

Development and implementation of the TravelTech Sandbox to provide daily tourism data updates

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Lithuania – a Northern European country on the Baltic Sea

Area: 65.286 km²

Population: 2.8 million

GDP per capita (in PPS): \$25 878, 2020

Currency: Euro

Capital: Vilnius

 Member of: EU, NATO, UNWTO, Schengen, OECD

Source: Enterprise Lithuania



Lithuania's tourism sector at a glance





€205M domestic sales value

(pre-Covid)



2M inbound arrivals

(pre-Covid)



2M domestic arrivals

(pre-Covid)



Variety of experiences:

city breaks, seaside, resorts



State initiatives to enable open data and stimulate post-pandemic recovery

Source: Statistics Lithuania









Data-driven mobility

Vilnius has largest car-sharing density among the EU Capitals with over 800 vehicles per 1M inhabitants.

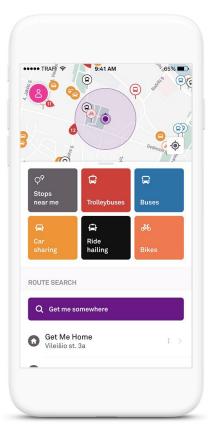
Trafi started in Vilnius, and now delivers MaaS for cities around the globe with Jelbi Berlin being their largest deployment.

Citybee and Spark are locally born shared-vehicle platforms.

1 sharing car equals 12 private ones.











Travel Data Lab



Free access to data:

- Tourist mobility data;
- Country-wide tourist traffic data updated daily;
- Comprehensive tourism object database (14K tourism objects);
- Available data includes expenses, visited sites, tourist personas;
- Research data accumulated from multiple sources;
- Tourism infrastructure quality assessment and open methodology;



Source: Lithuania Travel, 2023

National Tourism Information System (NTIS)

State information system, established by the Tourism Law.

Purpose – to collect, systematize, analyze and share all the data related to tourism:

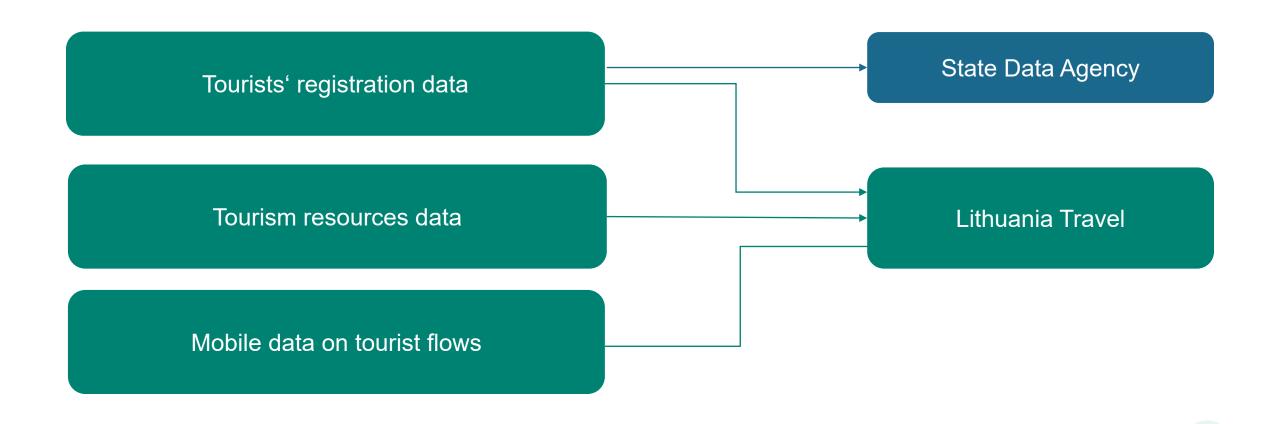
- Tourism resources
- Tourists travel data
- Accommodation statistics





National Tourism Information System (NTIS)





Tourist registration system development in progress

Problem:

Gaps in the collection of data from accommodation establishments increase the administrative burden, distort the accuracy of the statistics and reduce the possibilities to use the data.

Solution:

A unified tourist registration system for accommodation establishments and an online system for collecting statistics.

Benefits:

Improved data quality and reduced administrative burden for accommodation facilities.





Tourism resources system development in progress

Problem:

No unified platform for collecting data on tourist sites throughout Lithuania. Currently, different sources have different information.

Solution:

A unified public database of tourist sites as well as a tool for cooperation with local municipalities, to which each municipality can connect and update the information.

Benefits:

More detailed information in one place for tourists, publicity and a way to reach tourists for business, opportunities to increase the awareness of regional objects for municipalities.





Mobile data on tourist flows publicly available on mpd.lithuana.travel

Problem:

No data on the flows of visitors and / or tourists in the places of interest.

Solution:

To create a basis for a long-term tourism data service, which would provide an opportunity to see the flows of visitors and / or tourists in Lithuanian tourism facilities on the basis of mobile data (and / or related alternative data).

Benefits:

Ability to identify tourist traffic trends, most attractive and not so popular tourist locations.





Mobile data: movement of foreign visitors travelling in Lithuania





Public on lithuania.travel website without any additional logins or software

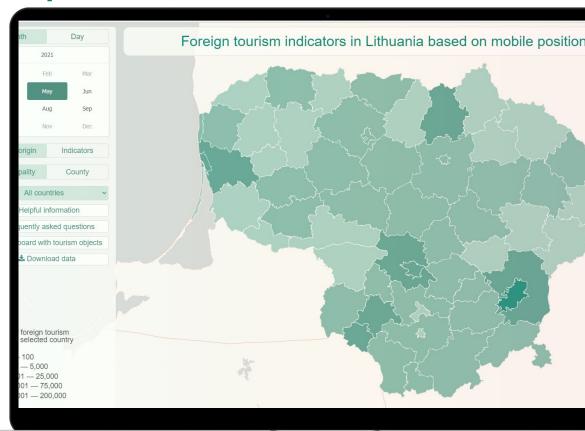


Depersonalized and extrapolated data since 2021



Includes number of unique visitors, trips, stays, one-day visitors, distinct calendar, days nights spent

Mpd.lithuania.travel



The main goal is to create tourism data ecosystem that would help to enable tourism business, regional and national tourism organisations and the state to make more data-based decisions in the process of planning investments in tourism marketing and infrastructure development.





Benefits

Business:



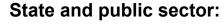
 Open data resources for business (trip planers, travel apps, business intelligence products, etc.).

- Data for decision making.
- More efficient way to gather data, less administrative costs.
- Less administrative burden for accommodation service providers, more transparent hospitality sector.



Tourists:

- Better quality information for travelling in Lithuania.
- More information in English.





- Data for decision making.
- Opportunity to boost Travel Tech industry in Lithuania.
- Easier and more efficient data collection.
- Larger tourism input in the economy.





3 ways to use mobile data maps:



Indicators for municipalities, counties by month and country of origin



Number of visitors by day: during holidays and events



Visiting of tourism objects on the detailed map





Environment for co-creation



Open data:

 recent regulation changes will allow more dynamic opening of data.

Green light for invesment:

 legal basis for launching large-scale investment projects of local and foreign capital in Lithuania.

Talent-oriented policies:

Incentives for STEM students and relocation initiatives.



Already here...







Booking.com









r_keeper









Uber





















TravelTech Sandbox at glance



Creating favourable conditions for TravelTech business development and global cooperation.



Access to Lithuania's TravelTech data



Tailored and fast support from public authorities



Streamlined relocation process for startups



Direct communication channel with the government



Ready-to-use infrastructure



Financial mechanisms in place

