



Borgarráð

Fyrirhuguð ferð borgarstjóra til Vilnius

Fyrirhuguð er ferð borgarstjóra til Vilnius dagana 22. – 25. janúar í tilefni af 700 ára afmæli borgarinnar.

Með borgarstjóra í för verður aðstoðarmaður.

Greinargerð:

Í tilefni þess að 25. janúar verða 700 ár liðinn frá því að Vilnius hófst að byggjast upp, hefur borgarstjóri fengið boð frá borgaryfirvöldum þar um að taka þátt í hátíðarhöldum og alþjóðlegri ráðstefnu sem haldin er í tengslum við afmæli borgarinnar.

Hátíðarhöldin hefjast mánudaginn 23. janúar með móttökuhófi borgarstjóra Vilnius. Þriðjudaginn 24. janúar tekur borgarstjóri þátt í alþjóðlegri ráðstefnu sem Eurocities efna til: *Champion Cities Summit: Champions Think Bold*, þar sem borgarstjórar í Evrópu og víðsvegar að úr heiminum deila árangri af athyglisverðum verkefnum, sem aðrar borgir geta lært af.

Óskað hefur verið eftir að borgarstjóri flytji erindi á aðalsviði ráðstefnunnar um forvarnarverkefnið *Planet Youth*, en Vilnius er einmitt samstarfsaðili verkefnisins. Þá verður sérleg áhersla lögð á málefni Úkraínu á ráðstefnunni, og hvaða stuðning borgir geti veitt.

Þá hefur borgarstjóri fengið opinbert boð þann 25. janúar í hátíðarmorgunverð forseta Litháens, hr. Gitanas Nauseda.

Ísland varð fyrst allra ríkja í heiminum til að viðurkenna endurheimt sjálfstæðis Eystrasaltsríkjanna árið 1991. Í kjölfar þess hefur samstarf landanna vaxið og dafnað, einkum í samstarfi með hinum Norðurlöndunum. Reykjavík og höfuðborgir Eystrasaltsríkjanna eru jafnframt vinaborgir og hefur samstarf borganna í gegnum árin verið á ýmsum vettvangi, einkum menningarlegum.

Borgarstjóri heimsótti Vilnius, Riga og Tallinn í mars á síðasta ári til að sýna táknrænan stuðning við borgirnar í kjölfar innrásar Rússa í Úkraínu. Borgarstjórum höfuðborga Eystrasaltsríkjanna var svo boðið til Reykjavíkur í ágúst í fyrra, í tengslum við opinbera heimsókn forseta landanna þriggja til að minnast þess að þrjár áratugir voru liðnir frá því að ríkin tóku upp stjórnmálasamband að nýju.



Reykjavíkurborg

Boð borgarstjóra til að taka þátt í hátíðarhöldunum vegna 700 ára afmælis Vilniusborgar er liður í því að styrkja tengsl borganna enn frekar, og sýna samstöðu Reykjavíkur við vinaborg sína.

Dagur B. Eggertsson
borgarstjóri

Hjálagt:

Boðsbréf til borgarstjóra frá borgarstjóra Vilnius, dags. 1. desember 2022



MAYOR OF VILNIUS CITY

Mr Dagur B. Eggertsson
Mayor of Reykjavik

1st December, 2022

INVITATION TO CHAMPION CITIES SUMMIT 2023 IN VILNIUS

Not only layers of identity programmed in histories of each city, but also such key drivers as openness, diversity, creativity, use of opportunities, speed, vision, leadership and courage to act.

Vilnius, which will celebrate its 700th anniversary on 25th January 2023, was inspired by Grand Duke Gediminas, who wrote letters to the wide world back in 1323 inviting people from all over Europe to come to Vilnius to settle down, live and create in the city. This anniversary is important both for the city of Vilnius, for Lithuania, and also for our entire region of Europe, where cities are united in their support for democratic values, human rights, equal opportunities, innovation, and, most importantly, the fight for freedom, which is currently being fought by Ukraine.

As we celebrate the 700th anniversary of Vilnius, the festive week we will start with the international conference, in cooperation with *Eurocities*, **Champion Cities Summit: Champions Think Bold**, where mayors of European and other cities of the world will share outstanding success stories and best practices of their cities. In the session designated for supporting Ukraine, city leaders will discuss the role of city partnerships in mobilising support to Ukraine, and the different experiences and lessons which cities learnt in welcoming Ukrainian people fleeing the war and creating homes for them in capitals of the Baltic region. We will also discuss the pressing needs of Ukraine, which we invited the Mayor of Kyiv, Vitali Klitschko, to share with us.

There are many talks about global challenges and yet it will be bold actions that will bring the change. Leadership is action. Our focus is on leaders and how to learn from them. Our aim also is to achieve that this conference would not only inspire city leaders and developers for leadership and bold ideas, but also would become a platform for strengthening international partnerships and dialogue, sharing knowledge and best practices, so we have also included in the programme an opportunity for city teams to share and present their bold ideas and projects to their colleagues.

I sincerely invite you to attend the Champion Cities Summit in Vilnius on **24th January 2023 as a special guest on the main stage and to share with** leaders of creating cities both in Europe, and other cities of the world a story of success of the youth program „Planet Youth“, which implementation helped to change the habits of youth not only in Iceland but also all around the world.

On the 25th January 2023 at 9:00 a.m. you are kindly invited to participate at breakfasts hosted by H. E. Gitanas Nausėda, President of the Republic of Lithuania.

We are currently finalizing the conference programme, which we will be able to share with you shortly. Should you have any questions relating to the conference, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Austėja Brasiūnaitė-Lanzanova, Coordinator of Vilnius Champion Cities Summit 2023, by e-mail vilnius@championcities.lt.

I sincerely hope that you will have the opportunity to attend the conference and celebrate the youth of Vilnius together, also to inspire leaders of other cities with new ambitions for new victories of their cities and stand united in the face of today's challenges.

Yours sincerely,

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Mayor of Vilnius



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