

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Vilnius Historic Centre

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Lithuania

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

541bis


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1994

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Vilnius Historic Centre	54.687 / 25.293	352.09	1912.24	2264.33	1994
Total (ha)		352.09	1912.24	2264.33	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Vilnius Historic Centre - Map of the World Heritage property	01/02/2012	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Algimantas Degutis
Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture; National Coordinator for Cultural Heritage of Lithuania
Deputy Director

Comment

Governmental institution responsible for the property is the Ministry of Culture of the Lithuanian Republic; according to the decision of the Government of the Lithuanian Republic regarding institutions responsible for the protection of the World heritage properties in Lithuania; 19 05 2010, No. 544; website:

http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=372888&p_query=&p_tr2=2 National Coordinator A. Degutis was appointed by the Order of the Minister of Culture.

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Jūratė Raugalienė
Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency
Director ad interim

Comment

J. Raugaliene is a Senior Architect since April 2013. Gediminas Rutkauskas is now the director of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency. Telephone: +370 5 2629646

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [Vilnius History](#)

- [Vilnius Old Town Revitalisation Strategy. \(Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency\)](#)
- [Vilnius, \(City of Vilnius\)](#)

Comment

National Commission for UNESCO - <http://www.unesco.lt/leidyba/lietuva-unesco> Vilnius History - http://www.vsaa.lt/senamiestis_enn.htm Vilnius Old Town Revitalisation Strategy - <http://www.vsaa.lt/strat/vilnius2/index2.htm> Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency - http://www.vsaa.lt/tvarkymas_en.htm Vilnius, (City of Vilnius) - <http://www.vilnius.lt/index.php?3483416675> New photos were included at the beginning of 2013 into the page: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/541/gallery/>

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

Comment

The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, signed on May 14, 1954, ratified by Lithuania on 27 10 1998. Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe, signed in Granada in 1985. The Valetta Treaty (formally the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Revised), signed in 1992.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value/Statement of Significance was approved by the Thirty-seventh session of the World Heritage Committee: 37 COM 8E (Adoption of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value; pages 253-254) Document available on internet: WHC-13/37.COM/8E, <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2013/whc13-37com-8E-en.pdf>

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

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2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

a radial street pattern that dates back to the Middle Ages and historic buildings in Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Classical styles. The property maintains exceptional attributes such as the 16th century University ensemble, a Town Hall with its square, temples of all religious denominations. Many of the surviving earlier buildings were rebuilt in the School of Vilnius Baroque style, which later left an imprint in the large area of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin
3.1	Buildings and Development							
3.1.1	Housing							
3.1.2	Commercial development							
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities							
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure							
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure							
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses							
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage							
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation							
3.9	Other human activities							
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage							
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside		

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.1	Housing	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.1.2	Commercial development	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	high capacity	static
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	increasing

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

Management response was the establishment of the new Coordination and Management Commission and preparation of Special Plan (Conservation Project) for the Old Town. The Plan will regulate the scope of building constructions in the area of Vilnius Historic Centre. All existing protective designations are listed under the question 4.2. The new Conservation Project will replace Vilnius Old Town Preservation Regulations approved in 2003.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

Special Plan of Immovable Heritage Protection for Boundaries of the Area of Vilnius Old Town was approved by the Order of Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania No. IV-512 of October 18, 2010. Link to the Map is on Part 1. World Heritage Property Data; Map(s). The file of each private property in the area includes the certification statement that the property is located in the WH site.

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)
Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review and update the information provided below.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Monday, October 31, 2005

• Question 6.02

- Vilnius Old Town (the World Heritage site) Regeneration Project approved by Vilnius City Board in March 1995,
- Rules for the Maintenance and Construction in Vilnius Old Town, approved by Vilnius City Board in March 1995;
- Special Vilnius Old Town Plan was approved in March 17, 2002. It defines regulations on use and maintenance of public spaces, streets, green areas and land plots;
- Vilnius Old Town Preservation Regulations were approved by the Minister of Culture in December 23, 2003. They provides a historic survey of the city centre evolution, defines territorial conservation and maintenance regimes, describes the valuable protected properties and their contents, parts of buildings and elements;
- The conceptual part (Summary Protected Properties' Plan, Landplots, Landuse and Maintenance and Construction Regulations Plan) of the Old Town Detailed plan is passing the approval process at Vilnius municipality;
- Urban Analysis of Vilnius City Centre was prepared by Vilnius municipality in co-operation with Vilnius Gediminas Technical University in 2003-2004; Scheme of Restrictions for High-rise Construction in City Centre was approved by Vilnius City Council in January 21, 2004.

