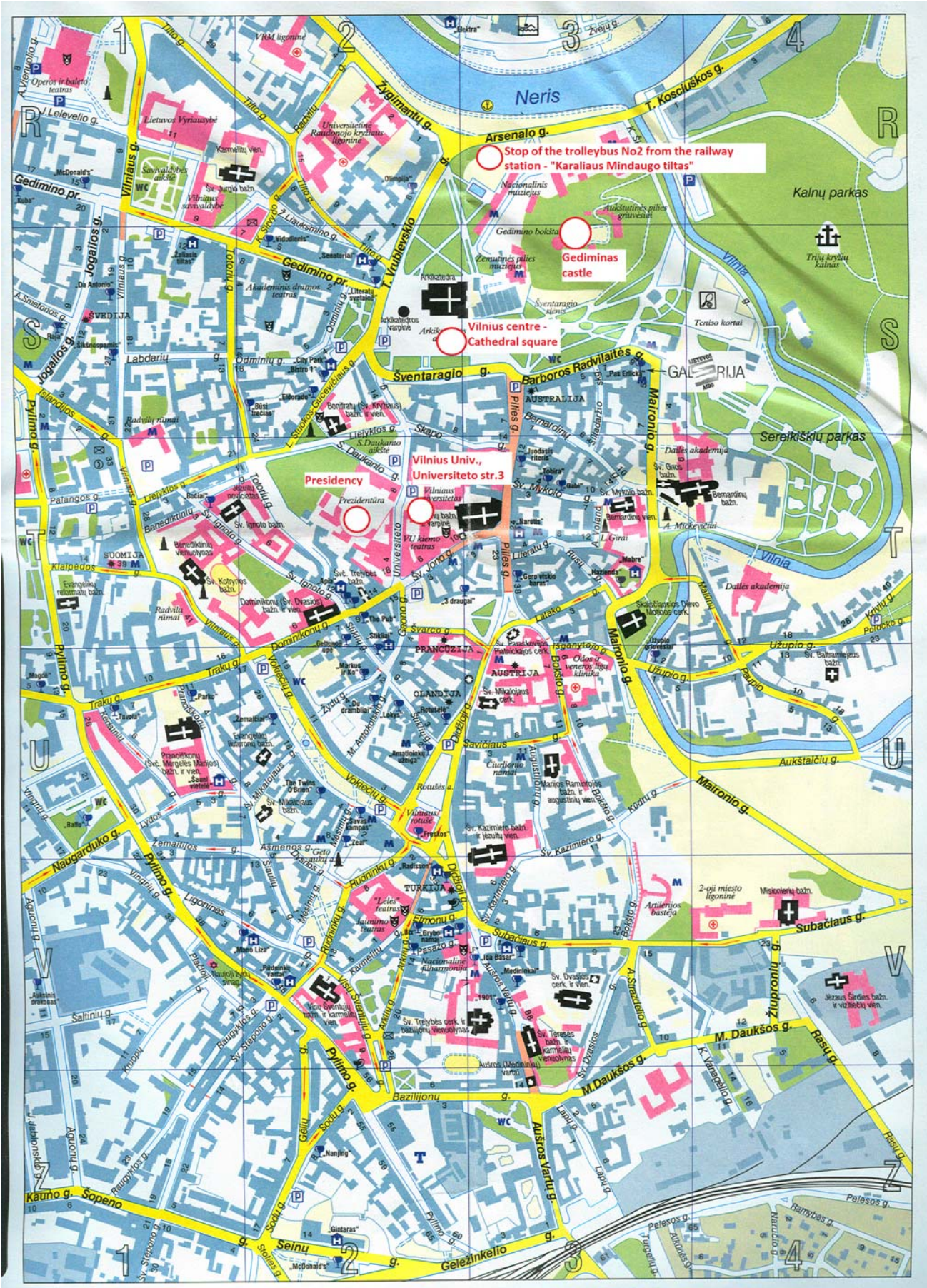


Venue

The meeting will take place in the main campus of Vilnius University (VU), which is one of the oldest universities in Europe (*VU was founded in 1579*). The University is situated in the heart of the historical centre of Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. The Old Town of Vilnius with numerous churches and baroque architecture is listed in the Unesco World Heritage List. Major attractions and sightseeing places are within a walking distance from the venue and hotels convenient for accommodation.

