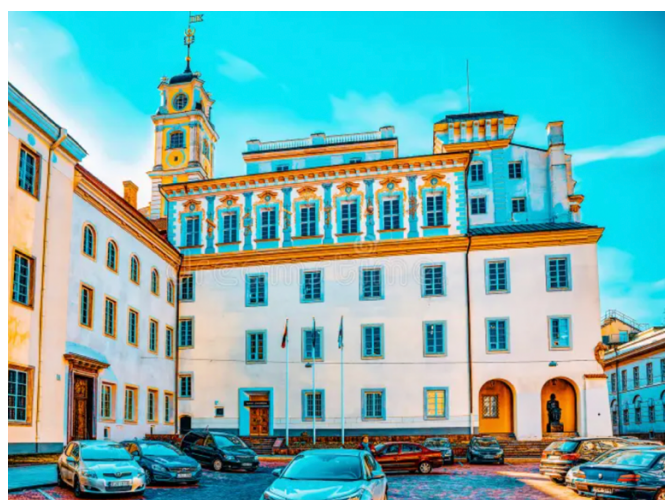


Dear **MKR 2026 participants**,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Vilnius already next week! Here are some important details regarding the conference venue and logistics.

Venue of the conference

The Old Campus of Vilnius University: **Central building**, Universiteto str. 3. As you will approach the historical campus of Vilnius University, you will see the the main entrance to the Central building at the end of the parking lot, with the University's Bell Tower behind it. Follow the signs of the MKR 2026 conference and you will easily find the registration area, which will be next to Aula Parva, where all conference talks will be held.



The Central Building of Vilnius University

The Old Campus of Vilnius University dates back to the 16th century and has retained most of its original architecture. It features **13 unique historical courtyards**, each distinct in its style and size. During breaks, you can take the opportunity and discover them all! **St. Johns' Church**, which is a distinct monument of late baroque, is really worth a visit, and it is right next to the Old Aula where the coffee will be served. We hope you steal a moment to look inside! The Faculty of Philology, next to the Central Building, also has a number of original painted halls, so do not hesitate to ask at the Registration desk for directions if you would like to take some photos!



St. Johns' Church

The **Registration** desk will open at **09:30** on **July 01** (Wednesday) and will be open until the first coffee break. If you plan to arrive later, you will be able to get your participant pack directly in Aula Parva during one of the breaks.

We ask the online participants to inform us of your postal address so that we can send your participant pack and your certificate of attendance to you by post. We surely don't want you to miss those delicious Lithuanian candies which are included! ☺

Technical details

The technical basis for Vilnius University is MS Windows. Connecting your own computer will not be possible, so we kindly ask the participants who will be here in Vilnius to upload your presentations well before the talk so that we do not have any delays. We also advise presenters to have a backup copy of the talk in your email so that you could retrieve it in case there is some problem with a usb. The usual format is a PowerPoint presentation.

The online participants will participate in the conference via MS Teams platform. We will send the link on Monday (June 29) and this link will be valid for all three days of the conference. You are very welcome to ask questions or to comment during the discussion sessions by raising your hand or by putting the question/comment in the chat. During the whole conference there will be a member of the organising team online and you will be able to get in touch easily in case you have any problem. The online presenters will be able to share their talks and show the slides, however, we also would like to kindly ask to send us your slides latest on Tuesday (June 30) so that we have a back up copy in case something goes wrong and you are unable to share your presentation.

Meals

All lunches are included in the registration fee and will be served at the **restaurant "Grey"** (Pilies str. 2), which is a perfect blend of modern design, good food and history. Located on the most famous street of Vilnius Old Town, **Pilies str.** (Castle str.), which connects the Gediminas Castle with the Town Hall, the restaurant is just a brief walk from Vilnius University.

During one of the lunches, you will be able to try the iconic Lithuanian Pink soup – **Šaltibarščiai**! It is one of the Lithuanian culinary heritage dishes, extremely favoured during the summer. It is so immensely popular that Vilnius has recently started organising the **Pink Soup Fest** – a huge celebration when the whole city is filled with pink colour and beautiful aroma of beetroot, cucumber and dill! You must watch [this video](#) to get ready for your MKR2026-Vilnius experience!

Social program

The **Walking tour of Vilnius** (1,5 hours) on **Wednesday (July 01)** will start from the entrance to the Central Building of the University at **18:30** and will continue until **20:00**. Don't miss a chance to see the main landmarks of Vilnius Old Town and to hear some legends about our beautiful capital.

The **Tour of Vilnius University library** will take place on **Thursday (July 02)** at 15:00. Let's meet at the entrance to the Central Building of the University at **14:55** for the tour of the oldest and one of the largest academic libraries of Lithuania, founded in 1570 by the Jesuits.

Weather

It is said that the name of Lithuania – Lietuva – comes from the word "lietus", which means 'rain' in Lithuanian. July can be quite rainy, and it is too early to rely on weather forecasts now, but bringing an umbrella could be a good idea, especially for the walking tour. It is also said that when people carry umbrellas, it usually does not rain, so let's join in our efforts for a sunny beginning of July! ☺

More information on Vilnius and its surroundings

You can find much more valuable information on Vilnius, what to see there, what to do there and much more on a great webpage run by Go Vilnius – the official development agency of the City of Vilnius and one of the partners of the conference:

<https://www.govilnius.lt/visit-vilnius>

See you soon in Vilnius! Iki greitai!

On behalf of the MKR2026 organising committee,
Jolanta Šinkūnienė

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