Comment

- Special Plan of Immovable Heritage Protection for Boundaries of the Area of Vilnius Old Town; approved by the Minister of Culture No. IV-512 of 18 10 2010. - The Concept of the Special Plan of Vilnius Old Town (Conservation Project); approved by the Ministry of Culture No. S2-1673 of 29 06 2012. - Action Plan for the Preservation and Sustainable Use of OUV of Vilnius Historic Centre, 2013-2015; approved by Ministers of Culture and Environment No. IV-754/D1-921 of 12 11 2012.

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World

Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

The Special Plan of Protection for Boundaries of Vilnius Old Town (approved in 2010) is a part of the Management System of Vilnius Old Town. The other components are: the Special Plan (Conservation Project; The Concept approved in 2012), the Action Plan for 2013-2015 (approved in 2012) and the Coordination and Management Commission (approved in 2013). The link to the Special Plan is: <http://www.kpd.lt/vsforum/>

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review and update the information provided below.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)


Submitted on Monday, October 31, 2005



- **Question 5.02**
Stering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site
- **Question 5.03**
Set up date: 1998
Function: Supervision Council of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency was set up to suggest on priorities and principles of implementation of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Program.
Mandate: Advisory
Constituted: formal
- **Question 5.05**
Overall management system of the site
 - Management under protective legislation

Comment

Activities of Supervision Council of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency were suspended because of various reasons: weak financing from Municipal budget, weakened activities, etc. New state level Coordination and Management Commision for protection of Vilnius Historic Centre was established by the Order No. IV-77 of the Minister of Culture, on 5 02 2013.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Feasibility Study of the Vilnius Old Town Quarter No. 45, under the Ownership of Union of the Lithuanian Catholic Teachers	N/A	Available	01/00/2000	

Vilnius Old Town Revitalisation Strategy	N/A	Available	01/01/1997	
Vilnius Old Town Revitalisation Strategy	N/A	Available	01/01/1997	
Feasibility Study of the Vilnius Old Town Quarter No 45, under the ownership of Union of the Lithuanian Catholic Teachers	N/A	Available	01/01/2000	

Comment

The Concept of the Special Plan of Vilnius Old Town (Conservation Project); approved by the Ministry of Culture No. S2-1673 of 29 06 2012. Action Plan for the Preservation and Sustainable Use of OUV of Vilnius Historic Centre, 2013-2015; approved by Ministers of Culture and Environment No. IV-754/D1-921 of 12 11 2012. Vilnius Old Town Revitalisation Strategy; link is: <http://www.vsaa.lt/strat/vilnius2/gb/index.htm> Feasibility Study of the Vilnius Old Town Quarter No 45 is dated, not used

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

No annual work / action plan exists **despite an identified need**

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Visitors	Not applicable
Researchers	Poor
Tourism industry	Non-existent
Industry	Not applicable

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer

zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No indigenous peoples are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is contact but only some cooperation with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

The Management System is only partially being implemented as the Special Plan of Vilnius Old Town (Conservation Project) is not finished yet (expected approval is at the end of 2013). Parts of the Special Plan: the Special Plan of Immovable Heritage Protection for Boundaries of the Area of Vilnius Old Town was approved in 2010 and the Concept of the Special Plan was approved in 2012. The other components of the System are the Coordination and Management Commission and the Action Plan.

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report


New documents - Special Plan of Immovable Heritage Protection for Boundaries of the Area of Vilnius Old Town; approved by the Minister of Culture No. IV-512 of 18 10 2010. - The Concept (the part of the Special Plan of Vilnius Old Town (Conservation Project); approved by the Ministry of Culture No. S2-1673 of 29 06 2012. - Action Plan for the Preservation and Sustainable Use of OUV of Vilnius Historic Centre, 2013-2015 (approved in 2012).








