

Vilnius is the capital of Lithuania. All the major political, economic, social and cultural centres of the country are located in Vilnius. The city was first mentioned in written records in 1323, and today has a population of approximately 548 800.



The Old Town of Vilnius is one of the largest (3.59 km²) surviving medieval old towns in Eastern Europe. Some of the most valuable historic and cultural heritages of Lithuania are concentrated here. Because of its uniqueness, the Old Town of Vilnius was inscribed on the [UNESCO World Heritage List in 1994](#). There are about 1,500 buildings from different centuries in the Old Town making it a mixture of all European architectural styles. Although Vilnius is often called a baroque city, buildings in gothic (e.g. St. Annes church), renaissance (e.g. Vilnius University), and other styles can be found as well.

The main historical sights of the city are the Gediminas Castle and the Cathedral Square. Read more at <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/>



New generation in science: toward a new fashion ERA?

***Unravelling relationships between research traditions and
new generations' hunger for change***

**Eurodoc annual conference and general meeting
2011, Lithuania**

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When?

March 31 – April 4, 2011

Where?

Vilnius, Lithuania

What?

The annual conference of Eurodoc provides a unique framework and network for European political, economical, and academic (opinion) leaders to meet with young researchers from all across Europe. Here both can engage in fruitful discussions on attraction and retention of new generations for science.

About what?

✓ **Science: Tradition vs. Innovation.** Traditions are valuable in Europe. They are attractive when you speak about tourism but is it attractive in science? What is the role of tradition and innovation in shaping the future of research funding from the European Framework Programmes?

✓ **SMScience.** Different generations – different view of handling science. Young researchers boldly want to explore where no others have been, to have results as fast as possible. What attitudes toward research traditions and the overall mission of science does the new generation bring?

✓ **Business as usual?** The rules that apply within science are different from those valid for the business world. What can business learn from science and science learn from business?

For whom?

The conference is open to all who are making science work. Policy makers, politicians, professors, young researchers, and doctoral candidates are encouraged to participate.

More information: <http://eurodoc2011.ljms.lt>

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Eurodoc 2011 is organized by Eurodoc and Lithuanian Society of Young Researchers.

About Eurodoc:

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The European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers

Eurodoc is the European-wide federation of national associations of Ph.D. candidates, and more generally of young researchers. Eurodoc's objectives are:

- To represent doctoral candidates and junior researchers at the European level in matters of education, research, and professional development of their careers.
- To advance the quality of doctoral programmes and the standards of research activity in Europe.
- To promote the circulation of information on issues regarding young researchers; organize events, take part in debates and assist in the elaboration of policies about Higher Education and Research in Europe.
- To establish and promote co-operation between national associations representing doctoral candidates and junior researchers within Europe.

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About the local organiser:

Lithuanian Society of Young Researchers (LSYR) is a dynamic knowledge-based autonomous non-political and non-profit nation-wide organisation, open to young researchers, scientists, and students from various science and research fields. Currently, it has almost 200 members from different research fields and institutions all over Lithuania.



Our mission is to encourage young people to become world-class scientists by establishing interdisciplinary scientific community, promoting science and by facilitating improvements in the system of science and education.

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