed at *www.ekonomika-aktyviai.lt*

Realistic Economic Analysis attracted a recordbreaking number of participants

For the seventh time, *Realistic Economic Analysis* attracted 116 students, lecturers and other professionals. Five exceptional lecturers: Dr Steven Horwitz (USA), historian Prof Dr Egidijus Aleksandravičius, Dr Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, MP Remigijus Šimašius and economist Vytautas Žukauskas, were eager to broaden the general understanding of economy and reveal unexpected relationships between social sciences.

"The economy theory, the history of your country, the global situation and business conditions make a perfect combination. The relevance of the issues discussed is what makes *Realistic Economic Analysis* important. I would like to thank you for this amazing event" says a participant of the course.







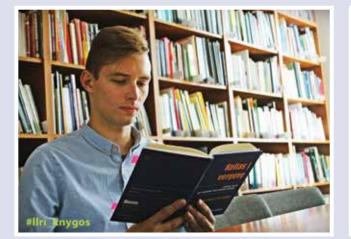


















An exceptional opportunity for students – Prof. Michael Novak on ideals of democratic capitalism

We have invited students to lecture on the ideals of democratic capitalism delivered by Prof. Michael Novak (USA), one of the most influential contemporary social philosophers. Michael Novak is the author of almost fifty books on culture, philosophy and theology anddelivers lectures at prestigious universities around the world. Also, professor is an active politician who served as United States Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights during Ronald Reagan's presidency. Even Margaret Thatcher found his works inspiring.

Economics from A to Z in a single collection

Our book series on economic policy, which provides an exhaustive discussion on the economy and its issues, was supplemented by a new collection, *Verslininko vaidmuo*, presented at the annual *Vilnius Book Fair*. It is a collection of eight books on the following economic issues: the cycles of money and business, competition, monopolies and cartels, the market and morality, prices, and the role of entrepreneurs. The books are available at *http://www.llri.lt/biblioteka*

Five new e-books in LFMI's collection

From now on, electronic versions of books by Friedrich Hayek, Algirdas Degutis, Steve Hanke, Elena Leontjeva and others are available online. Look for your favourite authors at *http://www.skaitykle.lt/leidykla/llri*

The best interns are invited to work for LFMI

The number of those interested in joining our team is bigger than we can accept. This year, 39 students completed their internships in the institute, two of them – from Australia. After finishing their internship, Eglė Užmiškytė was offered a legal position and leva Navickaitė began to coordinate our educational initiatives.

INITIATIVES

Our long term initiatives aim to educate society and encourage positive changes in the country's governance. The success of our mission is brought by exhaustive research and active communication with both, the media and the society.

"By introducing an easy-to-use tax calculator, *mokumokescius*. *It*, we provided a tool for Lithuanian workers to learn how much taxes they pay and what their money is used for. We are delighted by the success of this initiative and are very happy that society finds it useful.

"Many social and economic decisions depend on the answer to the question, "What is the role of the entrepreneur in the society?" Even a country's productivity and the prosperity of its people depend on it.

> "We rate municipalities, because the more they are concerned about their efficiency, and the stronger the competition between them is, the better it is for people and business."



Kaetana Leontjeva on the initiative *I Pay Taxes*



Žilvinas Šilėnas on the initiative Entrepreneur's Role in Society



Vytautas Žukauskas on Lithuanian Municipal Performance Index

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I Pay Taxes

Everyone pays taxes while earning wages, buying food or filling a fuel tank. However, do we really know what we are paying for? Can we honestly say how much taxes we pay monthly or annually? In 2014 LFMI introduced a new educational initiative *I Pay Taxes* in order to create an easy and attractive tax calculator, to show people what taxes and how much money they pay and, to acquaint them with expenses of the country.









40,000 taxpayers used *mokumokescius.lt* calculator in the first two weeks

Just after the launch, our unique tax calculator, which calculates how much tax a person pays from his wages and, through consumiption of goods and services that are (not) subject to excise duties, attracted much attention of the society. The calculator provides a personal tax receipt for each taxpayer, as well as indicating where the money goes.

Articles and interactive advertising in the best news portal

In cooperation with the biggest news portal *delfi.lt*, we have introduced our tax calculator to its readers who were able to count their taxes while reading the portal. Also, an interactive advertisement helped to attract the readers to learn about the taxes they pay. We are sincerely grateful to *delfi.lt* for this huge surge of visitors!

100 publications in the media

Both, national and regional media were interested in the calculator. By the end of this year, our project has appeared in articles, interviews, commentaries and other publications about 100 times. In order to raise people's awareness regarding the money they give away as taxes, we participated in various radio and TV shows about taxes, budget and its usage: LRT TV broadcasts *Labas rytas, Lietuva* and *Laba diena, Lietuva*, LNK TV show *Valanda su Rūta*, INIT TV show *Nuomonės* and radio broadcasts of *Laisvoji banga* and *Žinių radijas*.

Bus stop posters in seven Lithuanian cities

The poster heroes Vida and Rimas invited residents of seven Lithuanian cities (Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Alytus, Panevėžys, Šiauliai and Marijampolė) to calculate their own tax burden.

Posters for 500 enterprises

Almost 500 enterprises received informative posters regarding the taxes paid from earning wages.

Not only in Lithuanian

After launching the calculator we received numerous requests to add more languages thus it is also available in Russian. To add, our partners from the news portal *ru.delfi. It* provided their readers with the ability to calculate their own tax burden while reading the portal.

