

# DECLARATION OF INTENT

between

THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE REGION OF FLANDERS

and

THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

in view of the cooperation treaty between the Government of Flanders and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania signed in Vilnius, March 7th 1996,

The Ministry of Public Works of the Region of Flanders, and the Ministry of Transport of the Lithuanian Republic decide to cooperate on various fields related to maritime transportation and port development.

This cooperation could embrace such issues as:

- I. Mutual promotion of Flemish and Lithuanian ports by way of:
  - A. Organising a "FLEMISH PORTS DAY" and a "LITHUANIAN PORTS DAY" in the respective partner countries;
  - B. Providing mutual support on the occasion of exhibitions, seminars, ...;
  - C. Publicising both countries' ports in specialised magazines and national press by way of articles, advertisements, press releases, ...;
  - D. Assist and promote commercial contacts.
- II. The exchange of experience and background information on:
  - A. Cargo flows (separate cargo type), shipping and business opportunities, including setting up statistics;
  - B. Documentation, leaflets, port development news (project development);
  - C. Information on operation performance and techniques (e.g. financing system);
  - D. Port infrastructure and installations for port users, with emphasis on maintenance and planning.
- III. The exchange of technology covering issues as:
  - A. Planning of port facilities and inland transport, including safety of dikes and navigability of inland waterways;
  - B. Port construction;
  - C. Dredging and hydrographic measurements for maintaining navigability to the ports.

IV. The exchange of experts

Transfer of knowledge by exchange of experts, by organising seminars or training programs for the commercial and marketing aspects and the issues mentioned under 3.

If deemed necessary, enhance the friendly relationship by the organisation of a working group on maritime transportation and port development as meant by article 10 of the Cooperation treaty between the government of Flanders and the government of the Republic of Lithuania.

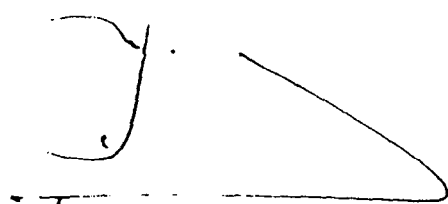
It is understood that above endeavours are in no way imperative nor have any limiting character\_

As to the costs involved in any of the above activities, the financial regulations that will spring from the first Working Program to be set up by the Joint Committee Flanders-Lithuania will apply.

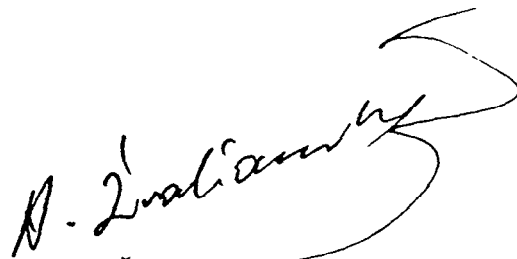
Stipulations of this Declaration of Intent will be included in the first Working Program of the Joint Committee Flanders-Lithuania.

The cooperation will primarily be based on mutual respect and friendship inspired by the long-standing friendly relationship between Flanders and the Republic of Lithuania.

Done in Vilnius, May 29th 1997 in two original copies, both in Dutch, in Lithuanian and in English.



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