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Lithuanian-German Forum was established on October 4, 2005 by the initiative of Lithuanian Foreign Ministry to develop direct societal and personal links between eminent leaders and famous figures of each country in the fields of business, culture, education (dual vocational training), politics and public relations; to contribute to the cooperation between different regions of Lithuania and Germany; to initiate different projects in Germany and Lithuania, aimed at developing stronger relations between these two countries as well as the creation of the Wider Europe. In addition, since 2018 LGF convenes high level annual debates on Lithuanian-German relations in Lithuania and Germany – previous Conference was held in Munich, Germany on March of 2025.

Lithuanian-German Forum 2025:
Time to Lead and Speak in One Language

20th year Anniversary

17th of November, 2025

Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

Round-table discussion

The Constitution Hall of Seimas

9:00 Welcoming Statements

Mr. Juozas Olekas – Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr. Omid Nouripour - Vice President of the German Bundestag, Alliance 90/The Greens (*a pre-recorded video*)

Ms. Vaida Aleknavičienė – Chair of the Education and Science Committee at the Lithuanian Seimas,
Chair of the Group for Interparliamentary Relations with the Federal Republic of Germany

Dr. Jurgita Paužaitė-Kulvinskienė – President of the Lithuanian-German Forum

9:30 I Panel

**„Lithuanian–German leadership: German Brigade „Lithuania“ and further strengthening of
European security. Speaking a Common Language“**

Keynote address:

Mr. Kęstutis Budrys – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

Dr. Florian Hahn - Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany (*a pre-recorded video*)

Amb. Deividas Matulionis – Senior National Security Adviser to the President of the Republic of Lithuania

Discussion:

Mr. Remigijus Motuzas – Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Lithuanian Seimas (Lithuanian Socialdemocratic Party)

Ms. Catalina Cullas – German Federal Foreign Office, DDG EU Department, Director for Bilateral Relations with the EU Member States, Cross-Border and Regional Cooperation

Ms. Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen – Deputy Speaker of Lithuanian Seimas, Member of the National Security and Defence Committee (Liberals' Movement)

Mr. Roderich Kiesewetter – Member of Foreign Affairs Committee, German Bundestag (CDU)

Mr. Johannes Volkmann – Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the German Bundestag (CDU)

Ms. Rasa Juknevičienė – EPP Vice-Coordinator in the EP Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE)

Ms. Sara Nanni – Member of the German Bundestag, Spokesperson for Security Policy for the Bündnis 90-Die Grünen (*online*)

Mr. Michael Roth – Former Member and Former Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the German Bundestag

Mr. Thomas Erndl – Member of the German Bundestag, the Spokesperson for International Polics and Security of the CSU Party (*online*)

Ms. Anna Maria Strauß – Director of the Goethe-Institut Vilnius

Discussion moderated by: **Amb. Žygimantas Pavilionis** – Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Lithuanian Seimas (Homeland Union-Lithuanian Christian Democrats)

11:30 Coffee break

11:40 Family photo

12:00 II Panel

„United in Resilience: Towards Security and Growth“

Keynote speaker:

Mr. Edvinas Grikšas – Minister of the Economy and Innovation of the Republic of Lithuania

Discussion:

Mr. Vidmantas Janulevičius – President of Lithuanian Industrialists, Chairman of Global BOD group

Mr. Benjamin Tallis – Senior Manager at the Helsing SE

Ms. Eglė Šimė – CEO, LTG Cargo AB

Mr. Florian Stein – CEO Continental Autonomus mobility UAB

Ms. Britta Jacob – Government Relations Lead at the ARX Robotics GmbH

Discussion moderated by: Mr. Florian Schröder – CEO at German-Baltic Chamber of
Commerce in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania (AHK)

13:30 Lithuanian-German Forum closing remarks

Amb. Giedrius Puodžiūnas – Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to Federal Republic of Germany

Dr. Cornelius Zimmermann – Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of
Lithuania