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11th of July – Independence Day in Lithuania
Town of Alytus, population of 75 thousands

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Man in a brown jacket

Rep.: Do you think the enlargement of Europe will have more positive or negative effects for Lithuania?

Man: Positive, definitely.

Rep.: And exactly what effects?

Man: You'll be able to go abroad without any difficulties. The young will find jobs there. For my generation not much will change, but young people have better perspectives for future.

Young man with a hat

Rep.: But the present EU members are actually limiting access to their labour market for the new entrants, they introduce transition periods etc.

Man: Yes, they are protecting their labour market. But on the other hand it's good they are doing this. If you had a totally free movement of labour half of our population would emigrate. All the young people would leave.

Young girl

Prices will go up, but the wages will not rise at the same pace. The living will become more expensive. That's what I'm most apprehensive about.



Woman in a yellow jacket

We'll have a broader view of the world. This is very important. The young will be able to study abroad. We'll be able to travel freely, unlike it used to be.

Woman in a white jacket

I'm not such an optimist as my friend. Some will be better off and some won't. Ambitious people will leave the country. They'll be better off. In Lithuania with the government we have and with the way the things are, nothing will change for better.

Man in a black jacket

What I'm afraid of is that the people who will take over power after the oncoming election will try to abuse it. They will steal the money from the European structural funds designated for agriculture and improvement of infrastructure. They will try to manipulate. Average people will have to do only with promises.

Woman in red

I have a feeling it's going to get better. My intuition tells me that.

Rep.: Why?

Woman: Why not, why should we think the EU is no good? We have to believe everything's going to be fine. If we don't believe in it, it can all go wrong. We must believe in it in the first place.

Man with a red hood

Personally it has been better for 14 years now, since we gained independence.

Rep.: Is it going to be even better in the EU.

Man: Definitely yes.

Man with glasses

I don't have any illusions. No matter what union you are in, how you live depends on how you work. If we try really hard and work hard we'll have good life. But if we don't try hard and do nothing it's going to get definitely worse.

Woman with red hair

I don't think there will be any noticeable change.

Rep.: Do you really think the integration won't change anything?

Woman: Perhaps it will for the young generation. For me – I don't think so. I've got a job, everything I need at the moment, so...

Woman in sunglasses

Rep.: Do you think it's going to get better or worse after Lithuania joins the EU?

Woman: I think there will be good and bad effects. However, I believe for Lithuania this is the best option at the moment.

(...)



Rep.: What are your fears concerning the enlargement?

Woman: I have no fears now. I was afraid that we might not join the EU after all. That was my biggest fear.