LFMI invites citizens to find out what happens to their income

LFMI President Žilvinas Šilėnas and senior policy analyst Kataena Leontjeva invited the residents of Birštonas and Pakruojis to test the calculator, to find out what taxes are imposed in Lithuania and to calculate their personal tax burden.

A booklet on taxes and expenses for citizens and MPs

In a very simple and clear manner, our booklet on taxes reveals the real situation of Lithuania's public finances: the amount of taxes and expenses and the burden of debt and interest for the current and future generations. The booklet was distributed among citizens and libraries, as well as given to each member of the Parliament so that they would realize what the present tax burden is and have less temptation to raise taxes. All facts were also presented for *delfi.lt* readers.











Municipal Performance Index

The Municipal Performance Index attracted the attention of citizens, municipalities, and media for the fourth time. The index measures how well municipalities ensure the economic freedom of people. Our mission is to help municipalities self evaluate, as well as learn from each other. We promote change and development to make life better, easier, and more efficient for every Lithuanian municipality.



"LFMI's methods may be questioned, but it does not mean that their *Municipal Performance Index* does not reflect the reality. No one prevents from creating other indexes that would emphasize life quality rather than economic freedom. The more mirrors to observe yourself, the clearer the view" says editor and journalist Arūnas Brazauskas.

Klaipėda city and Kaunas region – the leaders of 2014

In the end of 2014 the results of the *Municipal Performance Index* were published for the fourth time. The city of Klaipėda scored the highest among seven city municipalities whereas the Kaunas region municipality finished in the first place from 53 country municipalities. The index is available at *www.llri.lt/lietuvos-savivaldybiu-indeksas-2014*

Recognized globally

Our *Municipal Performance Index* was awarded a prestigious *Templeton Freedom Award* (USA) and a monetary prize of \$100,000. This award honours the most outstanding contribution to the promotion of the freedom of individual activity. Among this year's eight finalists were think tanks from Denmark, Lithuania, Mexico, and the USA.

Brad Lips (CEO of the Atlas Network) said that the *Lithuanian Municipal Performance Index* epitomizes the main idea of this award, because it is a credible research with practical implications which ensure individual's freedom to act.

The most famous research

Just as every year, the *Lithuanian Municipal Performance Index* became the focus of the national and regional media and appeared in it over 400 times. Since the index also promotes discussions, politicians, journalists and citizens debate about governing municipalities and whether the economic freedom properly reflects the results of municipalities. Since the first publication, the index emphasizes individual's freedom to act as the main prerequisite of prosperity, and we hope that these discussions will turn into making a better life.

Lithuanian municipalities sinking further into debt

The index revealed a dangerous tendency of Lithuanian municipalities to sink further into debt. According to the index, 42 Lithuanian municipalities were in debt in 2013. Despite that, some positive tendencies emerged. For example, municipalities started to refuse abandoned buildings and unnecessary businesses such as municipal funeral homes. In 2013 the number of municipal funeral homes and bookstores decreased from eight to four and from sixteen to thirteen, respectively.

The most important event of the year for both, mayors and cities

The Lithuanian Municipal Index became the biggest event for Lithuanian municipalities. The index results are reflected in annual mayor's reports, as well as in media reviews. Ten mayors of Lithuania shared their accomplishments recognized by the index in 2013. The first reports for 2014 also indicate that the results of the index are considered to be of serious value.

Active discussions on investment in municipalities

Last year LFMI experts delivered presentations and discussed about business conditions in the regions of Pakruojis, Akmenė, Raseiniai, Šilutė, Radviliškis, Elektrėnai and Birštonas. LFMI President Žilvinas Šilėnas presented reports on the investment attraction and cooperation with the private sector and Laurynas Rekašius introduced the results and the assessment criteria of the index. While visiting seven Lithuanian municipalities, LFMI analysts had discussions with over 200 municipal employees.

The index is also used by the Government

When introducing Marijampole region, the Regional Development Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs refers to the LFMI's evaluation of municipalities. The index is also positively evaluated by the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania.



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"I am very happy that this index exists, that this kind of research is conducted for a several years now and that the Lithuanian Free Market Institute, I would say, is engaged in a constructive and successful cooperation with municipalities. This is a huge help and support." says Rasa Žakaitienė, director of the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania.





The Role of Entrepreneurs in Society

In 2014 LFMI finished its initiative *The Role of Entrepreneurs in Society* which lasted for over three years. The faith in building a better future from a better understanding of businessmen role in economy and their contribution to the public welfare is what encouraged us to take active steps in launching this initiative.





The initiative briefly

"This is an evident and optimistic result, because Lithuanians already understand what a business is and that a country does not create the economical growth itself. Entrepreneurs are the economic engine that drives the economy forward" says Vaidas Šalaševičius about the results of the LFMI research on the attitude towards entrepreneurs.

A businessman is like an antidote for the cocktail of Marxist ideas

What do businessmen do? Do they contribute to the public welfare or seek for a personal benefit only? Published in 2014, *Verslininko vaidmuo* presents articles by philosopher Ayn Rand and famous economists such as Ludwig von Mises and Israel Kirzner who discuss the entrepreneurs' role in the society. The book was presented in *Vilnius Book Fair* and in *Verslo žinios* and *BzN Start* publications.

Our lectures and seminars

Our interesting and exhaustive research and our different approach towards business and entrepreneurs ensure that we are always welcomed to present our findings and teach. For example, a youth organization *JCI Lithuania* invited LFMI President Žilvinas Šilėnas to teach a course *Užaugęs būsiu verslus*. Participants were debating whether it is bad to make profit, do entrepreneurs predict the future, etc.

