



Crisis communication: How to reach stakeholders?

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VILNIUS CITY DEFENSE POLICY PLAN

Vilnius City Municipality



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1) SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE
2) STRENGTHENING CIVIL SECURITY



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SUPPORT FOR THE DEFENSE :

- **COUNTERMOBILITY EQUIPMENT**
- **NEW DRONE FLIGHT ZONES**
- **SUPPORT FOR MILITARY COMMANDANT**
- **RECEPTION OF GERMAN BRIGADE**



Counter-Mobility Equipment



- **Planned acquisition of dragon's teeth (concrete road barriers) and steel portable hedgehogs.**
- **Purpose: Enhance protection of access routes into Vilnius, impeding potential adversary movement.**
- **Many of these measures can also be utilized during peacetime, such as for crowd control at mass events.**



New Drone Flight Zones

- **Contribution to the development of the drone ecosystem.**
- **A new drone flight track will be established in Šeškinės hills this summer.**
- **It includes launch pads, fencing, obstacles, and proper surfaces for drone training.**
- **Consideration is being given to additional indoor infrastructure.**



Support for Military Commandants



Objective:

- To enable citizens to contribute in various ways to the defense of the city.
- Promote volunteerism through communication channels and resources.
- To be prepared to provide the necessary infrastructure and equipment for the establishment of command posts.



Reception of the German Brigade

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- The deployment of the German brigade to Lithuania will enhance national security and serve as a deterrent.
 - Accommodating several thousand new residents (military personnel and families) poses challenges for the healthcare and education systems.
 - The municipality is continuously consulting with other institutions, identifying needs, and planning its contributions.



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STRENGTHENING CIVIL SECURITY :

- **Evacuation Plan Update**
- **Expansion of Shelter Network**
- **Doubling the Number of Sirens**
- **Education on Civil Security**



Evacuation Plan Update

- Evacuation times are calculated based on real-time traffic data during evening rush hours.
- Several scenarios are planned, including ones where bridges are closed.
- Six evacuation routes and roads have been identified, with additional investments planned to address weak points in these routes.
- Skaičiuojamos papildomos investicijos sprendžiant silpnąsias maršrutų vietas.
- Detailed assessments are made for evacuating individuals with disabilities and vulnerable groups.

Expansion of Shelter Network

- Shelters are short-term locations for residents to protect themselves from debris or shrapnel.

To expand the shelter network:

1. Real estate objects with the potential to serve as shelters (e.g., basements, ground floors, underground parking lots) are being rapidly inventoried and assessed. The assessment will consider whether buildings meet safety requirements, such as having two exits and limited windows ETC.
2. After assessment, shelters will be marked with specific signage, and recommendations for improvement will be issued.
3. Guidelines will be distributed for individuals without basements or those living in private homes.





Doubling the Number of Sirens

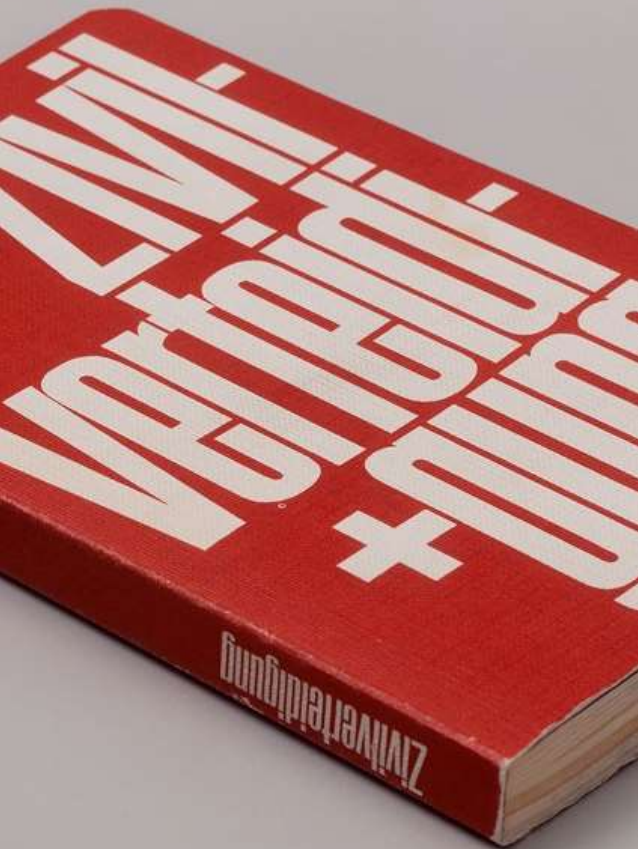


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- **Currently, 41 warning sirens are operational, covering 25.9% of the population.**
 - **Now we are testing new 52 emergency sirens.**
 - **These sirens are connected to a central control panel, and the last tests of the new sirens are planned by the end of the year.**
 - **After the tests, an analysis will determine if more sirens are needed, and the network will be expanded accordingly.**



Education on Civil Security

- In collaboration with the Lithuanian Red Cross, a plan is being developed for joint activities and efficient coordination during crises or mobilization.
- A virtual test and other interactive informal educational tools will be prepared to assess the knowledge of Vilnius residents.
- The municipality will provide communication support, training materials, and motivational tools for volunteers.
- The Lithuanian Riflemen's Union will receive the necessary resources for training initiatives in Vilnius, collaborating with the Ministry of Defense as needed.



Printed manuals on mobilization and civil security



- The municipality will contribute to the Ministry of Defense's creation of a printed manual, which will instruct citizens on how to act in emergency situations.
- The goal is for every household in Vilnius to have a physical manual, which will be invaluable if power or mobile communication is lost during a crisis.

Mobile Application

- **Due to climate change, increasing risks of extreme weather, and the proximity of a nuclear power plant, the municipality plans to develop a mobile app.**
- **Based on the experience of other countries, the goal is to create an interactive system tailored to the needs of Vilnius, providing information and education during emergencies.**





Civil Security Hotline



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- **To make it easier for Vilnius residents to get answers to security-related questions, the municipality has established a dedicated security hotline this year.**
 - **This will allow residents to efficiently access necessary information and better understand civil defense procedures.**



Vilnius Radio Station



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- **Recognizing the importance of communication channels during crises, the municipality has decided to leverage radio broadcasting.**
 - **A radio receiver is recommended as part of every emergency kit, as it may become a crucial communication tool during emergencies.**



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Time to discuss