



# Lithuania Weekly:

## farmers' protest takes over in Vilnius

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New observations this week: 11 Main channel: Facebook, Kremlin-aligned outlets

# Main keywords:

Lithuania, farmers, protest, demands, unheard, Ukraine, ineffective support

### **Main narratives:**

- · Anti-support for Ukraine;
- · Ukraine's victory is elusive;
- · Support for Ukraine is ineffective;
- · Ukraine is prioritised over Lithuania and its domestic issues;
- The Lithuanian government is incompetent and plunges the country into chaos.

#### **Overview:**

Lithuanian Radio and Television worked with other supporters of Ukraine to launch a second iteration of last year's successful pro-Ukrainian RADAROM! simultaneously, posts by Kremlin-aligned actors criticising this campaign emerged online, actively diminishing support for Ukraine. Moreover, during this reporting period, a large protest by farmers occurred in the Vilnius city centre. They brought their demands to Vilnius, lining the city's main boulevard with around 1,300 pieces of heavy agricultural machinery. Kremlin-aligned media emphasised the ignorance and incompetence of the ruling officials. Once again, a large-scale event in Lithuania has become fertile soil for Kremlin-aligned actors to spread anti-government narratives.