1 detailed study of citizens' attitude towards entrepreneurs.

100 participants of the International conference *Verslininko įvaizdis: koks ir kodėl.*

- **7** talk shows on LRT television in the broadcast *Labas rytas, Lietuva*.
- **24** videos received for the video contest *leškome inovatyvumo versle*.
- **12** advertisements of the social cycle in 12 Lithuanian cities.

100 articles, commentaries and reports in the media about the role of entrepreneurs.

GOVERNMENT WATCH

Every week LFMI thoroughly examines draft legislations and sends its observations and proposals to government institutions. It is much easier to stop the Government from making wrong legislative decisions than to change laws later. LFMI also encourages the Government to make reforms in the areas of social security, health care, taxes and others.



Vytautas Žukauskas, senior policy analyst

"From now on, as members of the Euro-zone we have to ensure that reliability and long-term stability of the euro would not be sacrificed to help countries in-debt or rebuild their economies."

"The Government is too busy participating in the business of power engineering to think about consumers."

"A person himself has to choose the medical institution he wants to be treated in."



Žilvinas Šilėnas, LFMI President



Kaetana Leontjeva, vyresnioji ekspertė



Associate experts (from the left): Remigijus Senavaitis, Eglė Užmiškytė, Dovilė Sujetaitė, Dominykas Šumskis

Reducing the tax burden

In our vision, Lithuania must be the lowest taxed European country and LFMI constantly provides arguments in favour of decreasing the tax burden in Lithuania, as well as presents the possibilities to reach a balanced budget and economical ways of using it.

24/7: perki alkoholj - paremi pensininką? (I)



Nekilnojamojo turto mokestis: ekspertai abejoja vyriausybės planais







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Towards the immovable property tax

We actively oppose the reduction of tax-free real estate value from one million to 750,000 Litas. Just after introducing the tax, LFMI stated that the Government will certainly try to expand the circle of taxpayers. It is a shame that the Government decided to move further and our prediction became the reality in 2014.

Government shall not monitor citizens' bank accounts

In 2014 the Government made an attempt to validate unrestricted monitoring of citizens' bank accounts and to introduce solidarity of the VAT burden. Politicians claimed that the surveillance of bank accounts would decrease the shadow economy. However, LFMI noted that such a law would falsely criminalize every citizen and the solidarity of responsibility for paying VAT would negatively affect honest taxpayers. Fortunately, due to our strong argumentative position, the Government decided to abandon the plan of introducing citizens' surveillance and the solidarity of paying VAT.

We say NO to taxes on cars and potato crisps

In February the Government suggested to impose additional taxes on cars and fast food, as well as to increase the excise duties in order to compensate pension cuts of the crisis. LFMI strongly opposed the idea and encouraged the Government to reduce the expenditure of the public sector instead of increasing the tax burden. Once again, our arguments proved sound and relevant, leading the Government to reject the proposal.

May 8th – Lithuania's tax liberation day

This day marks the significance of taxpayers' contribution to the public sector. A proper respect for taxpayers constitutes an attempt to use the existing resources more efficiently by stopping the expansion of the public sector and enhancing the Government's responsibility for the budget, but not a discussion about imposing additional taxes.

The Government's optimism in planning the budget will be expensive

A survey of the Lithuanian economy revealed that the expectations of economy growth are fading. The estimated growth for 2015 dropped from 3.5% to 2.8% and the same situation is being rolled forward each year.

In December while the Parliament was discussing next year's budget, we examined the importance of economic forecasts. We stated that the budget for 2015 will be based on unrealistic forecasts and keeping in mind that the economic situation in getting worse and worse the Government will not be able to adjust to lower budget incomes. We fear that to cover expenditures the Government might raise taxes.

Another analysis revealed that unstable laws and taxes force Lithuanian enterprises to move their activities abroad. A considerable 70% of respondents indicated that the number of governmental decisions unfavourable to business has significantly increased over the last five years. LFMI notes that business emigration reduces tax collection. Read more about the analysis at www.llri.lt/lietuvos-ekonomikos-tyrimas

New budget, old habits

It seems that the current government got rid of a bad habit to announce the draft budget only a day before the announcement in the Parliament is made. However they cannot stop increasing expenditure, raising taxes, borrowing more money and breaking promises. Therefore, our team has actively participated in committee meetings and encouraged members of the Parliament to evaluate every possible threat to the budget, as well as provided comments for the media.

22 international organizations against regional and international tax regulation

Together with our partners, we addressed an open letter to both society and responsible authorities including the European Union and the United Nations in which we argue against any type of regional or international tax changes such as tax harmonization or imposition of new taxes and provide arguments in favour of tax autonomy.



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Naujas biudžetas - seni žalingi įpročiai

Kaetana Leonbeva

Artimiausie mets Selme bus pristatytas 2015 metų valstybės bludžeto projektas. Ankates nisis motais jis tapdavo violas tik pristatymo Seime ilivakani se. Debartinë valdžia atsikratë Bio Salinge Iprotio: Lau aetri metal projektas pavielinamas likes bent kelioms savaitém iki pristatymo Spime.

