



# TAXI IN VILNIUS CITY

4<sup>th</sup> Local Safety & Public Order  
Working Group Meeting





## Summary

- Legal framework
- Current situation
- Problems
- Taxi control
- Future plans





## Legal framework

Taxi activities in Vilnius city are regulated by:

- The Road Traffic Code
- Rules on passenger transportation by taxi light motor vehicles
- Decision of Vilnius City Municipality Council



## Legal framework

- Carriers may carry passengers by taxi ONLY upon the receipt of license cards, issued under the established procedure
- The requirements on the regulation of passenger transportation by taxi are set for the outfit of taxi drivers, taxi vehicles, as well as the provision of information on the rates determined and applied by the carrier
- Carriers and drivers must ensure safety and polite service of the passengers carried by taxi



## Current situation

- **64** companies licensed to carry passengers
- **1,570** taxi cars, compliant with the determined requirements
- **1,800** drivers have been employed in companies
- The major part of drivers tries to get employment by simultaneously leasing their car, which is operated only by him/her



## Main problems

- **About 4 - 6% of taxi drivers work illegally**

Employers employ taxi drivers on a part-time basis, pay the minimum salary, and make them work 12 hours a day

- **About 25 - 30% non-sealed taximeters**

No mandatory introduction of printers of receipts on taximeters



## Main problems

- The work of taxi dispatchers has not been regulated
- Companies are not induced to acquire newer transport vehicles

### Other problems:

Technically unfit vehicles

Cheated passengers

Impolite drivers





## Taxi control

- Control over taxi activities is carried out by the City Transport Division of Vilnius City Municipality
- **Raids are carried out together with:**
  - Police officers
  - Officers of the Metrology Service
  - Officers of the State Tax Inspectorate
  - Officers of the State Road Transport Inspectorate



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- From 1 September 2011 taxi control is also carried by officers of the Public Order Division under the Safe City Department
- Public order division started raid (14 Oct – 14 Nov) during which taxi activities are inspected





## Penalties

- Upon the identification of violations, protocols of administrative violation of law are drawn to drivers, license card is suspended for 14 days
- Upon the identification of repeat violations in the course of the year, license validity is suspended for the company
- Upon the identification of grave violations of activities, a license is waived
- Upon the identification of violations which fault lies only with the driver, validity of the attestation certificate is suspended



## Future plans

- The activity of taxi light motor vehicles will be eliminated from the list of licensed activities. Permits shall be issued for taxi activities, including to natural persons
- Each municipality will have possibility to itemize procedure for the issue of permits, with consideration to the needs of the city and visions of the future



Thank You!

