

# National knowledge-based communities in Lithuania

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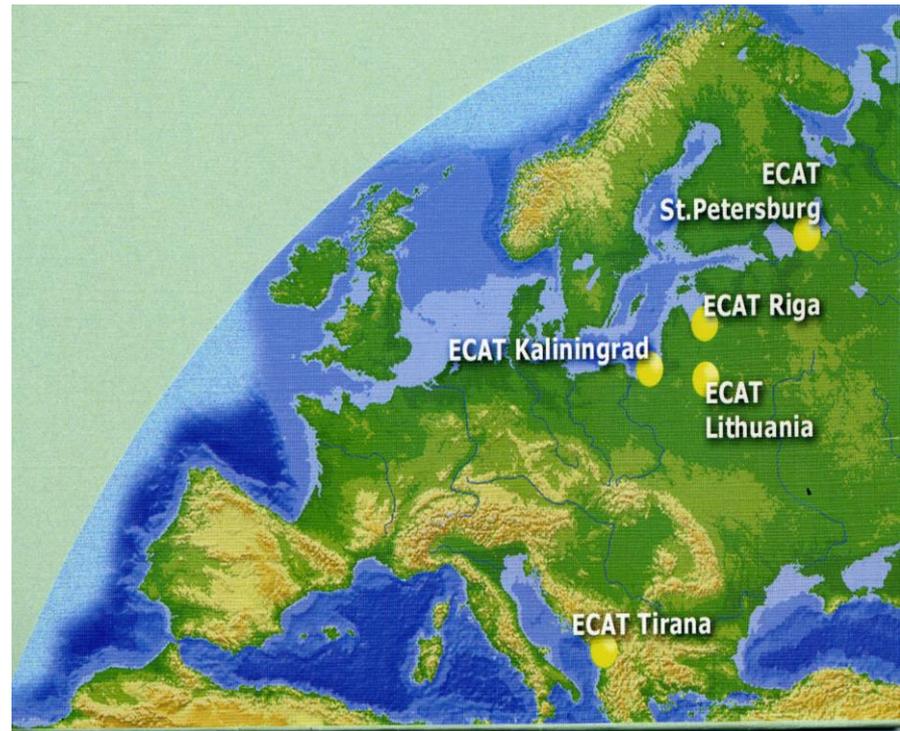
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# About us

## Environmental Centre for Administration and Technology

- 1997  
established as a pool of experts helping local authorities in their activities in the field of environmental protection (EU funded).
- 2000  
non profit with the goal to foster implementation of sustainable development at all levels

Environmental Centres for Administration and Technologies were established in Riga (Latvia), St. Petersburg (Russia), Tirana (Albania), Kaliningrad (Russia) and Kaunas (Lithuania) in 1992 – 1997. It was the initiative of the European Commission to develop the information network in Central and Eastern Europe and in Russia.



Lina



IWAMA project coordinator

Vaiva



IWAMA project senior expert

Ieva



IWAMA project junior expert

# Activities

- Project development and management.
- Development of strategic documents and programmes.
- Consultations.
- Environmental education and awareness raising.
- Organization of events.
- Publications.

We strive not only for giving knowledge, but also for training sustainable lifestyle skills

# Education in water sector in Lithuania

## Certified educational institutions

- Lithuanian Water management institute;
- Vilnius Gediminas Tehnical University Department of Water Engineering

# Lithuanian Water institute

- E-magazines (2 times / year).
- Seminars, workshops.
- Projects.
- Awareness raising and education of water sector specialists (specified courses, seminars and workshops).
- Development and implementation of educational programmes.
- Preparation of educational material for water specialists.
- Search and analysis of specific information in water sector, preparation of info publication “Water management”.

# Vilnius Gediminas Tehnical University

## Department of Water Engineering

- Mission – educate qualified experts for water sector. Cooperate with enterprises, provide consultancy, educate water sector specialists.
- Prepare educational programs and courses for water specialists, provide possibilities for water sector specialists participate in lifelong learning program.

# What do we have in Lithuania?

- Different educational projects.
- Separate events – seminars, workshops, conferences.
- Publications (e-newsletters, magazines, etc.).
- General training for water sector specialists in the fields of strategic planning, personnel management, public relations, labor law, IT, quality management standards, project development and management, management of finances.
- Special training for water sector specialists in the field of water and wastewater management, new technologies, achievements, etc.
  
- Lifelong learning programs?

# Role in IWAMA project

- Local dissemination about the project by distributing project materials via [www.ecat.lt](http://www.ecat.lt), e-newsletter and by e-mail.
- Involving new stakeholders of the water sector to act for better state of the Baltic sea (inviting 2-3 stakeholders to join the Baltic Sea Challenge network and to make their own commitments to the actions).
- Organizing national IWAMA project result dissemination event in LT for water sector stakeholders.
- Support for lifelong learning – collecting information about life-long learning programmes in LT, development of the national knowledge based communities in LT, organizing ideas development workshop in LT on life long learning improvements and establishment of water companies life long learning / communication network in LT, to set up virtual room for communication, where water companies could share good practice, discuss on actual topics, questions, etc.

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