

# Success of the First Open Data Fest at Lithuania's Seacoast

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About 50 young IT developers, designers, and active citizens spent the first weekend of August in Klaipeda at the Open Data Fest. Open Data Fest is a hackathon organized by [Kurk Lietuvai](#) and [LCC Innovation Lab](#), which is exclusively devoted to open data advocacy. The main condition for creating mobile apps and other e-solutions was to apply the government's open data. Lithuania's Prime Minister's Office was the patron of the event. The institutions, which provided their data include: the Competition Council, the Road Administration, Information Technology and Communications Department and the Ministry of Education and Science.

Out of 100 ideas 7 teams were formed, which came up with different proposals on the re-use of the public sector information. The winner of the competition was team called "Greiciau", which Lithuanian for "faster". The team used public data concerning the traffic conditions on Lithuanian roads. The mobile app helps individuals to find an optimal route avoiding the road constructions and other obstacles.

The second place winner was the team "Miesto nuotaika", which presented a happiness index for Lithuanians. The service combines Lithuanian socio-economic and demographic data with the gross national happiness index of Bhutan.

"Utena-Siauliai" team took the third place for developing a public transport mobile app for the residents and visitors of Klaipeda. The app is unique as it allows the place recognition by simply pointing one's mobile phone to the closest city's monument or public building.

The bounty prize was awarded to the "Ezerock" team, for the re-use of the most of datasets available during the event. The proposed service allows individuals to find the most preferable lakeshore of the 3000 lakes for spending their free time.

The success of the event provided stimulus for planning open data hackathons in other cities as well.

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