We will meet in the Senate Hall of Vilnius University, located in the old historical building at Universiteto str. 3. The yellow path in the picture below indicates the way from the main Gediminas Avenue and Cathedral Square to the entrance of the University:





The easiest way to find the University entrance is to go to the Presidency Square (S. Daukanto street):



At this point look around the left corner of the Presidency to see the University yard:





From the entrance follow the COST meeting pointers.

Accommodation

There are a vast number of different class hotels in the Old City of Vilnius and in the vicinity of it, within the walking distance from the University, at reasonable prices and of adequate quality. Moreover, in average the price-quality relationship is better than in Brussels, Barcelona and Lille :) Please, feel free to search www.booking.com to make your right choice. Just to provide you with some initial information, but not limiting with, some possible choices are as follows (the prices are indicative):

1. Amberton ****, L.Stuokos-Gucevičiaus g.1, Vilnius Old Town – 95-105 Eur,
2. Atrium Hotel ****, Pilies g. 10, Vilnius Old Town – 80-95 Eur,
3. Hotel Tilto ***, Tilto g. 8, Vilnius Old Town – 70-90 Eur,
4. Ratonda Centrum Hotel ****, Gedimino av 52/Rotundo str 1, New Town (Naujamiestis) – 50-60 Eur,
5. Domus Maria Hotel ***, Aušros Vartų g. 12, Vilnius Old Town 50-60 Eur,
6. Sleep in Vilnius, Trakų g. 17, Vilnius Old Town – 60 Eur,
7. Corner Hotel **, T. Ševčenkos g. 16, New Town (Naujamiestis) – 35-50 Eur.

Arriving to Vilnius

Vilnius International Airport serves most Lithuanian international flights to many major European destinations. The airport has ~89 destinations in ~28 different countries. Nevertheless and most probably ;(on some routes you will have to change somewhere in Riga, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris, etc. The airport is situated only 5,9 km (3,7 miles) south of the city.

Taxi

The most convenient and relatively cheap way from the airport is taxi. Vilnius Airport approved taxi cabs are quality and comfortable. They can be found just in front of the arrival terminal. Always ask for a receipt at the end of the trip! All these taxi cabs accept credit cards (this is not always the case for the taxis caught on the street!).

A drive from the Vilnius Airport to the Old Town (Cathedral Square) should cost ca. 10 EUR.

Taxis from the Vilnius Airport taxi rank must apply rates not higher than the following:

1 km (daytime trip, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	1.01 EUR
1 km (nighttime trip, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.)	1.16 EUR
1 km (at weekends and on public holidays)	1.16 EUR
1 km (outside the city)	1.16 EUR
Initial fare	1.45 EUR

If you paid more than it is set by the rate limits, you may send a scanned copy of the receipt by e-mail info@vno.lt. If they will investigate that you have overpaid, your losses are to be compensated (let's hope or believe ;)).

Bus

Take the bus No 3G to the city centre (Pamėnkalnio stop close to Gediminas Av.) or the busses No 1 or No 2 to the Railway Station. From the Railway Station take the trolleybus No 2 to the city center close to the University (Karaliaus Mindaugo tiltas (bridge) stop).

The single tickets can be purchased for 1 Euro from the driver. They have to be validated in the red or brown boxes close to the driver cabin. The yellow machines are for the electronic tickets, that won't probably be useful for your short visit.

More information about Vilnius public transport can be found at: <http://www.vilniustransport.lt/>. Unfortunately, they have some problems with English ☹. The transport routes are shown at: http://www.vilniustransport.lt/images/mrweb_1.pdf

Must see

- Vilnius from the Gediminas Castle Hill. Getting up to the Hill on foot is free. See more at:
<http://www.lnm.lt/en/exposition-locations/gediminas-castle-tower?task=view&id=45>
- Old Vilnius from the Bell Tower of Vilnius University. Entrance costs couple of Euros. The view could be even more impressive than from the Gediminas Castle Tower. See more at: <http://www.muzejus.vu.lt/en/>
- Old City of Vilnius (Pilies Street, Didžioji Street and a lot of small twisty streets around).
- If you have one day left, visit the former (second) capital city of Lithuania – Trakai. It's a small town about 30 km from Vilnius with an impressive castle amidst a beautiful lake. See more at: <http://www.trakai-visit.lt/>
- More about Vilnius at: <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/>

My best Regards and see you soon!

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PS. In case of any doubts and/or problems, please, feel free to contact me at:

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