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rinkos dalvelai saldurla su gausia ekonomikos rodbils prograelų paničia. Burosnikus proprozvinas nira savitikais procesas, tai – prietaidos presnism veiklos planpsimui tiek ventui, tiek vielajam Tiesa, privatus sektorius prie eskeilančos stuscijos pristaiko lankačau nei ielasis, todni pastarajam tikdos ir realistilkos the one supplier of

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Reducing the regulation burden

To achieve the freedom to act and create we argue against new restrictions on the freedom of individual activity and call for repealing the current limitations.



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Kaip jmones poveikė MMAA didinimos 3012 ir 2013 metais?

2022 ir 2013 metų MMA didinimai neiglamai pavailai kas trečios apklautos įmonis veiklą (37N). Del šų MMA kelimų maldaug trečdala apklaustų įmonių atsiakė piekos, malino darbo ulinokesilo ir kitas veiklos spaiudas.

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darbuotojų skaičiaus.

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kurių ėmėsi įmonės, siekdamos išvengti MMA

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Jel nuu 2015 metų MMA būtų didinama 200 žitų, tai neigiamai paveiktų 40% įmonių. Tokiu atveju beveik

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Šią savatę Seimas nepritarė atsiskaitymų grynaisias priigais, didesirių nei 10 tūkstančų litų, rito jimu. Ir teisingsi padarė. Anonaų ministerijost eigimu, taks apribojimas padetų kovoti su šešeline ekonomika Lietuvoje. Vis tik Seimo nariai, baisvę piek šį projektą, teisingai patebėjo, kad toks ribojimas ne tik nemažintų šešelo, bet sukurtų dar ir papidiomų problemų.





Biurokratijos saulėlydžio nematyti

Minimum wage increases force companies to abandon development and cut jobs

Last year we actively addressed the issue of increasing the minimum wage and made a conclusion that it forces companies to abandon development plans and cut jobs. Our survey of Lithuanian enterprises revealed that the increases in 2012 and 2013 negatively affected every third surveyed company's development plans, as well as resulted in job cuts, increased workload and other negative consequences. Since our arguments have gone unheeded, we will continue our research on the harm of increasing the minimum wage in 2015. Read more about the research at *www.llri.lt/faktai-ir-analize*

A fair game for both, enterprises and the Government

Although the Government demands that enterprises would not use the euro as a disguise to raise prices, they do not obey the same rules. The minimum wage has already been raised and there are plans for a future increase thus we wrote an open letter and encouraged the Government to play their own game fairly.

Restrictions on cash payments reduce people's choice

Despite the strong determination of some politicians and continuous discussions on restricting cash payments, we are trying to convince them and the society that such restrictions are not effective in the fight against shadow economy and this would only bring less choices of making payments and higher expenses on payments for both, people and business.

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Consumer credit market regulation shall increase instead of relieving responsibility

LFMI conducted thorough research on the proposed regulation on the consumer credit market and concluded that it would negatively affect both the creditor and the debtor since the restrictions proposed limit the availability of consumer credits. In our view, consumer market regulation would not diminish personal responsibility and should not be imposed unless the existing regulation is no longer valid. Despite there were no changes in the current regulation in 2014, we will continue to work until this situation is solved.

Lithuanian Shadow Economy III: A quarter of economy is still in the shadow

Our third analysis of the Lithuanian shadow economy revealed that 25% of Lithuania's GDP is still in the shadow compared to the pre-crisis level of 18%. Once again we proved that everyone must fight against shadow economy, not only customs or other institutions. The right question to ask is how do we alleviate the problem by promoting legal activity rather than how do we find the people responsible and prosecute them. First of all, the Government should introduce laws, taxes and regulations that make legal activities easier and more attractive and our analysis provided several ways of doing that. Due to its relevance and argumentation, the analysis was very well received by the media and appeared in over 200 publications.

NO to the intrusion of privacy, YES to responsibility

In 2014 the Government proposed a law that stipulated restrictions on using mobile phones when crossing a street and smoking in cars and balconies. We drew attention of both, the legislature and people that everyone should be responsible for protecting himself, as well as others and it is not the Government's responsibility to do that. Therefore, if we do not oppose such regulations, they will soon control the amount of sugar in your coffee (if the coffee itself will not be banned.)



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Veroijeno kendity (pasi makuja) enkia dalmia Inisiaklaidoje sanlaakis nemalai kerkikos, kad lii rinka ya par makai prilikinina, joje veikuntikas jenoode netiskamai vertoo imnoniu galimpiere graficie pastola, kolina ul per diveles galikama ii pars. 2013 nenti spakio 14 dieną Lietuvos bankas finansay ministerija patolak naujų vurzijenis kendis finansay aktietimo projekta, Kal kurie III silujemų yra labai grefis ir ją gayoendinimas turkty didelę neigiamą įtaką vartojimo dandų ninkai. Ein eingiama silaikings ne tik kreditų dantigu nakai. Die neigiama silaikings ne tik kreditų dantigu parktai. Nakais ir ją gavejami, kuchangi aamabitų galimpiste naudosis vartojimo beretiakis.

