



International Evaluation Conference

Cohesion Policy 2014–2020:

Towards Evidence Based Programming and Evaluation

4–5 July 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania

Conference Centre at Radisson SAS Blu Lietuva Hotel, Konstitucijos ave. 20

PRACTICAL INFORMATION (accommodation, transportation, cultural events)

I. CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference takes place at the Conference Centre at Radisson SAS Blu Lietuva Hotel, Konstitucijos ave. 20, Vilnius, Lithuania.

II. HOTEL INFORMATION

Below you will find contact information of the hotels which are in close proximity to the conference venue (see the map at the bottom of this document).

To book a room, please contact the hotel of your preference directly. You are welcome to book rooms in the conference venue hotel “Radisson SAS Blu Lietuva Hotel” and other suggested hotels with the special lower rate, subject to availability.

Accommodation expenses must be covered by the delegates. We have negotiated special rates at the hotels. In order to benefit from the negotiated rates, **please use the reservation forms when applying to the hotels. Please note that prices are available until 1 June (Amberton – until 24 May), reservations sent after the deadline will be confirmed upon availability.**



1. RADISSON SAS BLU LIETUVA HOTEL****	
Location	Situated near the capital city's business district. The hotel is next to the river Neris, near the Old Town of Vilnius. This is the conference venue hotel.
Room rate	Standard single room: EUR 95 Standard double room: EUR 100 Business class single room: EUR 125 Business class double room: EUR 130 <i>Prices available for 3–7 July. Breakfast buffet, gym, sauna and Wi-Fi included.</i>
Contacts	Konstitucijos ave. 20, 09308 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 272 6272, fax: +370 5 272 6270 Email: info.lietuva.vilnius@radissonblu.com Website: www.radissonblu.com/lietuvahotel-vilnius Reservation form: www.estep.lt/static/upload/Reservation-form-RadissonBLULietuva.xlsx

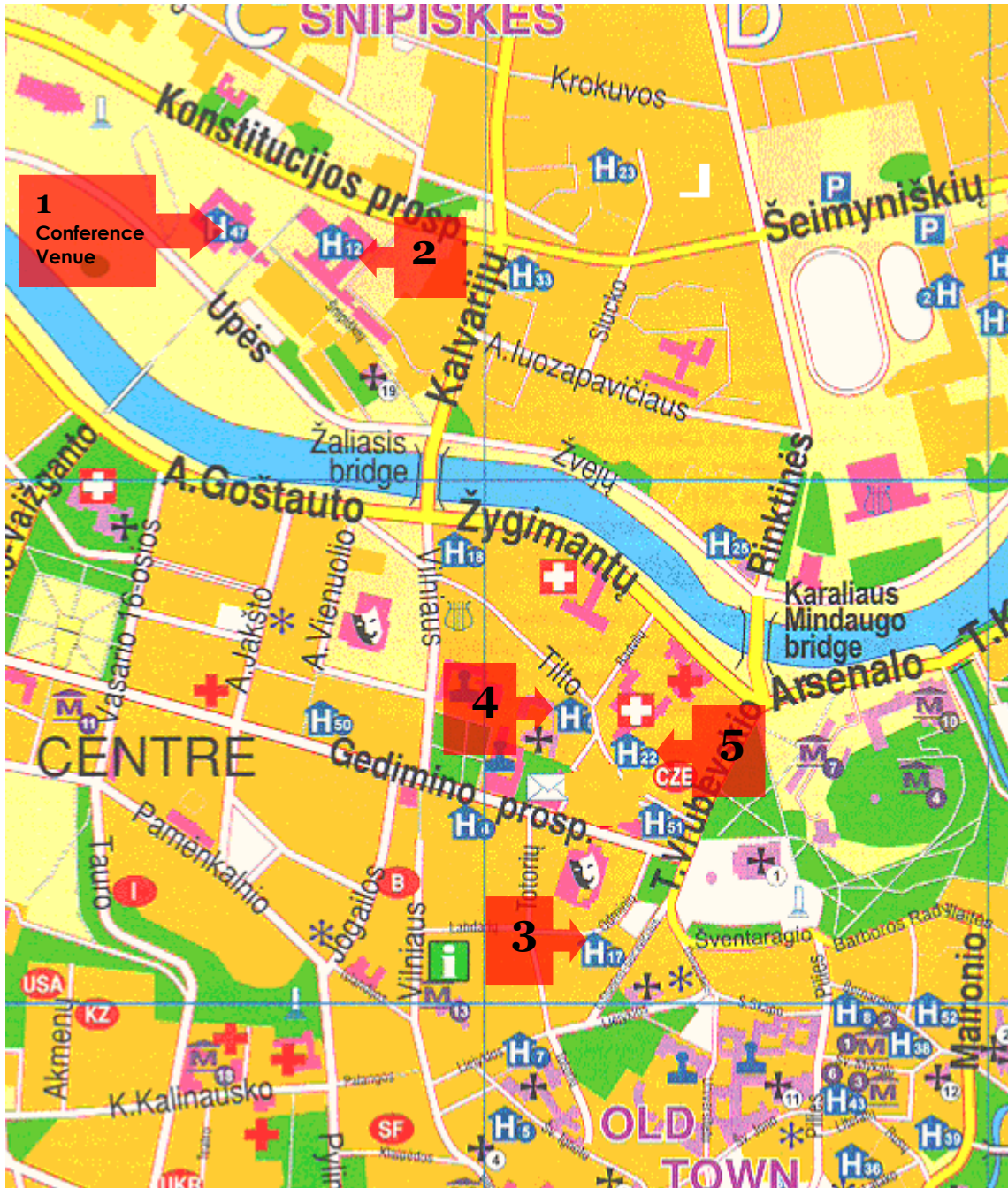
2. BEST WESTERN VILNIUS HOTEL****	
Location	Located in the centre of the capital city in a modern district of business, commerce and entertainment. The hotel stands next to the river Neris, near the Old Town of Vilnius. It takes 3 minutes on foot from this hotel to the conference venue.
Room rate	Standard single room: EUR 130 Standard double room: EUR 145 <i>Prices available for 3–7 July. Breakfast, Wi-Fi, gym, sauna, car parking included.</i>
Contacts	Konstitucijos ave. 14, 09308 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 2739595, fax: +370 5 2739500 Email: office@vilniushotel.eu Website: http://vilniushotel.eu/EN/Vilnius Reservation form: www.estep.lt/static/upload/Reservation-form-BWH.docx

