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TO: All Contracting Parties – Heads of Delegations;
Chairs of NAFO Bodies and subsidiary bodies;
Representatives of NAFO Bodies and subsidiary bodies

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: General Information – *48th Annual Meeting of NAFO, 21–25 September 2026* in Vilnius, Lithuania

The *48th Annual Meeting* will take place 21–25 September 2026 at Vilnius Town Hall and Radisson Collection Astorija Conference Centre in Vilnius, Lithuania.

To facilitate participants' travel arrangements, we are enclosing information regarding the meeting venue and hotel arrangements. Participants are strongly urged to make their travel arrangements **as early as possible**.

A block booking of a limited number of rooms have been secured near the meeting venue. Reservations are to be made by participants directly with the hotel and must be booked by the specified dates to receive the special rate.

This information will also be accessible on the NAFO website (<https://www.nafo.int/>).

We kindly ask your assistance in providing this information to the members of your meeting delegation. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: General Information (03 pgs.)

48th Annual Meeting of NAFO

21-25 September 2026

Vilnius, Lithuania

General Information

This practical information package has been prepared for participants of the 48th NAFO Annual Meeting, organized in Vilnius with the involvement of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania

About Vilnius

Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is a vibrant European city known for its charming Old Town – one of the largest and best-preserved medieval old towns in Northern Europe and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The historic centre is characterized by picturesque streets, baroque architecture, and a welcoming atmosphere. The Old Town is compact and highly walkable, making it easy to reach most important locations within a short distance.

Event Venue

The **NAFO Annual Session** will take place at **Vilnius Town Hall** and the **Radisson Collection Astorija Conference Centre**, which are located directly next to each other in the heart of **Vilnius Old Town**.



Getting to the City Centre from Vilnius Airport

Vilnius International Airport (VNO) is located approximately **6 km from the city centre**. The journey to the Old Town typically takes **15–25 minutes**.

Taxi, Ride-hailing services

Taxis and ride-hailing services such as **Bolt** or **Uber** are available outside the airport terminal. The trip to the Old Town usually takes about **15 minutes**, depending on traffic, and typically costs around **15 EUR**.

Public bus

Several public bus routes connect the airport with the city centre. **Bus routes 1, 2, and 88** run regularly and stop near the Old Town. The journey usually takes **20–25 minutes**.

As the **event venue and most recommended hotels are located in the very centre of the Old Town**, it is generally more convenient to stay **without a car**, as most locations can easily be reached **on foot within a few minutes**.

Recommended Hotels (Walking Distance)

Radisson Collection Astorija – ★★★★★

An elegant five-star hotel located in the heart of Vilnius Old Town, combining historic architecture with modern comfort and offering beautiful rooftop views of the city.

Double room from ~176 EUR/night | Distance ~20 m | ~1 min walk

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/lt-lt/hotels/radisson-collection-vilnius-astorija>

St. Palace Hotel – ★★★★★

A stylish boutique hotel situated in a historic building in the Old Town, offering modern comfort and a convenient location close to major attractions.

Double room from ~135 EUR/night | Distance ~300 m | ~3 min walk

<https://stpalace.lt/en/>

Narutis Hotel – ★★★★★

A historic luxury hotel located on Pilies Street in the Old Town, known for its classic interior, elegant atmosphere, and long-standing hospitality tradition.

Double room from ~213 EUR/night | Distance ~350 m | ~5 min walk

<https://narutis.com/lt/>

Imperial Hotel – ★★★★★

A refined boutique hotel in the Old Town featuring elegant rooms, classic décor, and high-quality service in a quiet yet central location.

Double room from ~216 EUR/night | Distance ~120 m | ~2 min walk

<https://imperialvilnius.lt/>

Amberton Cathedral Square – ★★★★★

A centrally located hotel overlooking Cathedral Square, offering comfortable accommodation and easy access to the main historical landmarks of Vilnius.

Double room from ~75 EUR/night | Distance ~600 m | ~8 min walk

<https://ambertonhotels.com/vilnius/>

Stikliai Hotel – ★★★★★

A charming luxury hotel located in a historic building in the Old Town, known for its romantic atmosphere, individually designed rooms, and cozy courtyard.

Double room from ~290 EUR/night | Distance ~300 m | ~4 min walk

<https://www.stikliai.com/lt/>

Artis Centrum Hotel – ★★★★★

A comfortable hotel located in a renovated 19th-century building in the Old Town, offering spacious rooms and convenient access to the city's main sights.

Double room from ~106 EUR/night | Distance ~750 m | ~10 min walk

<https://artis.centrumhotels.com/>

Artagonist Art Hotel – ★★★★★

A unique boutique hotel combining contemporary art and historic architecture, located in a quiet street in the Old Town.

Double room from ~140 EUR/night | Distance ~300 m | ~4 min walk

<https://www.artagonist.lt/en/>

Pacai Hotel – ★★★★★

A luxurious boutique hotel located in a restored 17th-century mansion in the heart of the Old Town, known for its elegant design and top-tier service.

Double room from ~282 EUR/night | Distance ~450 m | ~6 min walk

<https://www.hotelpacai.com/lt>

Hotel Congress – ★★★★★

A modern hotel located near the Neris River and Gediminas Avenue, within walking distance of the Old Town and many cultural attractions.

Double room from ~140 EUR/night | Distance ~1.1 km | ~15 min walk

<https://www.congress.lt/>

Hotel Novotel Vilnius Centre – ★★★★★

A contemporary hotel situated on Gediminas Avenue, offering comfortable accommodation and convenient access to shops, restaurants, and the Old Town.

Double room from ~130 EUR/night | Distance ~900 m | ~12 min walk

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/5209/index.en.shtml>

Visa Information

Lithuania is part of the **Schengen Area**, which applies a common visa policy for short-term travel. Participants from some countries may need a **Schengen short-stay visa (Type C)** to enter Lithuania.

A Schengen visa allows stays of **up to 90 days within a 180-day period** within the Schengen Area.

Participants who require a visa are advised to apply well in advance through the **Lithuanian embassy or consulate** in their country of residence.

Further information on visa requirements and application procedures is available on the European Commission website:

https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

<https://in.mfa.lt/en/coming-to-lithuania/visas/documents-to-be-submitted-by-all-applicants-for-short-stay-visa-c-schengen-visa/116>