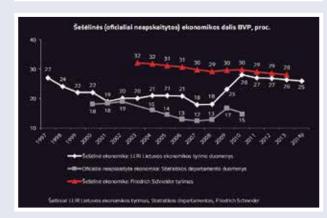
Prick jedent najos regularimos ventijimo treditoj rinkal, būtina ili anksta jentinti je pereiki; Turi būti auškai kentifikatos problemos (ja pereika; januš sprosfišamas tais, kad ili esnis esitavyta rikkos paskings irgaliziores negali būti fatinis poslagos draudmas), Regularimas taip pat turi kūti piptas tinkanu vartgimo kreditų rikkos problematikos periikins. Sanden nuošojami tūdai ir roklita; vertinants, poslem nuošojami tūdai ir roklita; vertinants, poslem nuošojami tūdai ir roklita; vertinants, poslemų segat virsijmo knetigu rikucija. Ingeliuotoja; sinklamas genenio padėtisis vertinimo; turėtų tokulinti lios rinkos vertinimo metodas ir renkans; statūtija. Códele dale problemy untrojmo trendra inteleja tyle ili nastasiangai primamu vartojmo trendra janka sprodimy, Dobi vartojmo kreditaj prekja ragularetna turi ubilitrini, kad pesiaton primi tabalanga igendrama nematoloj dova, del anakonystes periatino trendro devijuji, o didou, ili uni biti nukelataj jilonoja auraning stakkemyba, o ne jos maliteines, Problems sprondensa vartojimo kreditaj rinksje tale pat turitta biti orientoutos ji prondu finalnice natiogajoto kirime, Tablas matoko dalviju angal print tihana genedimu, tabili vantos dalviju angal print tihana genedimu, tabili vantoje kredito paslaga jilor tam tikra jos dalvij makore van negardisajens.

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Piešč insantis papšidomo prinktis vartojimo rinkas reguliavimo, klóšna jvartinči, ar esama reguliavimas nies pakavitames. Lietuvoje buvo primna diug biolet altru, reguliuogančų, vartojimo kredžų, rinkų. Satetiktos redu, jag ile teisės aktis kura jovelių inkui. Todė problemos neiras sprendilamos jau esamo reguliavimo elimasos.



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Daugisbuly govenamų ramų administravino riskoje viliai varbanje inklausamų ir priestali biko subjektai. Się rinką reguliosjančių įstatymų pakelitmai sarktošpams statelika feisę pariests pakirikti daugisbulos gevenancijo namo administratoriu, kakkiningų administracinų laukreų pisnam į rinką angirom paukaugų tiekėjams taja pak niete. Pagendeniai advenstracinai apribojimai škoje rinkoje na tai, kad privatims bendrojo naukojimo dejektami

draudžiama būši sunijastais su tam tikm pobūdžio. frivačių disugiatučių gyvenamyjų namų administravimo pastaugas teiklančių įmonių skaičius didėja, tačiau suvisklybėmų priklusančios įmonės wikla didenisme kaičiųs pavivalybėju.

Silynas Velniaus, Kaunea, Kaupedosi ir Mainapor miesty senkaishiptes veliainolių administratumos pastingars tektandių jenonių kainas, pastebėta, jog laininausia samgalaustoje Nalpiedos m. savivaldybėje vartotojau palkagos gauno berisiaustoni kaisomis, o Kuuro m. sankaidybėje, karkoje totoritkai suskitostė pastery kainų reguliavimas, vartotoja patankama įrietūskainų reguliavimas, vartotoja sa albieninistravimo paisingas meks daug bringiau.

lityrus Palangos ir Kauno miestų savivaldybėse uuklikoklausias situacijas bieje rinkoje, rustatyti ionkurencijos apribojimai, tokie kaip viečojo desinotosvieno subjektų kilimaris į rinką. Taigi aukualdybėse, kuriose vaikla ir privačios, b savivaškybei priklausančos jevores, gali būti interesų konfliktą. Savivaškos institucijos savo teiote aktais gali privletigijosi jai priklausančiai jevores, tajo sakurdamos neivyšai konkurencines salygas klistingiems klisis salyšitas. Bartakima, kai neha veikoringų teisinų instrumentų, karie nekietų savivaškybų leistbucijom paliniti Joskurencijos principų. Be to, savivaškybėm palinitis konkurencijos principų. Be to, savivaškybėm palinitis konkurencijos principų. Be to, savivaškybėm palinitis konkurencijos principų. Be tosinis būtų galima atitatyti konkurencijos fikucija.

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Nutranta, jog samuridybes, kurner grabilen regularizette kurne, verteteje af patiesge reda daugessia, o ten, kor regularister vra latest, samotegers gaslesger latitetet



Competition brings cheaper administration for multi-dwelling buildings

In Lithuania multi-family buildings are administered by municipalities and private companies. However, we have noticed that a strict price regulation and the attempts to maintain municipal service providers may negatively affect consumer interests and competition. The administrative market analysis revealed that both, public and private service providers provide services for similar prices. To add, the more intense the competition between companies, the better it is for a consumer. Lithuanian municipalities, the Parliament and the Government were also introduced to the results of the analysis.

Two conferences on evaluation and development of competition policy in Lithuania

In February we discussed last year's tendencies and problems of competition policy together with almost 200 institutions, business representatives and law specialists. Also, in October, together with the *Competition Council and Ministry of Agriculture,* we organized a discussion on the application issues and violations of Article 4 of the Law on Competition that stipulates the freedom of fair competition. The discussions contributed to the establishment of our position regarding the possible development of the Article.

The obligation to inform about the merger will continue to waste resources and time

LFMI noted that the limit prior informing about the merger is unjustifiably low (15 million euro) and does not meet the growth perspectives of Lithuanian enterprises and proposed to increase the limit to Latvia's level of 35.5 million. Despite the legislature denied the proposal, we have reacted to suggestions to increase the merger control in the EU and together with our partners submitted comments to the European Commission.