4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	30%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	30%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	40%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Restoration strategy for the Old Town of Vilnius	1995	15000.00	

Financial assistance to launch the rehabilitation programme of Vilnius Old Town	1996	25000.00	
C, Echange formation Vilnius-Edimbourg	1997	8630.00	
Old town of Vilnius	1998	19550.00	
Old Town Revitalisation Agency - OTRA	1999	20000.00	
Enhancing of functional capability of public organisations "Academy of Cultural Heritage"	1999	20000.00	
Vilnius Old Town Revitalisation Programme (Lithuania)	2000	10000.00	
Computer equipment for the OTRA-Information Centre in the Old Town of Vilnius, Lithuania	2000	5000.00	
Total		123180	

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is inadequate for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

Existing sources of funding are not secure

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is some flow of economic benefits to local communities

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are some adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area constrain management at the World Heritage property

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

There is basic maintenance of equipment and facilities

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

Existing sources of funding are not secure because the state and municipal budgets are approved only for one year period. In spite of that, there was a significant amount of money allocated from the national and municipal budgets for the Old Town conservation, renewal and special planning tasks during last five years (2008-2012). Conservation works were implemented at Vilnius University, number of churches, historic palaces, historic cemeteries, renewal of wooden residential houses.

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	100%
Seasonal	0%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Poor
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Non-existent
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Poor
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Poor
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Poor

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Not available
Promotion	Not available
Community outreach	Not available
Interpretation	Not available
Education	Not available
Visitor management	Not available
Conservation	Not available
Administration	Not available
Risk preparedness	Not available
Tourism	Not available
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

No capacity development plan or programme is in place; management is implemented by external staff and skills are not transferred

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

A capacity development plan or programme is not planned.

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage

property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results **are shared with local partners** but there is no active outreach to national or international agencies

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

Applied archaeological, architectural, historical research usually are implemented in the case of infrastructural or construction works related with one specific site, but not with all World heritage property. There were complex (archaeological, historical, geological) research implemented in the area of Vilnius Castles (Park of Hills), number of papers were printed in 2009-2012.

4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

There are not enough of scientists researchers who work with specific issues related with World heritage property.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In **one location and easily visible** to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is **not adequately** presented and interpreted

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Adequate
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Poor
Trails / routes	Poor
Information materials	Poor
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	8 -
	array
	1 3
	2 1
	3 0
	4 2
	5 2
	6 2
	7 2
	array
	1 Rating on a 4 point scale on adequacy
	2 Not needed
	3 Not provided but needed
	4 Poor
	5 Adequate
	6 Excellent

4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

Education and awareness activities are implemented by Vilnius Old Town Information Centre, established by Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency, but the municipal financing is very small. Sometimes the Agency gets grants for the education and awareness projects from Lithuanian Cultural Support Fund, from the State Department of Cultural Heritage and other national and municipal funds; not sufficient.

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Decreasing
Five years ago	Minor Increase

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Accommodation establishments

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Vilnius Tourism Development Strategy was prepared in 2008-2009. Project "Picturesque route for cars in Vilnius City and suburbs" was financed from EU funds and was implemented in 2007-2008. Vilnius Historic Centre is included into the route. The preparation of the Study of Vilnius City Tourism Development in 2014-2017 started and will be finished at the beginning of 2014; the study will be partially financed from EU funds.

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

Although the tourism industry is active in the property, there is **little or no contact** between tourism operators and those responsible for the World Heritage property

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

No fees are collected

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

Visitor use is still weak (no fees are collected), little contact between tourism operators and those responsible for the World Heritage property. This could be improved.

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards management needs** and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient to define key indicators, **but this has not been done**

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Non-existent
NGOs	Non-existent
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

Implementation is **underway**

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

The Minister of Culture informed the director of UNESCO World Heritage Centre on 30 01 2013 on the state of conservation of the site: new Coordination and Management Commission for protection of Vilnius Historic Centre has started its work; the Special Plan for Vilnius Old Town is under preparation and is planned to be finished in 2013. The buffer zone has been expanded and approved.

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

The monitoring the status in the physical state of single cultural heritage buildings, cultural heritage complexes and cultural heritage objects comprising the complexes in Vilnius Historic Centre is implemented since 2011. Internet page for monitoring: http://www.vsaa.lt/_pastatai.htm The work is not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of OUV.

