



## INTERNATIONAL FORUM

# Pursuing President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Peace Formula: Joint Actions of Ukraine and Lithuania towards the Long-Lasting Peace

February 24, 2023

**Venue:** VMU Small Hall, Daukanto Str. 28, Kaunas

**Working language:** English

**Forum organizer:** Vytautas Magnus University

**Partners:** Office of the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Lithuania

## PROGRAM

09:30-10:00	<b>Registration.</b> Welcoming coffee
10:00-10:20	<p><b>Opening of the Forum</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> VMU Vice-Rector for Communication, <b>Assoc. Prof. Vilma BIJEIKIENĖ</b></p> <p>National Anthems of Lithuania and Ukraine  A minute of silence in honor of the victims of Russia's war in Ukraine  Opening speech of <b>VMU Rector Prof. Juozas AUGUTIS</b></p>
10:20-10:50	<p><b>Keynote speeches</b></p> <p><b>President of Lithuania Gitanas NAUSĖDA</b>  <b>President of Ukraine Volodymyr ZELENSKYI</b> (Recorded video-address)</p>
10:50-12:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion.</b> Energy Independence and Green Future of the EU and beyond: How Could Successful Post-War Recovery of Ukrainian Energy Sector Become a Game-Changer?  <b>Moderator: Prof. Arūnas MOLIS</b> (VMU)</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To discuss the key challenges of Ukraine's energy sector in the context of the full-scale war, to analyze the lessons learned from the EU and Lithuanian recovery from the energy crisis and the subsequent stabilization of the market, decreasing of the dependence on Russian energy resources, and to address issues of how Ukraine should respond to changes in the European energy market in the medium- and long-term perspective, identifying the place Ukraine could take on the new energy map of Europe.</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS</b>, the EU Commissioner for Environment</li> <li>• <b>Yaroslav Demchenkov</b>, Deputy Minister of Energy of Ukraine</li> <li>• <b>Inga ŽILIENĖ</b>, Vice-Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania</li> <li>• <b>Valerii BEZUS</b>, Head of the State Agency for Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving of Ukraine</li> <li>• <b>Jaroslav NEVEROVIČ</b>, Chief Advisor to the President of Lithuania</li> <li>• <b>Virgilijus PODERYS</b>, Head of Lithuanian Energy Agency</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Giedrius ČESNAKAS</b>, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania</li> </ul>

12:00-12:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:30-13:40	<p><b>Panel Discussion.</b> Restoration of Justice as a Blueprint for Ensuring Accountability of the Aggressor State and Deterring Further Crimes  <b>Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Andžej Pukšto</b> (VMU)</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To discuss tools and measures for ensuring justice and accountability of Russia, including the establishment of the Special Tribunal of Russian Aggression against Ukraine and the international compensation mechanism for damages resulting from Russia's illegal actions in Ukraine and to address the issue of filling the legal vacuum in international justice in order to prevent any impunity of other totalitarian regimes in the world for similar war crimes.</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ewelina DOBROWOLSKA</b>, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania</li> <li>• <b>Denis MALYUSKA</b>, Minister of Justice of Ukraine</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Dainius ŽALIMAS</b>, Dean of VMU Faculty of Law</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Dalia LEINARTĖ</b>, (VMU), Chair of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Jonas RUŠKUS</b>, (VMU), former expert and Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</li> </ul>
13:40-14:00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Lithuania Petro BESHTA</b>  <b>Director of the Centre of Ukraine Algirdas KUMŽA</b></p>

**18:00 February 23, 2023**

## SIDE-LINE PROGRAM

Prior to the date of the International Forum, it is planned to hold an event at the Ukrainian Center (VMU Education Academy, T. Ševčenkos str., 31, Vilnius) for the Ukrainian community in Lithuania in order to create an opportunity to mark the year of the full-scale Russia's war against Ukraine in unity with hopes for the upcoming victory and peaceful future.