No tax will be collected after increasing oil and gas taxes

Just after the proposal to increase the tax on oil and gas resources, we argued that an increase might negatively affect other taxes while a decrease will certainly bring more profit, income, collection of the personal income tax and social insurance contributions.

A reform of the heat sector: the importance of knowing what and how to build

The national reform of the heat sector has only one priority: Lietuvos energija wants to build power stations that will produce heat and electricity in the biggest Lithuanian cities. It should be noted that some amendments unreasonably restrict competition, freedom of economic activity and may result in higher prices. One investor (might be public) wants to build something and it is a great idea, but are there others? Fair rules apply to everyone and this is what politicians should care about rather than dictate what boiler to install and create laws that force to buy expensive electricity.

Land purchase is restricted to Lithuanians rather than foreigners

Before the land sale referendum we drew the attention to the fact that those who choose to vote "for" will also agree with other provisions regarding the expropriation of private forests and the obligatory referendum on any minor issue. LFMI analyzed the so-called Law on Land "Safeguards" and made a conclusion that the law limits the possibility of agricultural activities for both, Lithuanians and foreigners. Unfortunately, the law was enforced despite our attempts to reason the society, but we will continue our mission and defend the ownership rights in 2015.

Land "Safeguards" Law is against the Constitution

The law provides severe restrictions that limit people's right to freely operate in the agricultural market. Our analysis revealed that the requirements for those who want to purchase land infringes on the constitutional right of private property and are incompatible with the EU law. Our junior policy analyst Dominykas Šumskis delivered a presentation on the major issues in the field in a conference in the Parliament and participated in a discussion on the most acute problems with citizens, farmers and politicians.



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Skalūnų revoliucija ir Lietuva: labiau JAV ar Zambija?

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Prieš šek tiek mažiau nei dešmt metų pasaulyje ir Lietuvoje daug žmonių šnekėjo apie tai, kad nalta jau bagiasi. Apie "naftos viršūnę" (angl. – peak ol) šnekėjo ir daug politikų bei ekspertų. Rint as veidais ir rintose konferencijose je tikno, kad visiškai ašku, kad naftos gavyba pasaulyje pasiekė ribą ir nuo šol tik mažės. Visus (tiesa, tokų būdavo lebai nedaug) prieštaraujančius nuraðydavo kap nesusvokianöus ar fundamentalstus.





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Z. Silėnas. Kas bendro tarp referendumo ir žemės "saugiklių" įstatymo? (51)

Žilvinas Šilėnas, LLRI prezidentas, Lietuvos laisvosios mikse institutas 2014 m. kovo 27 d. 12:38

Kuo susijusi iniciatyva surengti referenduma dél žemés pardavimo užsieniečiams ir "saugiklių" įstatymo projektas? Neapleidžia mintis, kad abiem atvejais kažkas bando pasinaudoti situacija ir nepastebimai prastumti savo asmenines idėjas, neturinčias nieko bendro su žemės (ne)pardavimu kity saliy pillečiams. Tai pastebima ir referendumo iniciatyvoje, ir



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2014 m. gegulės I d. jaigaliojo nauja LR Jemės ūkio paskirties žemės įsigijimo įstatymo¹ (toliau -20P2jj) redakcija, talp vadinamas žemės "saugiklių" įstatymas, įstatymo nuostatose jovirtinti Jemės ūkio paskirties (toliau - 20P) Jemės jsigijimo suvaržymai itin apribojo asmenų teisę taisvai veikti šemės ūkio rinkoje, sudarinėjant pirkimo-pardavimo sandorius.

20928 nustatyti kvalifikaciniai ir kiti reikalavimai asmenims, sleklantiems jugyti 20P Semes ar tokios Itemės turintį juridinį asmenį. Fiziniam asmeniul taikytinas profesinių įgūdžių ir kvalifikacijos kriterijus, juridiniam asmeniui - reikalavimas ne maßiau nei 3 metus būti yvkdžiusiam žemės ūkio veikla, deklaravusiam žemės úklo naudmenas ir pasėlius, jrodžius atitinkamo dydžio žemės ūkio veiklos pajamingumą bei ekonominį gyvybingumą. 20P2jj taip pat jtvirtinta prievolė gauti atskirą leidimą minėtam veiksmui atlikti, ribojama jsigytinos 20P žemės dydis bei įsakmiai nurodyta. kokia privalo būti jos tikslinė paskirtis.

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Initiated economy reforms

Our aim is to return the spirit and tradition of reforms in the most important areas of life: education, health care, social care and others.





Evalgos ir nuom onės

Euras bus – ar žinome viską, ką reikia?

Wtautas Žukauskas 2014-08-08 08:58, straugera 2014-08-08 14:01

Eurui Lictuvoje žalio šivesa – tola Europos Komisijos ir Europos centrinio banko (ECE) sprendimas. Gaime pasidžaugti, nes tai parodo, kad finansinė ir okonamine situacija Lietuvoje va santykinai gera, bent Europos Sąjungos šalių kontekter. Tačiau apdaritai prieš apiispreįdami, džaugtis ar liūdos del euro įvedmo Lietuvoje, turime sausimųtybi – ar apie eura šinceme palankamia?





Currency Board has secured a strong Litas and a stable economy for two decades

We emphasized the fact that no matter if we had Litas or introduced the Euro, the reliability of the currency and the stability it brings is of the major importance. We would like to remind that over the last two decades, the *Currency Board* ensured the stability of both, our economy and currency. We could trust our currency and we were sure of its value. Established in 1994, the *Currency Board of Lithuania* ensured fixed exchange rates between Litas and the US dollar and, since 2002, between Litas and the Euro.

