

# The Lithuanian Partner

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# Interesting facts about Lithuania

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- ❑ By the end of the fourteenth century, Lithuania was the largest country in Europe.
  - ❑ Lithuania has 99 kilometres (61.5 mi) of sandy coastline
  - ❑ 83.6% of the Lithuanian population are ethnic Lithuanians who speak the Lithuanian language
  - ❑ The 2007 estimated population was 3,575,439
  - ❑ Lithuania had only one king during the royal times, King Mindaugas
  - ❑ Lithuania was the last country in Europe to be converted to Christianity
  - ❑ Amber, formed by resin from ancient trees and insects in the resin, is found on the Curonian Spit.
  - ❑ National bird – stork
  - ❑ The Geographical Centre of Europe is 26 km to the North of Vilnius as it was found by The National Institute of Geography in France
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# A little bit of geography

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- Boundary with Belarus and Latvia
- Average temperature  
January -5o C, July +17o C
- Area: 65 200 sq.km
- Population: 3,3 million inhabitants



# The Lithuanian language

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- state language and an official language of the EU
  - oldest surviving Indo-European language
  - Close relationship to Latin and Sanskrit
  - Studentas, ofisas, teatras, informacija, lapas
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# Home sweet home - Visaginas

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□ The youngest town



□ The sportiest town



□ The most multicultural town



□ The greenest town



# Alma Mater

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- 1996
  - English, German, French, Russian
  - 2,500 graduates
  - Determined staff
  - Experience in project activity
  - [www.languages.it](http://www.languages.it)
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# Participants





# International experience

- ❑ "Euroscola" competition
- ❑ The Office of the European Parliament in Spain
- ❑ tests relating to the Enlargement of the European Union
- ❑ 34 school teams different places of Lithuania
- ❑ the main prize – participation in plenary, parties and committees in the European Union Youth parliament
- ❑ 32 students and 3 teachers





# International experience

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- Comenius partnership project 2001-2003  
ICEBERG
  - Co-ordinator:  
Denmark
  - Partners: Finland,  
Poland, Lithuania
  - End products:  
language survival kits,  
videos, games,  
booklets, calendars
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# International experience

- ❑ Grundtvig partnership project “Ageing well: don’t hesitate, be active!”, 2012-2014
- ❑ Grundtvig partnership project Me(u)mories, 2010-2012
- ❑ Grundtvig partnership project CALL, 2006-2009
- ❑ Comenius project “ICEBERG”

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Project's portfolio

Number of countries: 4 – Belgium, Lithuania, Spain, Turkey  
Number of participants: 54  
Number of years: 3  
Number of meetings: 7  
Number of discussion topics and replies: 210  
Learning materials placed on the platform: 60  
Personal feedback

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Maria, Lithuania



Ann, Belgium



Pilar, Spain

I visited new countries



Soulius, Lithuania

I tried new food

The whole purpose of our CALL project was to turn mirrors into windows and we have made a success  
Final project meeting, June 23-27, Visaginas, Lithuania

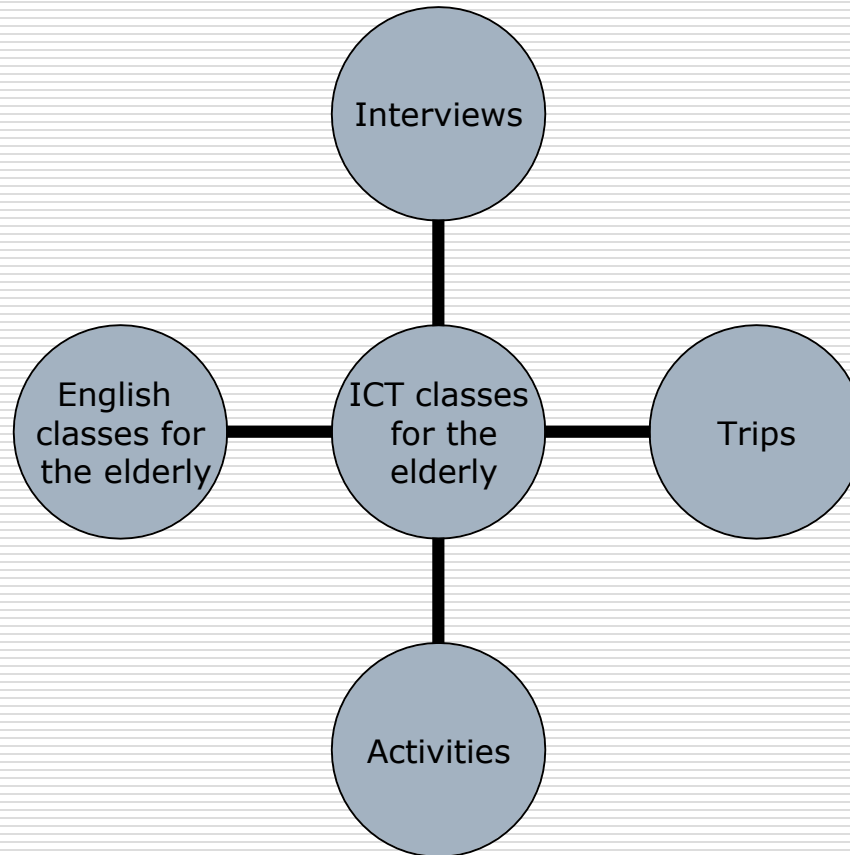
# Similarities within the project

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- ❑ Pardubice, Czech Republic- descendant of Slavic tribes
  - ❑ Pieniezno, Poland – the Baltic Sea
  - ❑ Arles, France- UNESCO World Heritage
  - ❑ Athens, Greece- Orthodox
  - ❑ Gabrovo, Bulgaria- a sense of humour
  - ❑ Craiova, Rumania - Orthodox
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# Draft activities map

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# Expectations from the project

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## A Magic Box

