

Dear Alessio J. D. Brown,

The Deutsch Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Alumni Club in Lithuania would like to enthusiastically invite the Global Economic Symposium (GES) to take place in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania in October of 2014.

Historically, Germany and Lithuania have met many times, if not necessarily under the current country names. One of the goals of the DAAD Alumni Club is to foster Lithuanian and German ties. We would therefore be delighted to bring our work to a whole new level and work together towards organizing the GES in Vilnius. We are absolutely convinced that Vilnius would be excellent venue to bring GES network, knowledge and vision to the rapidly changing Central Europe region.

As the official host, the DAAD Alumni Club is ready to take on the responsibility and honor to contribute to a fruitful and carefully planned catalyzer of future changes. Alone in Vilnius we have three strong universities: ISM University, Vilnius University and Mykolas Romeris University. We are therefore confident to be able to exceed the expectations when it comes to proposing challenges, session topics and speakers for the GES.

Moreover, we have the support of the government: the Municipality of Vilnius and the Ministry of Economy of the Government of Lithuania have provided us with written letters exclaiming their support. Antanas Danys, head of Swedbank in Lithuania, Robertas Dargis, president of the Lithuanian Confederations of Industrialists, Algimantas Akstinas, head of International Chamber of Commerce in Lithuania have given us their personal support in our effort to invite the GES to Vilnius.

Finally, we would also like to mention our 28 volunteers, who are dying to prove that it is not only the government sets the direction for Lithuania, but it can be a bottom-up process too. Any group of citizens can come together for a common cause and get the government, business and academia to make their dream come true. These young adults are not only asking what they can do for their country and the world – they have an answer and are acting on it.

We would appreciate your positive consideration of our request. We wish you all the very best and hope to be able to work together towards making the GES in Vilnius the best one yet.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the
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Dr. Vladas Lašas

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Milda Aleknonytė

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GES in Vilnius