The Euro is not an opportunity to relax, but a challenge to public finances

Since a new currency means new challenges and dangers, we should prepare for a new stage of monetary policy and be ready to face any problem.

For example, the Euro brings lower interest rates on credits and improves the Government's access to financial markets and the possibilities to borrow money. It should be noted that other EU countries respect Lithuania particularly for its sustainable and transparent policy of public finances during the crisis. However, practice shows that discussions on the budget tend to bring public finances to the background thus easier credit conditions may result in higher expenditure of the State. Lithuania's participation in the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) may be evaluated similarly. Between 2015 and 2019 Lithuania will have to contribute around 1 billion Litas and commit to an additional 8.5 million in case it is necessary. This mechanism will only reduce incentives to make the necessary decisions in order to save the budget and decrease expenditure. Why bother saving money instead of seizing the opportunity to borrow from ESM if we have already paid a billion for it?

The alleged "Sodra" reform will cost over 5 million

The reform of "Sodra" emerged in 2008. We hoped that a scientific research will provide a way to overcome challenges, attract investment and create jobs. However, even five million Litas did not make it happen. Basic pensions from the State's budget are the only thing that may look positive, but it is only a mere game of placing money into another pocket. The only real benefit is the introduction of limits to social fund contributions. However, it disappears in the background of other taxes and never-ending proposals to increase VAT, taxes on capital, real estate and cars.

The "reform" has already undermined our pension accumulation and it will cost even more in both, short and long perspectives since politicians will try to eliminate "Sodra" deficit by imposing new taxes and all of us will have to suffer from small pensions. We are actively addressing this issue to the society, the media and politicians, but even though the latter lacks behind the schedule, they do not seem to hurry.

A planned knowledge economy does not exist

We pointed out that the Ministry of Education and Science is taking more and more control over the freedom of choices of pupils and their parents. Also, it means that the quality of education is decreasing.

Quite unilaterally, pupils are encouraged to choose technological and natural sciences study profiles, a compulsory math exam is being introduced and there is a desire to wave the "money follows the student" principle. Therefore, it looks like an attempt to deprive the parent's opportunity to decide what schools are the best and control the quality of education in this way. There are suggestions to establish an education research institute instead. Our politicians still cannot comprehend the ability to choose exams freely, to have flexible educational programmes and competition among schools and opt for standardized bureaucratic plans. We will continue to observe educational tendencies in Lithuania in 2015.





PLANINĖS ŽINIŲ EKONOMIKOS NEBUNA logadjis vicado atneša naujovių – naujas makslo matus ilans, naujo gyvenime pradžio piemakurslams ir liero reforma ignat pa tolorna Švinimi ir nokilo ; šienašais kokkous į latemuotių tolmimokaların öldünmi pinigai kefanin parkai a) une makes satella dar dau- 1 kegig specialybe Vilriaut technologie ir mokenes, mokykles skitta prizvaski kas sendo profesinio meltono centre: (2) vietas strip pet 200 methodore. in komplex or maintainer laine mostcharacter methodologie is illufted man, historic loss ums ir ja tivams molės. Kaip tai perolis Tation kodd panalas palentia specialskalo koluby? via dal to kolko preisonie moletkle, o anskol while takes ka kentararja banhda multiply participant bits hav govern. Si who mnių režultarų mekyklin turi labias spe-linanis. Pati specializacija yra gezai, tačiau u vienpusilikai meriota skatisti tik sachusoxidiate maister perintene mailent on de che hi armi 7 Herris, stellada preparationi, messiog mu veikta, o jos ziektyvanag párodo tai, kad

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Oficialiy priemoky teks palaukti

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LFMI actively fights for the possibility of patients to choose better quality health care services. At present, a patient may choose a more expensive or a better service (or a medical device) by covering part of its price himself. Fortunately, the amendments to the Law on Health Insurance that proposed to abolish the current possibility were rejected. After all, it would aggravate health care problems rather than solve the current lack of resources.

Information about the lowest prices of medicine will continue to be provided

The Government decided to forbid advertising price reductions of medicines. We strongly opposed and the prohibition was not introduced. The Government argued that people are taking too much medication and the increasing expenditure on medicines is harmful for the country, as well as for citizens. However, such a prohibition would result in a lack of consumer information about prices and reduced incentives of pharmacies to compete with each other which will be reflected in higher prices.

A hard-earned freedom to establish health care institutions

Last year the Government proposed to change the rules of contract arrangement between health care institutions and the National Health Insurance Fund and to impose additional obligations on health care institutions. We have spoken out against the requirement of three year working experience and public procurement procedures in municipalities and called for upholding the current regulation, because the proposed restriction would have restricted the possibilities of entering the market. Our goal is to preserve a fair competition and the freedom of choice. We are happy to see a positive outcome of our work in the field.

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INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

We are gradually turning into an international organization. Together with our partners we actively respond to political decisions of the EU and are one of the strongest founders and managing authorities of think tanks in Europe. At our invitation, famous economists, philosophers and lecturers come to Lithuania every year.

"International recognition and a wide range of partners here in Europe, as well as across the Atlantic is a result of our persistent work for 25 years."



Aneta Vainė, Development and Program Director

"Thousands of readers and a wide recognition of our work are the best evidence of the importance and the necessity of our mission."



