

LDA among Best-Performing Business Promotion Agencies Worldwide

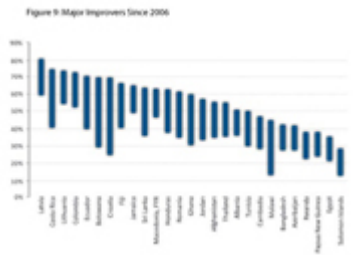


Figure 1. Major Improvers since 2006

The Lithuanian Development Agency is among Top 3 government investment promotion intermediaries worldwide showing the greatest progress in attracting mobile investment and also No. 12 among 181 agencies, the Global Investment Promotion Benchmarking 2009 report shows.

Lithuania is named among middle-income countries, including also Brazil, Colombia, and Turkey that are showing immense progress in competing for mobile investment by providing increasingly professional services and accurate information to

potential investors. »

New FDI and Export Strategy by Ernst&Young

The global leader in assurance, tax, transactions and advisory services Ernst&Young has provided LDA with a two-fold study on foreign direct investment and exports promotion - Lithuania's FDI and Export Strategy.

The two studies include a diagnosis of the FDI and exports market trends and business environment, the best practices and strategic recommendations to improve Lithuania's FDI and exports, as well as an action plan for the implementation of the strategy by the Lithuanian Development Agency. »



Publication 'Advantage Lithuania '09

The following publication 'Advantage Lithuania', prepared by Lithuanian Development Agency, provides basic facts about Lithuania, presents an overview of the country's overall economic performance, reviews the latest trends in the development of our foreign trade and FDI flows, as well as presents the newest developments in Lithuania's promising economic sectors. The publication is an efficient guide for foreign businesses looking for opportunities to expand their activities to Lithuania.

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Info on Lithuanian Market in 4 Languages

LDA has prepared and is regularly updating presentations (ppt and pdf) on the Lithuanian market peculiarities and trends in 4 languages - Lithuanian, English, German and Russian. »

Lithuania is Better Equipped to Overcome Crisis than Its Neighbours

Lithuania has improved its competitiveness in the last 12 months and moved up the ladder by 5 places up to the 31 out of the 57 countries ranking, beating Estonia for the 1st time and leaving other neighboring economies far behind, shows the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2009. The results of the Stress Test executed by IMD World Competitiveness Centre also reveal that Lithuania is better equipped to fare through the crisis and improve its competitiveness in the near future than its neighbours.

Lithuania has witnessed a big leap forward in government efficiency, moving up from 36 to 25 and business efficiency (up from 41 to 35) as well as improving ratings in infrastructure category by three steps to 29. The best improvements were recorded in the evaluation of the brain drain, black market, immigration policies with many less local businesses saying that these factors had a negative effect on the economy and their businesses. »

Meet LDA Abroad

Meet LDA and Lithuanian Textile Manufacturers at TECHTEXTIL 2009

LDA, the Lithuanian Textile Institute and 3 Lithuanian textile products' manufacturers are preparing to visit and take part in TECHTEXTIL 2009, to take place in Frankfurt, Germany, on June 16-18, 2009. LDA invites foreign businesses to meet with the Lithuanian textile enterprises and establish new business contacts. »

Discussion on Business Opportunities in Central and Eastern Europe, on June 4, 2009, in the Netherlands

LDA kindly invites business enterprises to take part at the Central and Eastern Europe Event on the 4th of June, 2009, in Baarn, the Netherlands, and research your business opportunities / possibilities in Central and Eastern Europe. The focus is on the European Union Member States Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovak Republic. »

Business News&Events

19 New Investment Areas in Klaipeda FEZ

Klaipeda Free Economic Zone (FEZ) received a EUR 3.6 million support from the Ministry of Economy to create access to 19 new investment areas occupying 42.18 hectares. »

Lithuania Congratulates Country's New President

Lithuania's Central Electoral Commission (VRK) finished calculating the results of the Lithuanian

Lithuania in Numbers

	2008
Population (m)	3,35
GDP (%)	3.1
GDP (€bn)	32.3
GDP per capita (€)	9,600
FDI (€bn)	9.1
FDI per capita (€)	2,896
Exports (€bn)	16.1
Imports (€bn)	21
Unemployment (%)	5.8
Average monthly gross salary (€)	672

Source: Lithuanian Department of Statistics, www.stat.gov.lt

Lithuania Celebrating

Year 2009

Lithuania celebrates **the Millenium since the first mention** of its name in written records

Vilnius is announced **European Capital of Culture 2009**

The World Forum for Direct Investment in Vilnius

5th Anniversary of EU Membership

presidential elections that took place on 17 May 2009 - the European Union's budget chief Ms. Dalia Grybauskaitė won a resounding victory, with 68.21 % of the vote. »

The Economist: Vilnius is an Example to Others

The Economist has turned its attention towards Vilnius the European Capital of Culture 2009 and introduced Lithuania's capital as "an example to others-a contested city, but not a divided one" in its print edition last April. »

Microsoft innovation centre opened in Kaunas

A Microsoft innovation centre was opened in Kaunas on 29 April. Established in Kaunas Science and Technology Park Technopolis, the centre will conduct research programmes intended for students, scientific institutions and start-ups. »

Call for Applications for EU Structural Funds Support

Private businesses are invited to apply for financial support available from the EU Structural Funds program "Leader LT 2". »

Expand internationally serviced by the Lithuanian Development Agency which is among the best-performing investment and business support agencies worldwide
(rating 12 out of 181 agencies, World Bank [Global Investment Promotion Benchmarking 2009 report](#))

The Lithuanian Development Agency (LDA) is serving the needs of foreign business enterprises in Lithuania by:

- ❖ Provision of A-to-Z information on the Lithuanian market
- ❖ Guidance through the entire investment process and aftercare
- ❖ Search for matching Lithuanian partners, building contact network
- ❖ Planning and implementing international projects

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