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.2	Commercial development	the specific silhouettes, panoramas and vistas, also elements of the urban pattern are affected by new high-rise office buildings outside the area, on the right bank of the river Neris.	Special Plan for the Old Town is under preparation. The Plan will regulate the scope of building constructions in the area of Historic Centre and the buffer zone. Special requirements will be determined for the construction of high-rise buildings.	Monitoring of the impact is implemented by the Municipality, according to the methodology of 3D. There are 10 monitoring points defined in the Official City Plan and in the Special Old Town Plan (map "Analysis of the relief and monitoring points).	The Plan will be finished at the end of 2013.	Ministry of Culture has ordered the preparation of the Special Plan.	no comments
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	Townscape of great diversity and harmony is affected by a great number of cars passing the streets of the Old Town and parking the cars; that causes a vibration, noise, security of passengers and pollution problems.	The Special Plan for the Old Town defines sections of streets where the traffic of cars should be gradually decreased. The Special Plan for the Implementation of New Types of Transport in Vilnius City suggests some solutions of the problems.	no monitoring of transport implemented yet.	The Special Plan for the Implementation of New Types of Transport is planned to 2030.	Vilnius City Municipality	no comments
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	Graffiti drawings affect the visual value of historic buildings.	It is forbidden to paint, draw, and scribble on surfaces of walls, buildings or monuments according to the Clearing and Cleanliness Rules of Vilnius City Municipality, approved on 23 11 2011.	Division of Public Order of Vilnius City Municipality is responsible for supervision of the Clearing and Cleanliness Rules.	2013-2015	Division of Public Order of Vilnius City Municipality, Police	no comments

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.3.6	No annual work / action plan exists	The Interinstitutional Action Plan for the preservation and sustainable use of the Outstanding Universal value of Vilnius Historic centre was approved for 3 years period (2013-2015), but this is not an annual action plan.	The Plan approved for 2013-2015	The Plan approved by the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Environment on 12 11 2012, Order No. IV-754/D1-921	The Coordination and Management Commission may decide to define more detailed annual action plans and to define responsible institutions for the implementation of plans.	
4.4 Financial and Human Resources						
4.4.3	The budget is inadequate for management needs	The state and municipal budgets are approved for one year only. It is not possible to secure funds more than one year ahead.	one year	Ministry of Culture, Vilnius City Municipality	no comments	
4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects						
4.5.3	No active outreach of research results to national or international agencies	This could be improved by the activities of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency and research institutions (Lithuanian Institute of History, for example)	2013-2015	Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency, Vilnius City Municipality, Department of Cultural Heritage of the Lithuanian Republic	no comments	
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building						

4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	It is planned to improve awareness of the importance of cultural heritage preservation through non-formal education of young people in Vilnius. Various activities (lectures, thematic walks, exhibitions, competitions) will be planned for every year	The Interinstitutional Action Plan which includes this action is for 2013-2015, but it is planned to continue also after 2015.	Vilnius City Municipality and Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency are responsible for the implementation.	More info on educational and awareness building activities in the internet page of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency: http://www.vsaa.lt/infocentras_enn.htm
4.6.5	The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not adequately presented and interpreted	It is planned to improve (renew) Vilnius Old Town Information Centre established at Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency which would present and interpret the OUV of the property for visitors and citizens.	Possibly 2014-2016	Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency	It is planned to apply for the Norwegian Grants for the renewal of Vilnius Old Town Information Centre.
4.8 Monitoring					
4.8.2	Key indicators have not been defined	It is planned to develop a comprehensive public access database for monitoring changes in the state of single cultural heritage buildings, cultural heritage complexes and cultural heritage objects comprising the complexes in Vilnius Historic Centre	2015-2017	Vilnius City Municipality, Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency	No comments

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **compromised** by factors described in this report

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property has been **compromised** by factors described in this report

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **impacted** by factors described in this report, but this situation is being **addressed through effective management actions**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

No additional comments.

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	No impact
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

No comments

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

Staff from other World Heritage properties
Non Governmental Organization
Advisory bodies

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

No suggestions.

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Fair

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Not all of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**
Reason for update: Statement of Outstanding Universal Value/Statement of Significance was approved by the Thirty-seventh session of the World Heritage Committee: 37 COM 8E (Adoption of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value; pages 253-254) Document available on internet: WHC-13/37.COM/8E, <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2013/whc13-37com-8E-en.pdf>

6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise

No comments.