Vidmantė Čižienė, Communication Officer

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Communication with the media, citizens and politicians constitute one of the most important parts of our work. To influence positive economic and social changes, our ideas must be communicated.

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The participants of the conference: a famous Polish economist Prof Leszek Balcerowicz (Civil Development Forum Foundation), professor of economics Enrico Colombatto (University of Turin), economist Daniel Mitchell (Cato Institute, USA), members of the Parliament Andrius Kubilius and Remigijus Šimašius, economists Nerijus Mačiulis (Swedbank) and Šarūnas Nedzinskas (DNB Bank) and others.





Expectations after EP election: an international conference

In the end of April, towards the European Parliament election, LFMI has joined the public discussion on EU issues that are important to Lithuania and organized an international conference *European Elections Ahead: What is Next for the EU Economy?* Together with *Austrian Economics Center* and *Friendrich Naumann Foundation*, LFMI addressed the issues of centralized management and the problem areas of shaping European tax policy.

Establishment of a new free market center EPICENTER

Together with five leading European think tanks from Spain, France, United Kingdom, Italy and Sweden, LFMI launched a new independent initiative EPICENTER in Brussels, in October. With this initiative we are going to address the key issues of shaping public European policies and actively participate by contributing our ideas. Read more about the project at *www.epicenternetwork.eu*

Partnership with the 4LIBERTY network

LFMI is an active member of the 4LIBERTY network. The ideas regarding topical economic issues by Central and Eastern European policy analysts are available to all European countries, as well as shared globally. Our ideas in the English language are also available at *www.4liberty.eu*

The *Think Tank School*: Germany for the beginners, France for the advanced

LFMI became the educational centre of think tanks in Europe. For five years now, we have successfully organized international seminars and courses for other think tanks. The beginners of these courses were invited to Germany, whereas the advanced students travelled to Marseille, France. Our team of Žilvinas Šilėnas, Edita Maslauskaitė and Vidmantė Čižienė had over fifty students and conducted seminars on management, strategic planning, fundraising and communication. International institutions and experts from the best non-governmental organizations also shared their experience. Lectures were delivered by *Europe Economics* (UK), *Allgemeine Zeitung* (Germany), *Cobden Centre* (UK), *Instituto Bruno Leoni* (Italy), *Atlas Network* (USA), *Students for Liberty, The TaxPayers' Alliance* (UK) and *Cato Insitute* (USA).

A broad public communication

Among the most visible in the media

Our experts: Žilvinas Šilėnas, Kaetana Leontjeva and Vytautas Žukauskas are among the most popular and frequently quoted independent experts (TNS, 2014). Together we are one of the most prominent independent institutions in the media.

Media's trust

In 2014, the ideas of our experts appeared over 1,900 times in Lithuanian television, radio, portals and the press. Over a half of those references are chosen by the journalists. This proves that our position on the country's economy is recognized. Also, a survey about LFMI revealed that over 50% Lithuanians are aware of our ideas and agree with our arguments and opinions that are regularly published in *Verslo Žinios, IQ, Lietuvos žinios, Veidas, delfi.lt, 15min.lt* and *lrytas.lt*.

LMFI in *Forbes, Bloomberg* and other international media

The news about the *Templeton Freedom Award* has spread over various foreign media channels, from American *Forbes* to the *Baltic Course*. Our assessment of Lithuania's shadow economy was recognized by *Bloomberg*. We also commented for various international agencies, the *New York Times* and *Deutche Welle*, as well as for Dutch newspapers *de Volkskrant* and the *Trouw* and Slovak *Hospodárske noviny*.





Hoe solide is het nieuwe euroland Litouwen?

Litouwen is op 1 januari als laatste Baltische staat toegetreden tot de Europese monetaire unie. Estiand (2011) en Letiand (2014) gingen voor. Letiand is sinds donderdag voorzitter van de Europese Unie.





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We are grateful to our sponsors, friends and partners for their trust and faith in a free and responsible individual rather than "all-knowing" government. Our unity is what makes us strong and every page of this publication is an excellent example of it.



Edita Maslauskaitė, LFMI Vice President

Our thanks to those who support LFMI

Today we are independent to create, work and earn and, most importantly, we are independent from the government's support and orders. However, freedom brings responsibility. We emphasized it by establishing the Lithuanian Free Market Institute 25 years ago and it is still in our values today. Thus, we will continue to follow the principles of freedom and responsibility in the future.

Of course, words are easy to utter, but daily work for the promotion of freedom and responsibility in both making laws and living is much harder. Financial independence is an essential part in our mission which would hardly be possible without it.

Currently, we are supported by over a hundred Lithuanian enterprises, a number of international funds from Germany, Belgium and the USA, as well as by citizens. Therefore, it is evident that the government's interference and budget expenses are not necessary to move heaven and earth. This principle is applicable to the pursuit of our mission and our diverse support team is a guarantor of our status as an independent public policy centre.

A wholehearted support of the ideas you believe in is nothing else than a profound tradition both in Europe and across the Atlantic. Also, recent positive changes in Lithuania may be perfectly illustrated by an increasing number of social events and greater attention to those in poverty and suffering from illness. After all, a lack of initiative and responsibility may be as pernicious as poverty and a lack of health. Just after the transition towards a market economy, we have successfully convinced our partners that the ideas of freedom and responsibility require voluntary support. Therefore, we can actually call ourselves pioneers and be happy about our input to the development of support traditions in Lithuania.

> Edita Maslauskaitė, LFMI Vice President

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