



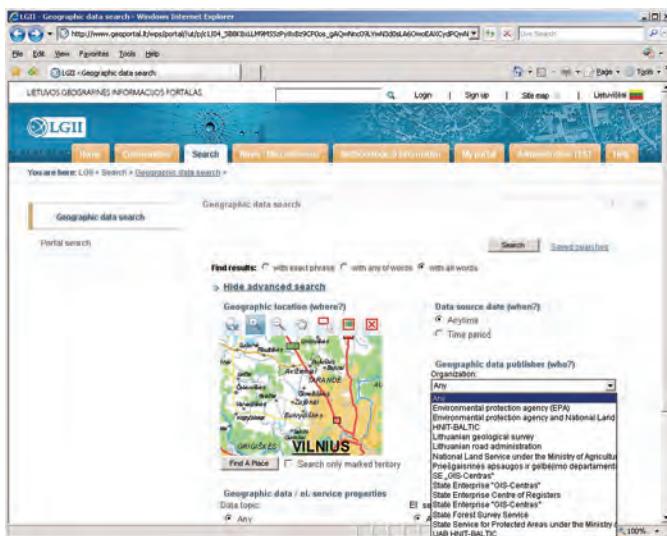
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Lithuania. National Geoportal is going live in April 2009

By the end of 2008 Lithuania completed a project "Development of Lithuanian geographical information infrastructure (LGII)" as part of building a National spatial data infrastructure in line with INSPIRE regulations.

LGII developed in 2003–2009 ensures interoperability of the most important public geographic databases. It provides centralized access to geographic data in Lithuania via national Geoportal <http://www.geoportal.lt> that will go live in April 2009.

LGII involves the partnership of 10 Lithuanian government institutions and enterprises. They are connected by the centralized national metadata system and the federal geographic data system based on a uniform reference data model and standards. Geographic information classifiers and a national metadata profile have been prepared combining international standards and existing regulations in Lithuania. Besides the common web-services, LGII Internet portal will also provide access to methodological base for geographic information management and use. Geographic data available through the LGII portal cover all themes of the INSPIRE Annexes I and II and some themes of the Annex III. The Multilingual Dictionary of Geoinformation Terms is a part of the LGII portal that includes about 500 English terms from ISO 19104 standard "Geographic Information – Terminology", and their translations to Lithuanian language and a number of other geographic information related terms used in the geographic market of Lithuania.



The LGII project has been carried out by the State Enterprise National Centre of Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics "GIS-Centras" (Vilnius, Lithuania, <http://www.gis-centras.lt>).