

**Information provided by Lithuania about the following topic discussed in the
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**INTERNAL TOURISM (DOMESTIC/INBOUND): Accommodation statistics
/Household survey / Guest inquiry**

- 1) ¿Which are the most important gaps regarding the measurement of inbound and domestic tourism flows of visitors?**

Lithuania joined Schengen space on December 2007. It became very difficult to measure flows of visitors who arrive to Lithuania or depart from Lithuania through internal European Union borders, id est Lithuanian – Latvian border and Lithuanian – Polish border.

- 2) About the design and implementation of national surveys: do you take into account the seasonality profile of each form of tourism?**

National surveys are conducted every quarter of year, so the seasonality profile is taken into account.

- 3) Could you evaluate the user's perspective regarding these statistics measuring physical flows of visitors. Please differentiate the case of National Tourism Administrations and private sector as main users.**

Accommodation statistics becomes main statistical source about inbound tourism flows for both Lithuanian state department of tourism and private sector. For evaluation of the whole flow of inbound tourism. It is necessary to estimate the percentage of inbound tourists who stay at hotels and similar establishments.

- 4) What are the main challenges of present surveys?**

The most difficult tasks are to estimate number of tourists, tourists expenditure and proportion of same-day visitors.