3. AMBERTON HOTEL****	
Location	Located near the Cathedral square in the centre of Vilnius city. Rooms with a view to the main city square and Cathedral. It takes 20 minutes (1.7 km) on foot from this hotel to the conference venue
Room rate	Standard single room: EUR 119 Standard double room: EUR 129 <i>Prices available for 3–7 July. Buffet breakfast, VAT and internet included. From 25 May reservations upon availability.</i>
Contacts	L.Stuokos-Guceviciaus str.1, 01222 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 210 7461, fax: +370 5 210 7460 Email: vilnius@amberton.lt Website: www.ambertonhotels.com/vilnius Reservation form: www.estep.lt/static/upload/Reservation-form-Amberton.doc

4. TILTO HOTEL***	
Location	Small cosy hotel situated in the Old Town, near the Cathedral. It takes 15 minutes (1.2 km) on foot from this hotel to the conference venue.
Room rate	Standard single room: EUR 85 Standard double room: EUR 95 Deluxe single or double room: EUR 125 <i>Prices available for 3–6 July, from 6 July upon availability. VAT, breakfast, Wi-Fi included.</i>
Contacts	Tilto str. 8, 01101 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 2100021, fax: +370 5 2100020 Email: reservations@hoteltulto.com Website: www.hoteltulto.com/ Reservation form: www.estep.lt/static/upload/Reservation-form-Tilto.docx

5. DVARAS HOTEL****	
Location	Small cosy hotel located in the very heart of Vilnius, near the Cathedral. It takes 15 minutes (1.4km) on foot from this hotel to the conference venue.
Room rate	Standard single room: EUR 87 Standard double room: EUR 102 Luxury suit: EUR 143 <i>Prices available for 3–7 July. VAT, breakfast included.</i>
Contacts	Tilto str. 3-1, 01101 Vilnius, Lithuania Tel.: +370 5 2107370, fax: +370 5 2618783 Email: hotel@dvaras.lt Website: www.dvaras.lt/en Rooms available upon request. When applying to the hotel, use the password "ESTEP evaluation conference".

MAP OF THE AREA



III. TRANSPORTATION FROM/TO THE AIRPORT

TAXI

Taxis waiting for passengers can be found outside the arrival terminal in the airport, next to the sidewalk. Prices for a trip to the city centre may vary from LTL 50 (EUR 15) to LTL 90 (EUR 25). Some cars accept credit cards, but to be sure please ask the driver upon getting in.

SHUTTLES

Shuttle services are available at all the hotels above. Prices may vary from LTL 50 (EUR 15) to LTL 100 (EUR 30) per car. To arrange your pick-up, please contact the hotel of your preference directly.

III. CULTURAL EVENTS IN VILNIUS ON 5–6 JULY

Culture night “Let There Be Night” (Kultūros naktis „Tebūnie naktis“) – the night from the 5th to the 6th of July

What is “Let There Be Night”? It is a spectacular night filled with over a hundred and fifty different cultural events in the spaces of Vilnius art meccas and open areas under the starry summer sky. The event was first organised in 2007 and has already become a beautiful tradition.

When and where? This year, culture night events will take place on the night from the 5th to the 6th of July, 6 pm–2 am. It will be the main cultural event officially opening the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council. Events will be scattered all around the Old Town of Vilnius.

What to expect? This is the only night when Vilnius museums, galleries, theatres and churches open their doors to visitors, offering free-of-charge incredible exhibitions, quirky shows, and magical concerts. Led by guides, you will find yourself in intriguing thematic and historical tours where you will see a different side of Vilnius. This year, the three main themes include Vilnius, King Mindaugas and Night.

Coronation Day of King Mindaugas (Karaliaus Mindaugo karūnavimo diena) – 6 July

Who is King Mindaugas? Mindaugas (ca. 1200–1263) is the first known Grand Duke of Lithuania and the first and only King of a unified Lithuania. Mindaugas founded the first independent State of Lithuania around 1240. To protect it from attacks, Mindaugas sought help from the Teutonic knights, a religious military order that had established power in the southeastern Baltic region. As a sign of gratitude for their support, Mindaugas became a catholic and was crowned King of Lithuania in 1253.

What is the significance of the coronation of Mindaugas? The coronation of Mindaugas was started being commemorated during the interwar period as a recognition of our country in Europe and has been officially celebrated since 1991. Each year, on the 6th of July Lithuanians all around the world celebrate this day remembering a centuries-long tradition of statehood.

What to expect on this day? The 6th of July is celebrated all over Lithuania with various festivities and concerts. A ceremonial event to honor King Mindaugas is held in Medininkai, on the Juozapinė Hill. This day is often used to award Lithuanians and foreigners of merit by the President of the State. A more modern tradition is singing the national anthem by Lithuanian communities around the world. Every Lithuanian, whether home or abroad, is encouraged to sing the national anthem at a certain time on the 6th of July.

USEFUL LINKS

Cultural festivals in Vilnius: www.vilniusfestivals.lt/EN/

Events in Vilnius: www.vilnius-events.lt/en/

Tourism information: www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/