

Water Supply Sector in Lithuania

Over the past decade, Lithuania has had one of the world's highest economic growth rates with an average increase in GDP of nearly 8% over the period 2000-2006. Not only are the growth rates expected to continue, but Lithuania is usually regarded as being one of the easiest places in Europe to do business and is therefore an ideal place for long term investment.

One of the areas where substantial investment is needed is in the water supply sector. At present, only around 70% of Lithuanians are supplied with clean, treated water, with the remainder using water from wells where quality standards are low and only 66% of wastewater is collected and treated.

The development of water supply has been difficult as the market is fragmented, with 700 suppliers in the country. In order to improve this situation, the Lithuanian state has prioritised water supply and sewerage investment and has allocated around € 1 billion for investment and modernisation. Initial reforms have started to amalgamate water supply and management companies, which aim to increase the size and financial strength of these companies creating favourable conditions for international investment.



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Partner events in Europe

Water Supply, Treatment and Management
Vilnius 3rd-5th October 2007



PAVE Vilnius2007

PAVE Vilnius2007 is an international business-to-business matchmaking event for companies and organisations within the water supply, treatment and management sectors.

It takes place in Vilnius, Lithuania on 3rd – 5th October 2007 and is expected to bring together 200-225 participants from more than 15 European countries. All will have opportunities, over the two days of the event, to discuss commercial, financial and technical/production co-operation.

The aim is to provide the opportunity to meet other European companies or organisations to discuss business and create networks of mutual benefit in order to become even more competitive.

During the 2 event days it will be possible to conduct up to 20 business meetings according to individual needs and wishes, so it is a cost-efficient and targeted opportunity to meet new potential buyers, suppliers and co-operation partners from many different regions. Conference language is English.

The matchmaking event in Vilnius is organised in connection with the international exhibition "City 2007", so it will be possible to visit this exhibition during the matchmaking event as well. More information can be found on the project website www.trademeeting.com

Location

The event takes place at the Lithuanian Exhibition Centre LITEXPO in Vilnius, a very modern exhibition and conference centre.

The address is:
Laisves pr. 5
04215 Vilnius
Lithuania
www.litexpo.lt

Programme

Wednesday 3 rd October	19.00	Arrival & Registration Evening reception
Thursday 4 th October	09.00-10.00	Registration
	10.00-10.30	Opening ceremony
	10.30-17.00	Individual meetings incl. lunch
	19.00	Evening event
Friday 5 th October	09.00-10.00	Registration
	10.00-16.00	Individual meetings incl. lunch
	16.00	End

Participation fees

Participation fees are based on the size of the company/organisation. Companies with 0-20 employees pay € 100 to take part, companies with 21-50 employees pay € 150 and companies exceeding 50 employees pay € 200 for the participation of one person. If a company/organisation registers more than one person a discount of 50% is given on the additional participation fee.

Participation fee covers all organisational expenses and the individual meetings, entry in the catalogue, lunch on both meeting days, evening reception and evening event with dinner as well as the opportunity to display catalogues and product brochures.

Travel and accommodation is not covered, but rooms have been reserved at hotels at a specially reduced price which can be obtained only by PAVE participants.

Sectors

PAVE Vilnius2007 is targeted companies and organisations active within the following activity sectors:

- Water sources and outlets – Water sources survey, hydrogeology, quality and quantity of drinking water sources and wastewater outlet places
- Water treatment
- Water supplies
- Water supply/Wastewater sewerage inside buildings
- Wastewater sewerage
- Wastewater treatment
- Wastewater sludge management
- R&D and consultancy – Water purification and wastewater treatment technologies
- Other related services

Relevant activities within these sectors are for example analysing, monitoring, modelling, design, equipment, installation, maintenance, repair, R&D and consultancy.

If you are interested in taking part, please register by contacting the regional project partner or by filling in the registration form directly on the project website www.trademeeting.com

Registration deadline is 3rd September. After this day all participants will be able to choose whom to meet with from the online catalogue. The deadline for sending wishes on whom to meet with is 17th September.