

Events of JSC Toro Group for the project “Exploring Cities together”

Workshop 1: was dedicated to foreigners living in Lithuania, to acquaint them with the city of Vilnius, to dig deeper into its history, to visit neighborhoods which are not usually visited by tourists and which have preserved Soviet architecture, etc. As one history important date was approaching (13th of January when back in 1991 Russia tended to occupy Lithuania after it declared its independence in 1990), the visit close to TV tower was also interesting to learn/remember this historical fact as TV tower was considered one of the strategical objectives to be occupied by Russian soldiers. The workshop and excursion lasted 3 hours in total with the following programme:

10.00 - 11.00 Short introduction of Vilnius city and its history

11.00 - 12.00 Exploring Karoliniskes suburb in Vilnius district

Participants: Ekaterina Vysotskaia, Cinzia Cersosimo, Eleonora Tasciotti, Tonya Santagada, Tabata Maini, Ziaur Rahman.

Workshop 2: was dedicated exploring Vilnius through its street art, art galleries, artistical expressions. It was dedicated also to ARTery project (<https://www.miestokvartalas.lt/en/copy-of-savičiaus-gatvė-1>). It is a project which integrates open art installations in Vilnius streets. So the participants explored streets of Vilnius better, their old history and enjoyed different art expositions shown outside. Moreover, participants visited different art galleries where they were introduced with paintings or pictures of Vilnius, demonstrating different parts of Vilnius city. Also they visited Uzupis, the district of arts republic. Uzupis is a separate individual district of artists having own constitution etc (not official independent republic situated in Vilnius). During the excursion in Uzupis attendees were introduced with its traditions, history, its ambassadors, etc. More about Uzupis you can find here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Užupis>

Moreover, being a cold winter day participants had cup of hot tea at the caffetteria situated in the former Lukiskes prison. The prison is now transformed into events and concerts location gathering lots of people especially in summer time. Participants had the possibility not only to share their final explorations about Vilnius city but also to learn about the history of this particular place. More information is here: <https://www.govilnius.lt/visit-vilnius/places/lukiskes-prison-en>

This workshop lasted 5 hours in total with the following programme:

11.00 - 13.00 Exploring streets of Vilnius old town and being acquainted with ARTery project.

13.00 - 15.00 Exploring Uzupis and visiting its art galleries.

15.00 - 16.00 Dividing feedbacks on new discoveries about Vilnius city.

Participants: Beata Tiskevicej, Natalia Garskiene, Jovita Bukvilaite, Rui Roca, Gytis Burauskas. Participants were of different ages: from 26 to 57.