

## **EU-CONEXUS INFORMATION PACKAGE**

### **1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTRY**

Lithuania is a country in the Baltic region of Europe, counted as one of the Baltic States. Using the method of gravitational centres, researchers at the National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information in France established that the geographical centre of Europe is in fact found in Lithuania. The nation is only a few hours by plane from other European capitals and can easily be reached by coach, train or even boat. Lithuania has an estimated population of 2.8 million people as of 2019. The capital and largest city is Vilnius; other major cities are Kaunas and Klaipeda. Lithuanians belong to the ethnic and linguistic group of Balts. The official language, Lithuanian, is one of only two living languages in the Baltic branch of the Indo-European language family, the other being Latvian. In Lithuania, a flat country overlooking the Baltic Sea, the climate is semi-continental, with very cold winters and mild, moderately rainy summers. On the coast, the average temperatures are just below freezing in January and February and around 18 °C (64 °F) in July and August. In inland areas, the temperatures are a bit lower in winter and a bit higher in summer.

### **2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY**

Klaipeda is the third largest city with the only seaport in Lithuania, capital of Klaipeda County. Klaipeda State Seaport is the northernmost ice-free port on the Eastern coast of the Baltic Sea. It is the most important and biggest Lithuanian transport hub, connecting sea, land and railway routes from East to West. Klaipeda is a multipurpose, universal, deep-water port, providing high quality services. 14 big stevedoring companies, ship repair and ship building yards operate within the port as well as all types of marine business and cargo handling services.

There are 212,302 permanent inhabitants (as of 2020) in Klaipeda city and Klaipeda district municipalities combined. Popular seaside resorts found close to Klaipeda are Neringa to the south on the Curonian Spit and Palanga to the north. Our sea is beautiful but rough, with the coastline often suffering from western and northern winds, and the waves of the sea huge and sometimes dangerous. However, when the sea is calm, it has a breath-taking beauty, and the purple sunsets there resemble picture postcards inscribed with wishes for peace and quiet. The Baltic Sea is a place loved by fishers, experienced yachters and cruise ships, whose passengers can discover a number of things here. These include travelling sand dunes said to be among the largest in Europe and the UNESCO-protected Curonian Spit National Park, as well as perfect peace and the absolute harmony of people and nature.

### **3. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTNER UNIVERSITY**

Klaipeda University (KU) was founded in 1991 to meet the needs of Lithuania's development; to solve regional problems; to make Klaipeda a regional centre of culture and to foster the idea of Lithuania as a maritime state. KU implements three-cycle studies in five academic divisions:

- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities;
- Faculty of Marine Technologies and Natural Sciences;
- Faculty of Health Sciences;
- Marine Research Institute;
- Institute of Baltic Region History and Archaeology.

Over three decades of operation, KU has become an exceptional Lithuanian education and cultural centre, which has prepared over 38 thousand graduates and which presently employs over 700 academic staff, including 60% doctors of science.

KU has gained significant scientific recognition in the Baltic Sea Region. In 2008, the Marine Valley project was launched to strengthen the cooperation of research, studies, and business and to develop a modern marine research infrastructure. The Mintis vessel, built in 2014, represents a unique research laboratory at sea. The laboratories of the Marine Research Institute opened in 2018 are among the most advanced ones in the Baltic States. In 2018, for the first time in the field of oceanographic research, Klaipėda University was ranked among the 200 best universities in the world and among the 10 best universities in the Baltic Sea Region in terms of quality publications and numbers of citation (CA WoS) and successfully maintained the position in 2019.

KU mission is to become the most important institution promoting sustainable social, cultural, and economic progress of the region, whose activities are aimed at the development of creative personalities and the welfare of the people. KU aims to be a university creating for the future with recognized international research and study achievements and innovations significant for the welfare of the Baltic Sea Region.

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